

**Town of Richmond - Parking Advisory Committee Meeting
Monday, August 8, 2022, 5:30 PM**

Virtual or by Phone - (No in-person unless requested)

Attendees:

- Kevin McAleer (minutes)
- John Rankin
- Diane Mariano
- John Cohn
- Chuck Gilroy
- Jane Miller
- Lisa Miller

Kevin McAle

5:30 PM Welcome & Public Comment

- Jane Miller joined meeting
- Jane M. expressed concern with the Rooted Race last weekend – parking and bikers.
- John Rankin – Cochran Road was closed by Selectboard for the race. Wes White was a challenge.
- Chuck mentioned that this topic is being covered by the Selectboard.

- Discussion of responsibilities / assignments
- Create a list of focus areas and responsibilities
- Diane is leading RLT discussions
- John C mentioned we should provide this list to the public to see who is responsible for particular focus areas.

Existing Parking Area Discussions

Volunteers Green

- Busy but still capacity
- Bike race had them parking on the fields

5:50 Checkered House Bridge Status

- VTrans Coordination / SB approved permit / Pete will re-configure lot
- Email with Lars
- SB approved

6:00 Bombardier Meadow

- Update on meeting with RLT and neighbors – Tuesday at 7
- Residents will be presenting to RLT board
- Residents will be presenting to the DRB on Wednesday
- John C. – conflicted because he’s a neighbor – concerned that if PAC doesn’t not have a cogent argument, then in one of the venues the Bombardier Meadow will be closed.
- Neighborhood wants the parking area closed.
- Potential ideas – get parking area closer to bridge – get the cars behind bridge abutment. Need a monitor on the weekends. No parking on the road option.
- Parking lot does work on weekends.
- Neighbors do not want parking on road.
- Jane Miller: doesn’t hear the noise from parking area, does have to pick up trash. Dawn to Dusk signs are ignored.
- John Rankin: RLT controls the meadow, DRB can say no to it’s current use.
- Ordinance: any change would come to fruition in October. John R walked the meadow a couple weeks ago.
- Jane Miller: Cars have been parking on her yard. A motorcycle drove through her yard. (Jane signed off at 6:08)
- John C: keep focused on Bombardier parking area
- PAC needs a forward facing a communication arm. Kevin asked for a volunteer to create postings – FPF, neighborhood specific emails, etc.
- Chuck – PAC needs a consistent message. Pete put up some ropes and this has helped.
- Should town hire a steward for the busy weekends?
- Diane reviewed the Motions that PAC past two weeks ago. (Support Bombardier Parking, PAC will investigate ordinance change, ask town to ask Umiak to cease commercial parking of Bombardier Meadow.)
- PAC would like to see the parking area opened for a couple more seasons to see if we can work out the challenges.
- There are solutions we can pursue, but we need to give them time.
- DRB – who from PAC can attend – can PAC provide a statement?

- Review potential language for motion and discussion at tomorrow's meeting.

PAC members collaborated to create the following general statement:

PAC Statement:

The Richmond PAC's mission is to advise the Select Board on making recreational parking safe, and accessible.

The Richmond PAC supports the parking in the Bombardier Meadow and would like to work with the RLT a, the Town and neighbors to address the current challenges.

The current RLT Bombardier Meadow parking works more than 75% of the time by reducing on street parking during busy summer months. If the current parking lot closed, the current problems with on-street parking would increase significantly.

PAC Recommendations:

We suggest the following actions:

- *Stop all commercial usage of Bombardier Meadow parking*
- *Investigate increasing enforcement on predicted busy weekends*
- *Work with RLT and RPD to address concerns of overnight parking*
- *Improve signage and fencing in existing parking area*
- *Work with RLT, Town of Richmond and neighbors to mitigate impact on neighborhoods*
- *Investigate appropriate changes to parking ordinances to increase safety*
- *Continue to look for nearby parking alternatives*
- *Investigate the use of stewards/greeters on busy weekends*
- *Increase communications with the public on progress on these goals.*

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Approve Meeting Minutes – 7/25/22 4 in favor – 0 not

7:45 Meeting adjourned