

**Count of Remove Parking?      No=5      Yes=17**

**Date/Time:** 2/10/2023 5:06:15 PM

**From:** paulinef137@comcast.net

**Remove Parking?** Yes

**Message:** I agree there should be no vehicles from the brick house to the driveway of the church. I have had at least three incident this year by almost being hit trying to get out of the church/doctor.

**Date/Time:** 2/10/2023 5:06:27 PM

**From:** greg921@aol.com

**Remove Parking?** Yes

**Message:** Many times over the last few years I have had issues trying to pull out back on to route 2 from the parking lot to go left. I have gotten so I now go right and turn around and go back if I needed to go left to go to the store, post office etc.

**Date/Time:** 2/10/2023 5:07:21 PM

**From:** Idiamond@uvm.edu

**Remove Parking?** Yes

**Message:** yes remove! the parking spaces. you could also create a NO LEFT TURN into Cumberland Farms from W.Main Street/Rt 2 while heading north. Almost had several collisions there.

**Date/Time:** 2/10/2023 5:25:55 PM

**From:** loganhbrown@gmail.com

**Remove Parking?** No

**Message:** Keep the spaces. We need all the parking we can get.

**Date/Time:** 2/10/2023 5:31:59 PM

**From:** ryan@freebern.org

**Remove Parking?** Yes

**Message:** Please reduce these parking spots. The intersection is often very busy, and pulling into or out of these spots can be confusing to other drivers even when properly signaling.

**Date/Time:** 2/10/2023 5:39:46 PM

**From:** timpatterson802@gmail.com

**Remove Parking?** Yes

**Message:** I frequently use the cross walks near this location. It is extremely dangerous, and having cars parked along Rt 2 makes it more dangerous. I've personally witnessed multiple near misses, and I have been struck by a car that was reversing out of a parking spot and didn't see me while I was walking. Luckily the car was moving slowly and I avoided injury.

PLEASE follow through by implementing this proposed parking change, and please consider additional measures to make the area safer.

**Date/Time:** 2/10/2023 5:41:30 PM

**From:** dtft5171@gmavt.net

**Remove Parking?** Yes

**Message:** Several of the parking spaces should be removed. When coming out of the driveway at Holy Rosary, be it after a church service, a Community Senior Ctr activity or Hale and Hearty Meeting or a medical appointment, it is very difficult

to see to the East if there are cars parked close to the entrance of the Holy Rosary exit. Years ago, the church did work with VTrans and for a time no parking was allowed in these spots. Over time the markings disappeared and thus people started parking there again. Lately, there has been one car that parks so close to the entrance that it is even difficult turning into the driveway. Cars parked to the right(west) of the exit are less of an issue unless they are tractor trailers or similar size vehicles.

**Date/Time:** 2/10/2023 6:14:03 PM

**From:** dthomas@gmavt.net

**Remove Parking?** Yes

**Message:** Yes, there are safety concerns caused by the busyness of the intersection and line of sight issues. At one time, parking was not allowed; that rule should be reinstated. Parking on the north side of West Main to gain quick access to the gas station is a poor option unless the driver uses the crosswalk.

**Date/Time:** 2/10/2023 7:01:58 PM

**From:** jonjkart@hotmail.com

**Remove Parking?** No

**Message:** From my admittedly limited perspective, I think those parking spaces are needed and I would prefer that they are kept. I have used those parking spaces and find them very helpful. I've never felt I was in danger when entering or exiting a car (or crossing the street there).

As a driver, I don't recall ever feeling that my ability to navigate safely through this area has been diminished by cars parked in that location.

Thank you for asking, and thank you for your efforts to make Richmond safer and more livable.

**Date/Time:** 2/11/2023 9:43:14 AM

**From:** kris\_dotcom@gmavt.net

**Remove Parking?** Yes

**Message:** As a parishioner of Our Lady Of The Holy Rosary I am relieved to hear that you are considering remedying this dangerous traffic issue. When a car is parked between OLHR and Richmond Family Medicine it is nearly impossible to exit the OLHR driveway onto Route 2 because we cannot see if any vehicles are coming. I am most concerned about the spot directly next to the driveway. I welcome all Selectboard members to see for themselves how difficult this can be. If you do, it should be instantly obvious that, for the safety of all, there should not be a parking spot there.

**Date/Time:** 2/11/2023 1:31:34 PM

**From:** jeno1950@gmail.com

**Remove Parking?** Yes

**Message:** I think it is a long overdue issue and it is important to the safety of those that leave the doctors' office and the church parking lot. You can not see anything as you leave the driveway, especially if a pickup or larger vehicle is parked in one of those spaces. I have had to edge out so slowly until my front end is sticking out into the road and yet, I can't see clearly if there is a car coming. Yes, yes, yes, prohibit parking for at least 3 spaces from the church driveway.

**Date/Time:** 2/11/2023 1:50:46 PM

**From:** lawler@wcvr.com

**Remove Parking?** No

**Message:** I do not support eliminating the parking places, I haven't seen evidence that benefits to doing so will outweigh the disadvantages. Fix the traffic lights, don't eliminate parking, without strong substantiation.

Where and what is the argument to eliminate the spaces? Please offer easily accessible documentation regarding expected benefits and safety issues. It is very

difficult to find pertinent information both at the Selectboard website <<https://www.richmondvt.gov/boards-meetings/selectboard>> and the Front Porch Forum <[https://frontporchforum.com/search?query=parking+rt+2+rt.+2+rt2&area\\_ids%5B%5D=107&category\\_ids%5B%5D=&sent\\_at%5Bgt%5D=2022-01-01&sent\\_at%5Blt%5D=&index=posts](https://frontporchforum.com/search?query=parking+rt+2+rt.+2+rt2&area_ids%5B%5D=107&category_ids%5B%5D=&sent_at%5Bgt%5D=2022-01-01&sent_at%5Blt%5D=&index=posts)>. If nothing else, a specific searchable identifier (topic or document number, other meta data) ought to be presented.

I wasted a lot of time trying to find more information. Anecdotally, I haven't heard of serious accidents or hazards due to those parking spaces.

The parking spaces serve several business at the intersection with limited parking. Richmond Family Medicine has plenty of their own restricted parking, their entrance is one-way. Their shared egress with OLHR church access doesn't seem sufficiently dangerous to remove those parking spaces that benefit other businesses and patrons.

What most likely would happen when those spaces are removed is that RT 2W would effectively become two lanes. A west bound vehicle 1 on RT 2 west of the traffic light waiting to turn left into Cumberland Farms or Arabesque might try to let a vehicle 2 turn left in front of them out of Cumberland Farms or Arabesque, but traffic would likely pass vehicle 1 on the right creating a hazard if vehicle 2 attempts to pull out.

That is similar to the situation at the traffic light, when vehicles waiting to turn left wait for an opposite direction vehicle to also left, but vehicles behind them pass on the right and often prevent one or both of the left turning vehicles from completing their turns.

At school and commuter busy times of the day, I expect that monitoring traffic at the four corners intersection would demonstrate that when vehicles wait to turn left at the traffic light the behavior of the traffic light and inconsiderate drivers is much more dangerous than the existence of the parking spaces.

On the topic of the traffic light, it should also be programmed more intelligently during non-busy times. Very frequently, it turns red to oncoming vehicles (not speeding over the limit) when there are none waiting in the perpendicular direction. By the time it changes green for those longer waiting vehicles, traffic is

then waiting in the perpendicular direction. It forces more braking, idling, and acceleration, generating more wasted fuel and time, for no advantage. If it weren't for the laws preventing operating a camera while driving, I would provide video evidence, but I am usually unaccompanied.

Similarly, the traffic light at the I-89S exit ramp is programmed poorly. It should be able to allow better throughput, instead of, for example, turning red to stop traffic on RT 2 for maybe only one vehicle exiting I-89 which could turn right on red onto RT 2E.

Fix the traffic lights, don't eliminate parking, without strong substantiation.

**Date/Time:** 2/11/2023 5:06:57 PM

**From:** dawn.shackleton@gmail.com

**Remove Parking?** Yes

**Message:** Remove

**Date/Time:** 2/13/2023 7:02:44 PM

**From:** kthInman53@gmail.com

**Remove Parking?** Yes

**Message:** I definitely am very much in favor of removing the indicated parking spaces in addition to the ones in front of the brick apt house next to Ski Express. Many times I have exited the Holy Rosary driveway and have not been able to see the oncoming traffic from the 4 corners and have come extremely close to being hit. Thank you for addressing this matter.

Kathleen Manley

**Date/Time:** 2/13/2023 4:01:19 PM

**From:** bkmanley@comcast.net

**Remove Parking?** Yes

**Message:** I am in favor of removing the indicated parking spaces. When exiting the church driveway, visibility from the traffic light is extremely limited when vehicles are parked along the road. Lately, they've been parked right to the edge of the church driveway. The oncoming traffic is moving fast through the intersection and creates great difficulty in seeing it coming.

Robert Manley

**Date/Time:** 2/13/2023 11:48:02 AM

**From:** cgent@gmavt.net

**Remove Parking?** Yes

**Message:** I believe that the parking spaces should be removed. They limit visibility from the side driveways (church/doctors) and add to the challenges of navigating that area in general, for cars, pedestrians, bicycles. If I recall, those parking spaces did not exist years ago because of the problems being faced once again. I know people like to park there and jay walk across to Cumberland Farms, which creates other safety problems as well. I strongly urge the Selectboard to remove the parking spaces in question. Thank you for providing this opportunity to comment. - Cathleen Gent

**Date/Time:** 2/13/2023 12:08:53 PM

**From:** c.laurita@yahoo.com

**Remove Parking?** Yes

**Message:** removing the spaces on both sides of church driveway it very dangous

**Date/Time:** 2/13/2023 5:26:46 PM

**From:** darkwingvt@gmail.com

**Remove Parking?** Yes

**Message:** I am absolutely for the parking change

**Date/Time:** 2/14/2023 12:30:59 PM

**From:** cdcgigi2@gmail.com

**Remove Parking?** No

**Message:** These places are used all day while folks walk to Cumbies for a drink. I walk the area all day too, and think parking spots are essential to happy travelling.

I am ALL in favor of slowing traffic on Main in the village... Folks are nice, but any attempt to cross the road at Baker or Millet is just as dangerous as crossing in the marked area.

**Date/Time:** 2/15/2023 12:23:57 PM

**From:** martha3@gmavt.net

**Remove Parking?** Yes

**Message:** I was exiting the Richmond Family Medicine office when i almost caused a collision with a car traveling west on US Route 2. I had looked as best I could for oncoming traffic, but simply could not see this vehicle. Depending upon whether the traffic is turning right off from Brown's Trace or left onto Route 2 from Bridge street or proceeding through the stop light west there is a possibility of catching sight of some of the traffic if there is open parking spaces, but in my recent experience, after pausing and looking I thought all on coming traffic had cleared, but it had not and I did not see it until I had pulled out onto Route 2. I don't think cars should be allowed to park in front of Richmond Family Medicine.

**Date/Time:** 2/15/2023 6:12:10 PM

**From:** Cindy@Cindyfeloney.com

**Remove Parking?** No



**Message:** As a past retailer in Richmond, current commercial property owner and business person in Richmond, it is absolutely imperative to retain as many parking spaces as possible close to the central business district. There are many competing businesses that are not far away that offer much more convenient parking. In order to maintain a vital town and business district, abundant parking must be available. A vibrant town attracts residents and more businesses resulting in a better financed tax base.

The safety issue does not seem related to width of the traffic corridor through town but has more to do with the speed at which traffic is traveling. On numerous occasions I have witnessed many cars, delivery trucks and construction vehicles speeding up to make it past the red light. On one occasion I witnessed one of our local police speeding from Bridge St making a left onto West Main St and was not able to maintain control slamming into the post in front of Ski Express. Perhaps if there were more speed humps or rumble strips approaching the stop light and more traffic control at the four corners, the traffic would be more negotiable and allowing for the density of parking spaces. By allowing more parking spaces, it incorporates a passive traffic control. If you reduce parking near the light, you open up a wider "speed way." It's frightening to watch the pedestrian traffic when kids are walking down the hill after school. They depend on the light and pedestrian signals to control the vehicle traffic. It is not enough to reduce the speed of oncoming traffic in the center of town.

If the villages' concern is traffic control and safety, then parking near the light should be at least maintained at its current level NOT decreased. If driveways are blocked then we need more pro-active monitoring or police control of parking. Whatever happened to parking tickets being issued in town? Parking is a passive implementation to slowing down traffic. More traffic control whether it be passive or actively monitored is imperative to slow down the traffic and making it safer to walk and drive through the middle of the village.

Thank you for your time and consideration to not reducing parking spaces in town,

Cindy P Feloney

**Feedback Receive via email. This is included in the count of “Yes” and “No” above**

**Mary Ann** <mab@gmavt.net> Tue, Feb 14, 2023 at 2:22 PM Reply-To: Mary Ann <mab@gmavt.net>  
To: jarneson <jarneson@richmondvt.gov>

Dear Josh,

I want to offer some input about the parking on Route 2 in front of Richmond Family Medicine.

I go to the doctor at Richmond Family Medicine, and also use their parking lot when I volunteer at the Richmond Foot Clinic. I drop bread from Panera off at the Holy Rosary Parish Hall, and attend the Hale and Hearty Club there. On all of these occasions (but especially in the morning when I leave after dropping bread), I feel concern when trying to pull on to Route 2. I cannot see the oncoming traffic because of the parked cars, and it's really dangerous. I have given up trying to turn left onto Route 2 in the mornings; instead I go right and turn around on Millet Street. I feel I have almost collided with other cars a number of times.

Blocking off the proposed spaces would make a huge difference in improved visibility and safety.

Thank you so much for bringing my concerns to the Selectboard.

Best,

Mary Ann Barnes