

TOWN COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES OF AUGUST 2, 2022

President Letterie calls meeting to order at 7:00 PM also announcing Zoom information

ROLL CALL

Present: Councilor Honan, Councilor Fucillo, Councilor Munson Councilor Belcher, Councilor Flockhart, Councilor Aiello, Vice President Ruggiero, President Letterie

Absent: Councilor DeMarco

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Vice President Ruggiero

MINUTES

Motion by Councilor Belcher to accept Minutes of July 19, 2022, as circulated

2nd by Councilor Flockhart

Passed Unanimously

Motion by Councilor Flockhart to take agenda out of order to continue Charter Review Presentation

2nd by Councilor Belcher

Passed Unanimously

GENERAL INFORMATION AND RECOMMENDATIONS

Charter Review Committee Chair, Marc Chapdelaine present Charter Review recommendations

PUBLIC HEARING(S)

- Parking Prohibited on upon certain streets
- Parking Limited on certain streets during certain times
- Granting authority to the DPW to install stop signs w/o TC approval
- Designated Taxi Cab Stand at Public Landing
- Further Investigation of Traffic Direction between Terrace, Cottage and Shirley Ave.

Public Comment on Public Hearings:

Open Public Hearing Parking Prohibited on upon certain streets

Viking Gustfason P3-Passes out information on Terrace and Harborview and Shirley Ave. and does have concerns of the prohibited parking on the North Side. She is asking that this be re-considered as it affects the parking on this street tremendously. Sides should be switched for parking as sides wind down.

Mike DiLuiso explains the reasoning for this ordinance and why it is being reviewed and explains that between 12 and 14 feet of roadway is taken away that only leaves you seven to eight feet to get a vehicle down that roadway and so that's why the SEC made that decision

John McGovern P3- States that as of two years ago postcards did not get to everybody. He is not sure of anybody who got the actual postcard saying there's a meeting. States parking has been working for 50 years it's been fine. The only problem is when people park in front of these two houses which cause a tight problem on the street.

Maureen English P3-(Crystal Cove) States that parking has been working for 50 something years. She will lose the parking in front of her home when they have no parking as it is. There's multi family, three families on Park Ave which weren't afforded parking in the circle. We have two crosswalks that were put in when they put the sidewalks and so we lost lots there. Every home has at least two cars. She does not understand where this review is coming from and why? Believes a one way from Shirley St. makes more sense.

Mike Delusion once again reviews and discusses the decision on why this change is being reviewed.

Chief Delehanty states that surely making this a one way having Beacon coming down in the opposite direction is a one way maze for people who made the wrong turn and in a circular effort they can go to Beacon again and right back out. Making it a one way is a very viable option for the council if they wish.

Billy Clarke P3- States the biggest thing they discuss is parking and without a spot wouldn't be able to have friends over but it is more about the safety issue especially with the park right there already cars go too fast.

Councilor Aiello also states that he has visited in this area and the cars do speed in this area.

DPW Director Calla is happy to have this conversation; this is what is needed with our neighbors in this area.

Shannon Poulos P3-She feels that DPW Director Calla is correct and it is good to have these conversations. She wants to give credit as this conversation has been going on for over a year and the public can access the calendar anytime they want and be involved. She is all for safety and what has to be done should be, but does feel the entire towns parking should be evaluated.

Public Hearing Closed

Open Public Hearing: Parking Limited on certain streets during certain times

Council President reads motions that are involved with this hearing

Here are discussions of crosswalks.

Parking Clerk Mike DiLuiso explains the sections that have been discussed as prohibited parking.

Public Hearing Closed

Open Public Hearing: Granting authority to the DPW to install stop signs w/o TC approval

Vice President Ruggiero states that at the Rules & Ordinance Committee meeting, it was discussed with a positive recommendation. This would streamline our process, to creating more safety measures in town, because instead of the DPW, having to put a motion forward to the council to put up a stop sign, they can just go by the Manual on Uniform Traffic Control Devices. If a stop sign needs to be placed somewhere, The DPW can install a stop sign according to that set of standards, this doesn't mean that the Town Council cannot request a stop sign to be installed on a different matter that might come to their attention

Public Comment: John Lyons P2 – Explains his confusion on seeing a stop sign at the end of his street, which is Pleasant Park Road, without any notification to abutters. He made several attempts as to see why this was done and states has still not received an answer. He finds this very disturbing that prior to this motion, this stop sign was erected with no knowledge to the people that live on this street and why is it actually needed? If anything, it should have been put on the other side which leads to Main St., a much more congested corner than on Morton St. Also states the stop sign was not needed as you must stop at end of street anyway for if you went straight it would be into the marsh.

Public Hearing Closed

Open Public Hearing: Designated Taxi Cab Stand at Public Landing

Parking Clerk , Mike DiLuiso did talk to the Harbormaster This issue came to TSAC from the Town Managers Office for a taxi stand at the public landing. In the past there has been a temporary sign which has been moved to a permanent location. The Harbormaster would like to move it back to the restricted area. Keeping it where it is, is more visible for people exiting the Ferry to see the Taxi sign and have a taxi waiting.

Chief Delehanty believes that the administrative officer of the Landing should be handling the decision of where this sign should be erected but definitely discuss with the Dept. Head.

Councilor Aiello agrees with the Chief that the sign should stay where it is as the location is better for the taxi stand.

Public Hearing Closed

Council President reports that prior to opening our second Public Comment we will return to General Information. Council President explains the process of the work that the Charter Commission does and thanks each member for their time and effort. Chair, Marc Chapdelaine is present and reviews the Charter Commission's recommendations to the Town Council of which the Town Council will send to the Rules & Ordinance Committee and they will return to the Council with their recommendations of which will be voted on by the Town Council. (Please see recommendations on Town Website)

Council President refers this to the Rules & Ordinance Committee to report back to us no later than October 18, which is the second meeting in October. The goal would be to get the changes we need to get, recommendations to go to the state so we could get them back in time to vote next November,

PUBLIC COMMENT

Bill Schmidt P5, also stated Chair of the Board of Health. He thanks Marc Chapdelaine for his presentation and comments on the recommendation of having the Chairs elected by the policy making committees themselves. He does disagree with these items going to the voters as we have elected our Town Council to represent us. He believes the Charter Review Committee had a lack of women, not young people and no minorities, 5 people lived in same precincts so not much diversity to this committee but he trusts the Council that was elected by the people to make decisions on these recommendations.

Council President makes clear that this will all go to the Council and they will hear each and every issue of this Charter Recommendation.

Jack Dowd P3- Comments made concerning the trees that were taken down on Pleasant Street. The marina did have a conversation with the Town Manager last week, and it was very disappointing. There seems to be some confusion about how to get money back from condominium association etc. There was a number of \$13,000 discussed that should be paid to the town. The law states it's a criminal complaint, the law says there could be a fine for taking these trees down. The law says that there could be triple damages involved with taking down a tree that that you don't have permission to take it down.

I'm not getting any answers. I'm asking the same questions since the day the trees came down. Who's in charge of the trees at this point?

Karin Chavis P2-Discusses the Charter Review Committee and want to make this better. Asks the Town Council "Please look at these recommendations as a lot of work went into this. Really review it."

Diana Veins P2-Comments that on every decision made by the Town Council is not just for one neighborhood, it affects the entire town and its residents. There is a citizens group that is watering trees and would love to hear from town about a further action plan for the future of watering our trees. Would like to begin a town fund for this issue. Comments on the trees in front of Atlantis and is asking what is becoming of this issue. This money for this fine is needed, for our town and to fund our trees in town.

Mike DiLuiso P5-Speaking as a resident. He wishes to remind the Town Council that the Town Manager spoke to the State Architectural Board regarding the Somerset Ave. Tree, and what was stated over 14 months ago, is correct this is not ADA Compliant.

He also notes that the tree should have been cut down. Requests the Town Manager to further review this request.

CORRESPONDENCE

Rules & Ordinance and Finance Committee

Vice President reports on the meeting agenda of the Solid Waste Collection, there is a motion that came out that will be read at Old Business. Further review will be continuing.

Finance Committee

Councilor Fucillo reports on the Street Listing Books increase from \$15 to \$25. This was approved with a positive recommendation.

TOWN MANAGER REPORT

Town Manager Marino is out of town but Chief Delehanty is standing in for him and taking notes during the meeting to discuss with him for the next meeting. Reports Pauline St. paving is complete. Crosswalks in CBD next week.

SCHOOL DEPARTMENT REPORT

Council President reports there has not been a School Committee meeting since our last Town Council meeting.

OLD BUSINESS

- Trash Enterprise Fund / Trash Abatement / Trash Enforcement –Continue on Agenda for further discussion

Motion by the Rules & Ordinance that the Town Council directs the Town Manager to allow the properties that received cease and desist letters from the DPW to remain in the solid waste trash collection

No 2nd Needed

Passed Unanimously

- Discussion on Public Ways - Continue on Agenda for further discussion

Motion by the Rules & Ordinance (reading waived as already read) that parking will be prohibited on North Side Terrace....(See attached motion)

No 2nd Needed

Discussion

Councilor Belcher would like further review

ROLL CALL

No: Councilor Honan, Councilor Fucillo, Councilor Munson Councilor Belcher, Councilor Flockhart, Councilor Aiello, Vice President Ruggiero, President Letterie

Absent : Councilor DeMarco

Motion does not Pass

Councilor President sends back for further study

Motion by the Rules & Ordinance that the Town Council vote to prohibit parking on the North of Crystal Cove between Hillside Ave and Park Ave.

No 2nd Needed

Discussion

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ROLL CALL

No: Councilor Honan, Councilor Fucillo, Councilor Munson Councilor Belcher, Councilor Flockhart, Councilor Aiello, Vice President Ruggiero, President Letterie

Absent : Councilor DeMarco

Motion does not Pass

Councilor President sends back for further study

Motion by the Rules & Ordinance that the Town Council vote to modify parking regulations on a section of Veterans Rd. by amending the following ordinances: (Please see copy of motion)

No 2nd Needed

ROLL CALL

Yes: Councilor Honan, Councilor Fucillo, Councilor Munson Councilor Belcher, Councilor Flockhart, Councilor Aiello, Vice President Ruggiero, President Letterie

Absent : Councilor DeMarco

Motion Passes

Motion by the Rules & Ordinance that the Town Council vote to modify parking regulations on a section of Shirley St. by amending the following ordinances: (Please see copy of motion)

No 2nd Needed

ROLL CALL

Yes: Councilor Honan, Councilor Fucillo, Councilor Munson Councilor Belcher, Councilor Flockhart, Councilor Aiello, Vice President Ruggiero, President Letterie

Absent : Councilor DeMarco

Motion Passes

Motion by the Rules & Ordinance that the Town Council vote to continue to conduct further investigation of the traffic direction on Terrace Ave. between Cottage Ave and Shirley Ave

Council President refers this to TSAC

Motion by the Finance Committee to increase the Street Listing Books from \$15 to \$25

No 2nd Needed

ROLL CALL

Yes: Councilor Honan, Councilor Fucillo, Councilor Munson Councilor Belcher, Councilor Flockhart, Councilor Aiello, Vice President Ruggiero, President Letterie

Absent : Councilor DeMarco

Motion Passes

Town Council amend Town Council Rules & Procedures-Include Council Liaison, to CDIRC, WPB & BOA- Continue on Agenda for further discussion

NEW BUSINESS

Motion by the Councilor Belcher that the Town Council vote to be in compliance with the Early Voting election Hours 2nd by Councilor Flockhart

Passed Unanimously

Motion by the Councilor Belcher that the Town Council vote to be in compliance with the Police Details during the State Primary and the State Election

2nd by Councilor Aiello

Passed Unanimously

Motion by the Council President that the Town Council accept the appointment of Alyssa True to the Cultural Council for a term of 3 years.

2nd by Councilor Flockhart

Passed Unanimously

Motion by the Council President that the Town Council accept the re-appointment of Mary Crisafi to the Cultural Council for a term of 3 years.

2nd by Councilor Belcher

Passed Unanimously

Motion by the Council President that the Town Council accept the appointment of Cynthia Huff to the Council on Aging for a term of 3 years.

2nd by Councilor Fucillo

Passed Unanimously

Motion by the Council President that the Town Council accept the appointment of Roseanne Mazzuchelli to the Memorials Committee for a term of 3 years.

2nd by Councilor Belcher

Passed Unanimously

Motion by the Council President that the Town Council accept the appointment of VSO Director Phil Ronan to the Memorials Committee for an indefinite Term.

2nd by Councilor Munson

Passed Unanimously

Motion by the Council President that the Town Council accept the appointment of Charles Kubik to the Conservation Commission for a term of 3 years.

2nd by Councilor Belcher

Passed Unanimously

Motion by the Council President that the Town Council accept the appointment of Alex Reynolds to the Conservation Commission for a term of 3 years.

2nd by Councilor Fucillo

Passed Unanimously

PUBLIC COMMENT

John Lyons P2 States that the motion to approve the Stop Sign by DPW took away any citizens transparency to this decision.

Jack Dowd P3-Offers pictures of a great tree on Court Rd and what was done to prevent property damage. He presented another picture to the Town Council of the tree on 190 Somerset Ave. Granted tree is upsetting sidewalk but wonders how this can be considered a deadly tree if they have children's playground under tree, benches? How is this tree considered dangerous then if the homeowners are letting people sit under it?

Lucy DiLuiso P5-Very upset that Mr. Dowd stated they cannot enjoy their yard due to this tree. This tree is not ADA compliance, it is causing property damage and it needs to be cut down in order not to cause further liability to the Town

Mike DiLuiso P5-Speaking as a resident respects Mr. Dowd's comments but we have been through the reasoning why this tree needs to come down and reports on past reasoning's.

Council President asks each councilor if they have any other comments prior to adjournment:

Councilor Honan-No

Councilor Fucillo-No

Councilor Munson-No

Councilor Belcher-Mass port released their Draft Environmental report

Councilor Aiello-Discusses an old story of the privilege he had of meeting Bill Russell

Councilor Flockhart-No

Vice President Ruggiero-No

PUBLIC RELATIONS / UPCOMING EVENTS

Committee Openings: TSAC / Commission for Diversity, Inclusion, and Community Relations / Tree Committee

ADJOURNMENT

Motion to adjourn by Councilor Belcher to adjourn at 9:30PM

2nd by Councilor Ruggiero

Passed Unanimously

Public Documents used in the meeting are available at Town Managers Office.

Documents Used in this Meeting: Handwritten Notes / Committee Openings Documents Roll Call Log

Written Motions / Verbal Motion

Respectfully submitted
Denise Quist
Town Clerk
Council Clerk



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Terrence Delehanty
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Town Council Motion

May 11, 2022

Fiscal Year 2022

Text of Motion

MOTION: That the Town Council accept the recommendation of the Transportation Safety Advisory Committee to eliminate parking on a section of Terrace Avenue by amending section 10.16.090 of the town ordinances titled "Parking prohibited upon certain streets" as follows:

Insert the following line into the table:

Name of Street	Side	Location
Terrace Avenue	North	From the intersection of Harbor View Avenue to the intersection of Shirley Avenue



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MOTION: That the Town Council accept the recommendation of the Transportation Safety Advisory Committee to eliminate parking on a section of Crystal Cove Avenue by amending section 10.16.090 of the town ordinances titled "Parking prohibited upon certain streets" as follows:

Insert the following line into the table:

Name of Street	Side	Location
Crystal Cove Avenue	North	From the intersection of Hillside Ave to the intersection of Park Avenue



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Insert the following line into the table:

Name of Street	Side	Location
Crystal Cove Avenue	Both	From the intersection of Shirley Street to the intersection of Hillside Avenue



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MOTION: That the Town Council accept the recommendation of the Transportation Safety Advisory Committee to modify parking regulations on a section of Veterans Road by amending the town ordinances as follows:

Amend section 10.16.100 – “Parking limited on certain streets during certain times” by deleting the following line from the table:

Name of Street	Side	Location
8:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.		
Veterans Road		Within 50 feet of Daw Playground

Insert the following line in its place:

Name of Street	Side	Location
8:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. Two-hour parking		
Veterans Road	West	From a point 50 feet Southerly of Cutler Street to a point 50 feet beyond the Southern terminus of Daw Playground, except when a winter parking ban is in effect

Amend section 10.16.090 – “Parking prohibited upon certain streets” by inserting the following lines into the table:

Name of Street	Side	Location
Veterans Road	West	From a point opposite the Southerly corner of Cutler Street to a point 50 feet Southerly
Veterans Road	West	From a point 10 feet Southerly of the crosswalk connecting Daw Playground to the sidewalk adjacent to the property at 413 Shirley St to a point 10 feet Northerly of the crosswalk



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MOTION: That the Town Council accept the recommendation of the Transportation Safety Advisory Committee to modify parking regulations on a section of Shirley Street by amending the town ordinances as follows:

Amend section 10.16.100 – “Parking limited on certain streets during certain times” by changing the following line in the table:

Name of Street	Side	Location
8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m Thirty-minute parking.		
Shirley Street	East	From Tewksbury Street to Irwin Street

to amended language which would read:

Name of Street	Side	Location
8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m Thirty-minute parking.		
Shirley Street	East	From Perkins Street to Irwin Street

Amend section 10.16.090 – “Parking prohibited upon certain streets” by changing the following line in the table:

Name of Street	Side	Location
Shirley Street	East	From Perkins Street to a point 150 feet Southerly

to amended language which would read:

Name of Street	Side	Location
Shirley Street	East	From Perkins Street to Tewksbury Street



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Amend section 10.16.100 – “Parking limited on certain streets during certain times” by changing the following line in the table:

Name of Street	Side	Location
8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m Thirty-minute parking.		
Shirley Street	West	From Washington Avenue to a point opposite the southerly corner of Tewksbury Street

to amended language which would read:

Name of Street	Side	Location
8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m Thirty-minute parking.		
Shirley Street	West	From a point 42 feet Southerly of Washington Avenue to a point opposite the Southerly corner of Tewksbury Street



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Text of Motion

MOTION: That the Town Council accept the recommendation of the Transportation Safety Advisory Committee by adding the section below to the town ordinances, granting authority to the Public Works Director to install stop signs in accordance with established standards without the need for Council approval of each sign.

10.20.015 – Erection and maintenance of stop signs and signals in accordance with accepted practices

The Public Works Director or their designee may erect and maintain stop signs where any minor street intersects with one or more through streets where they believe that traffic coming to a complete stop on the minor street before entering the through street is in the best interest of public safety. Such signage shall be installed in accordance with the standards in the Manual on Uniform Traffic Control Devices, 2009 edition and its revisions as published by the U.S. Department of Transportation or any subsequent revision of the manual. Provisions of this section notwithstanding, non-conforming stop signs may still be installed where needed if included in the table in section 10.20.020 of this ordinance by a vote of the Winthrop Town Council.



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Text of Motion

MOTION: That the Town Council accept the recommendation of the Transportation Safety Advisory Committee to designate a taxicab stand at the Winthrop Public Landing in a location as the Harbormaster sees fit. This taxicab stand will be marked by appropriate signage during the boating season. This designation is made under the provisions of section 10.16.120 C of the town ordinances.