

Bayside Parking Ordinance Committee Meeting 11/17/2019 Notes

Attendees: Judy Metcalf, Elaine Moss, Jeffrey Wilt, Deanna Wolfire, Dan Webster, Sandy Hall.
Absent: Martha Beiser, Gina Cressey. Also attending: Bill Paige

Review of previous minutes:

- Judy asked if anyone had questions about notes from last meeting; there were none.

Parking shortage survey

- Judy asked for clarification on Sandy's comment about additional parking lots - the Brewer cottage owns a separate lot on Pleasant Lane for parking. Also, Lot 190 (Honora Samway) on Park Row owns Lot 186 on Pleasant Lane for parking.
- Judy will share her observations in a separate email; summary is that she noted a handful of dwellings in her sector which have no off-street parking options
- Jeffrey Wilt only observed two properties west of George Street with no off-street parking - the corner of George and Maple (21 Maple), and the Field cottage on Main Street (27A?)

Zoning ordinance/property improvement permitting

- Bill Page noted that the green cottage which was just put onto a foundation appears to be placed differently on the lot than previously, and seems to have reduced parking availability for that cottage. Sandy also referenced recent improvements to Crow's Nest on Auditorium Park which removed all off-site parking options for that property.
 - Future work on the zoning ordinance may want to discuss the impact of parking for future development (Dan reviewed and said that the current ordinance only discusses parking as related to prohibited usages of campground, home occupation, and B & B).
 - Bill also suggested that conversions to year-round residences should be required to address off-site parking, particularly in view of the winter parking ban on village streets to accommodate plowing.
- Any changes to the zoning ordinance will ultimately fall under the Town of Northport for enforcement.

Report from Martha re: using school parking lot for overflow

- Martha has approached Todd Martin, principal, and a request was filed for facilities use, which will be on the agenda for the December meeting. Martha will attend to answer any questions.
 - Suggestions made in this meeting:
 - Permit for cars? Probably not a good idea; too cumbersome, who would review the permitting process?
 - Dashboard notice in cars showing contact information, dates to be on-site
 - Judy wondered if the school would want some financial compensation for the service, and who would pay
 - Elaine was concerned about summer events at the school, as we would want to be sure that parking was available for any school usage as a priority

- Should there be a time limit, so the space wasn't used as a permanent solution for extra vehicles?
- Obtain a space count to see how many spaces actually would be available
- Bayside peak usage times: weekends from the last weekend in June through the second weekend in September (Around Islesboro Race), and all days associated with the 4th of July holiday

Review of input from Michael Boucher, NVC Chief of Police

- Michael put much of his focus on specific restrictions and related penalties
 - Any adaptation of new restrictions in the ordinance should take into consideration impact on current residents and their historic solutions. If necessary, can exceptions or grandfathered variances be built in? These exceptions should be granted per property (tax map and lot) and not per resident. We do not want the NVC to be in the position of arbitrating variance requests, so listing exceptions which are available for the town to review may be a cleaner approach.
- Section 12: Specific Restrictions
 - Strike 12.1 'On the sidewalk' as there are no sidewalks. No point in creating a reference point for something that doesn't exist.
 - 12.5 'On a crosswalk': also strike, same argument as 12.1
 - 12.2 - okay
 - 12.3 - amend to indicate 'within a certain number of feet (15 was suggested) of an intersection. Add language to indicate 'unless specifically allowed by NVC', and list grandfathered usages, such as Merrithew Square parking, corner of Sea and George, corner of George and Griffin.
 - 12.4 - okay
 - 12.6 - this needs clarification. Refers to issues when an emergency response is underway. Also needs to indicate that the appropriate responsible party at the event has ultimate decision about vehicle access and parking. Elaine will redraft.
 - 12.7 - Change to 'no more than 12 inches 'into the roadway from the curb', or something for further clarity. Judy suggested that all cars must have only the two outside wheels on the road.

Further review was tabled until the next meeting, as allotted time was used up.

Next meeting - December 7th at 8:30 AM, by phone or at the Community Hall.

- Agenda:
 - Finish the review of Michael's suggestions
 - Dan to work with Elaine on some existing ordinance review and mark-up, including Michael's edits, for discussion
 - Report from Martha on Northport School follow-up, if available