

TOWN COUNCIL MEETING OF AUGUST 15, 2023 MINUTES

CALL TO ORDER 7:00

ROLL CALL

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

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Councilor Flockhart

MINUTES

Motion by Councilor Belcher to Approval of Minutes, August 1, 2023, as circulated
2nd by Councilor Munson
Passed Unanimously

GENERAL INFORMATION AND RECOMMENDATIONS

None

PUBLIC HEARING(S)

Public Hearing Open

Town Hall Municipal Parking Lot

Vice President Ruggiero discusses the motion and the changes to the current parking spots
Mike Diluio also discusses from the TSAC the parking spots

Public Comment Open

Marianne Nicoletti P1 discusses that the parking in front of her home and the problem with changing these parking spots as it will affect her current parking. Questions who is going to enforce this 30 min. parking? She has never seen the 3 spots taken.

Linda Butt P1 The flow of parking during the summer is good, once school begins it begins to cluster again.

Town Council President reports the police will enforce

There will be a school parking alleviation from parking in the back

The handicap spot is being moved and she can apply for a handicap parking space.

Jack Dowd P1-Discusses what parking spots are in questions. Why aren't we talking about parking in the rear of the town hall. Employees are to be parking across street also the teachers and Belcher St. residents park there, why is this not being addressed?

Marianne Nicoletta was told she could park there after business hours. It will be addresses of the teachers parking in the rear?

Gillian Teixeira P6-Agrees that she cannot find a parking space for the Library with our parking lot as it is now.

The back lot does need to be addressed but trying to get into the Library and Children's you must go through the front door and use elevator.

Mike DiLuiso discusses that a handicap space be put on Hermon St. in front of mailbox. The teachers parking in this lot will be addressed. It was changed previously that town hall employees have to park behind Methodist Church. The first step in any ordinance action is to get this lot straightened out.

Marianne Nicoletta states how pitch black it is in the rear.

Public Hearing Closed

PUBLIC COMMENT

Vasilli Malios P5- asks about revenue projects and Zoom being with Sub Committee

John DaRos P6-Thanks all for their hard work...understands that the FHBC meeting attendance much smaller than last week...he agrees that Zoom should be address for all committees.
Request copy of document form the FHBC from the meeting....encourages Town Council communicate and post all meetings especially with the Fire House Building Committee

Town Council President- FHBC is doing a FAQ for the education of the residents

Marianne Nicoletti P2 discusses the speeding on Hermon St. and requests this to be looked into.
Town Council President will have this reviewed.

Vasilli Malios P5-Website getting there...all over FB it is crazy and we have several accounts....we should use FB for using platform for agenda's...info...etc...it is free

Gillian Teixeira P6-Reconsider vote on Locust St. she would like the residents to be able to speak on this change of the one way. She has been actively involved. Took time to meet with Councilors and in the past agreed this change would not change the problem on this street. Residents have been asking for more enforcement. **Request how many tickets have been issued on cars in intersections.**

A Review of our website is needed and meeting mins. must be addressed. If people are affected abutters should be notified. Wants the street to be looked at as a whole.

Jack Dowd P1-Appreciates the no dogs at French Sq. being put up. When will dog stains be addressed and a memorial garden that should be put back

Chrisitain Boyston P5-Gillian covered this great but asks Town Council to reconsider

Marianne Niccoletti- The memorial is for Sabrina Feudo...all were to be saved after completion of French Sq.

CORRESPONDENCE

John Munson reports a resident on Donovans Beach witnessed another accident

COMMITTEE REPORTS

School De

Getting ready for back to school. School is being inspected and reviewed for their opening

TOWN MANAGER REPORT

Town Manager thanks Chief Wiley for filling in while he was out of office.

Update:

Water System study still being reviewed

Facilities needs assessment

Payroll study from Collins Center being updated

Emails about flooding on Girdlestone...DPW ordered cameras and did find a broken pipe and a damaged on which should alleviate this problem. We have undersized pipes in this area, DPW Director Calla is looking for estimates on this problem.

He met with owners of Meat Market and looking at potential sights...good process

He did attend Clear Team and invited a Bureau of Justice Mentoring meeting...public health and law enforcements that are trying to do similar and want to know how such a small town is doing such great work.

Questions on Ferry Building –Bathrooms and main room open , working on getting Fob for early Ferry users
Website...we are in the process of doing re design...We will be upgrading Civic Plus Website...easy, more accessible...

TCP-Traffic getting in Boston is crazy but only a couple of weeks left with tunnel closed...Thank you to MBTA as he has used in the last few weeks and it has been working good. Clean, safe and free....

Ferry ridership has increased greatly and talking about extending season.

Councilor Flockhart-Follow up with people that were displaced by Fire.
Town Manager-Most other than 3 families are on list for housing and another will be getting into housing. By end of month most should be housed permanently. The building owners are still in process of keeping up or tearing down.

Councilor Aiello-Thank you for opening Ferry Building....

Asks Town Manager about Capital liabilities studies...looking at the Fall..one of his concerns is the vote in November for the FHBC..would like to make sure info is prior to this ballot questions. **He requests a detailed outline of the building, road sides...etc..**

by the next meeting.

Still have transportation issues on where is T on getting bus shelters...Pleasant St. additional activity. Winthrop St. Entrance of Main and Pleasant...

Town Manager-does have info on pricing and came back high on Main St. and Pauline St.

DPW Director Calla updates on construction projects on Revere St. and Shirley St. He is hoping right before school starts this should be completed...Had a discussion with the TM that he thinks that the town may have to go back to working at night. To wrap up last few weeks of this project.

Wants to make sure National Grid completed prior to our TIPS Project begins....still aiming to be done by end of November. Unfortunately National Grid Electric and Gas are two separate companies that have to be dealt with.

Vice President Ruggiero discusses night work is not really wanted...is there any way to avoid...during day it affects businesses and at night it affects quiet time....

Councilor Munson...thanks for getting right on top of Girdlestone Rd...good work...

In terms of timing when will a study get done? Town Manager states should not be too long but now we need funding. DPW has done investigated work to find the quick deficiencies...there is not so much a study as a cost estimate that is needed. We know we have drains that are no feasible size. A Summary for what the needs are for this area is being reviewed.

Signage and cross walk on Tilestone has helped...there are two points on Pleasant St. where there are still major problems. With driving. Can there be a flashing sign on Pleasant & Court Rd.

Asks if there is a possibility to make our developments and projects be put on the Town Manager Blog...

Councilor Aiello discusses with DPW Director on Tilestone and Girdlestone flooding and flooding by Hardware store, Donovans Beach, landing by Elks...DPW discusses these are all the same issues...as the old pipes and not correct size for the water it is in taking.

Next Capital Plan cycle these should be listed....

Motion by Councilor DeMarco to return to Public Hearing of National Grid

2nd by Councilor Munson

Passed Unanimously

PUBLIC HEARING(s) OPENED

National Grid Only-Zylmar Garcia representative for National Grid answers questions by DPW Calla of no additional poles? There are none just the existing. Just the service is being reviewed

PUBLIC HEARING CLOSED

NATIONAL GRID AND VERIZON-

New pole on Fremont and Pauline St and an anchor guide wire.

DPW Calla states that this area is very congested poles are less than 100 ' from each other, why need for new pole Zylmar-because there is a 3 face primary being added and for the parking structure at 44 Fremont St. It is for safety use DPW-A pole and a high wire does not fit on this corner, is there a way to shift these poles and shift crosswalk? Footprint is not there...it will be too congested

Discussion

Public Comment

Karin Chavis P2-Believes that National Grid should come in public and discuss

Jack Dowd P1-Entire area around center of town is underground...the best idea would be to extend to building

Both these public hearings will be addresses at a Public Health & Safety Meeting

PUBLIC HEARING CLOSED

OLD BUSINESS

Motion by the Rules & Ordinance....Municipal Parking info read into the record

No 2nd Needed

Discussion

Councilor Munson-Based on what Library Trustee there is no handicap ramp in back on library it makes no sense for another handicap spot and he thought the Veterans Spot would be included next to handicap.

Town Manager-These two spots are accessible for the Town Hall and there is funding being looked into for a ramp in the back by the stairs to the Library.

Motion by Councilor Munson to amend the main motion(see attached motion)

2nd by Councilor Munson

Discussion-

Vice President Ruggiero reiterates the Town Manager and Chief of Police temporary parking signs can be used....

Councilor Belcher acknowledges several issues that residents brought up and this is the beginning of making town hall more accessible

Roll Call on Amendment

All Passes

Further Discussion on amended main motion

Councilor DeMarco..need enforcement

Councilor Munson ask if we could use a third party for enforcement.

Vice President Ruggiero also this is the beginning....

Employee Placards

Handicap pole on Hermon St.

A lot of things in the works for this to be successful

Councilor Flockhart states Walden St. Lot most of the time is almost empty except if EB Newton having something

Main Motions as Amended

Roll Call Passes

NEW BUSINESS

National Grid will be sent to Public Health and Safety Committee

PUBLIC COMMENT

John DaRos P6-Intersection asks if there is any sign budget for Coral to Waveway there is no signage that states this is a one way. Asks DPW to review....

**Jack Dowd P1-Asks TM about gas pipes going in on Revere St. are they connected to Deer Island?
TM would have to check with National Grid....**

When will new asphalt be done on Revere St., will this be done prior to TIPS or after

As far as speeding cars, it is a big problem but police are enforcing

Coming from High Tide Winthrop and Washington Ave. If people are concerned you can also put something that will help with no accident. Make sure your house is safe.

Gillian Teixeira P6- Once again Locust St...enforcement if you Locust one way, there are wrong way drivers...we need enforcement...Can a police detail be provided during school?

Marianne Nicoletti P1---Why are the buses still coming down Hermon St.? She has called MBTA and asks the Town Council to review...

Can a speed bump be put in on Hermon St.?

PUBLIC RELATIONS / UPCOMING EVENTS-

Committee Openings: Board of Appeals, CDICR, Citizens Finance & Airport Hazards

Movie Night August 26, 2023 Miracle on Ice shown on Winthrop Beach

Nomination Papers for the 11-7-23 Election are now available at the Town Clerks Office/Deadline to Return 9-19-2023

Before asking for motion to adjourn, Council President Letterie asks each Town Councilor if they have anything further to discuss

Councilor Honan-	None
Councilor Fucillo-	None
Councilor Munson	Country Night at CPYC to help people with Cancer Oct 7th
Councilor Belcher-	None
Councilor Aiello-	Procedural at first meeting in Sept.
2 nd saddened to read Councilor Honan decision not to re-run for this Town Council	
Councilor Flockhart	None
Vice President Ruggiero-	August 18 th ...Halloween Night....
Behind EB Newton	

Town Council President comments on Sept. 5th meeting and is a busy time....
OK with current schedule

ADJOURNMENT

Motion to adjourn by Councilor Fucillo to adjourn at 8:45 PM

2nd by Council Vice President DeMrco

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, Council Clerk
