

Town of Richmond - Parking Advisory Committee Meeting  
Monday, July 25, 2022, 6:00 PM

## **MINUTES**

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

#### **Join Zoom Meeting**

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82555330715?pwd=dUpDcEFRVWV2QTlrNytIQjVscWQ1QT09>

PAC email address: richmondparkingcommittee@gmail.com

#### **Attendees:**

- Kevin McAleer (minutes)
- John Rankin
- Diane Mariano
- John Cohn

#### **6:00 PM Welcome & Public Comment**

- No members of the public.
- Andrews Committee parking question – Jeannette Malone – refer to Andrews Committee.
- Rooted Vermont – concern about overnight campers during race.

#### **6:05 Existing Parking Area Discussions**

##### **Volunteers Green –**

**John Rankin saw 69 cars on Saturday.**

#### **6:10 Checkered House Bridge Status**

- VTrans Coordination
- PAC explained rationale of revised parking area on the checkered house bridge parking proposed by VTrans. Showed the layout to PAC. The revised layout is required to be in compliance with VTrans stormwater permit for the project.
- Kevin made a motion to approve revised Checkered House Bridge parking areas as proposed by VTrans, Diane seconded. All in favor 4, all opposed 0.

- When should parking areas be closed for season? – Indigenous People Day for closure?

#### 6:22 Overrocker

- Status of wetlands delineation
- Coordination with Ravi
- PAC expressed concern about the conclusion of the wetland scientists.
- Two aerials were not sufficient
- Gravel removed
- John Rankin: Dori dug test pits
- What is the town's appetite to push back? Recreational parking is at a premium and losing any spaces is a setback. PAC disagrees the parking area is too big – parking demands shift and change.
- How would highway department be monitored during rehabilitation.
- Can we relocate the gravel?
- Differ location of Overrocker trail to Trail Committee

#### 6:43 Round Church

- Recreation Parking signs – no comments

#### 6:44 Bombardier Meadow

- Update to ordinance change (bridge to bridge?)
- Should PAC investigate an ordinance change on Cochran Road in Jonesville.
- Cars are overflowing on Cochran again this year – back on road and back to being a safety issue.
- Selectboard has asked PAC to investigate an ordinance for Bombardier parking area.
- Work with Pete and RPD
- Update on meeting with RLT and neighbors
- Zoning Permit Application
- Dust Control
- Selectboard meeting
- John Rankin – parking that concerned him the most was in front of Hatchet and the diagonal parking.
- RLT is keeping the parking open at the pleasure of the town, RLT does not have the resources for opening / closing and monitoring.

- RLT has become a permanent seasonal parking – required a special permit from zoning. RLT has to go in front of DBR.
- Public opposition is planning on attending the DBR meeting to have the parking area closed.
- Now until September there will be meetings to discuss future viability of the parking area.
- RLT parking area is only a problem 15% of the time, if we change the ordinance, it will be a problem 100% of the time.
- PAC to show our support of the and communicate to the selectboard.
- DBR can shut parking area down on August 10<sup>th</sup>.
- PAC supports the parking area, town should work with RLT to maintain a positive parking area.
- The PAC discussed Umiak's use of the RLT parking area. PAC feels this poses an undue burden on the parking area. Umiak's use of the parking may also be in violation of the conservation easement of the parking area – this would have to be confirmed by RLT.
- PAC motions to request that the Richmond Town Manager inform Umiak to cease commercial use of the parking area located in Bombardier Meadow as a put-in location, which includes van drop offs and directing tube rental customers to Bombardier Meadows. Umiak's current use of the Bombardier parking area is posing an excessive burden on a limited and sensitive parking area. All in favor 4, opposed 0. PAC supports Bombardier Meadow parking area and asks the selectboard to work with RLT in maintaining the parking area. All in favor 4, opposed 0.
- PAC will investigate a possible ordinance change, as requested by the selectboard at the July 18 meeting. This will include discussions with town officials and stakeholders. All in favor 4, opposed 0.
- PAC should invite stakeholders to next meeting to item above.

#### 7:47 Discussion of enforcement and patrol questions

- Should Richmond contract for additional patrol's on high traffic days?
- This should be a discussion with Josh.
- Should RLT provide Richmond PD a blanket approval to ticket tow trespassers (especially cars parked overnight). Kevin will Josh on this question.

7:54 Landscaping and dust controlled was discussed for the parking areas and requiring further investigation.

Natural resources have a capacity, how many is too much and how much parking should be provided.

8:00 PM Dugway Road

- Not discussed in detail due to time constraints.

8:01 PM Approve Meeting Minutes – 6/27/22 All in favor 4, opposed 0

8:02 PM Meeting adjourned at 8:02