



**FREEPORT TRAFFIC AND PARKING COMMITTEE
MEETING MINUTES
OCTOBER 18, 2016**

PRESENT: Gary Profenno (Chair) Susan Nourse, Police Chief
Bob Fusselman Chris Parker
Cliff Goodall Adam Bliss, Town Engineer
Rodney Regier Geralyn Campanelli

ABSENT: Ann-Marie Davee Jim Gorman

I. September Meeting Minutes

- A. Mr. Profenno stated the September meeting minutes should be revised to reflect excused absences by Ms. Davee and Mr. Regier. In addition, Mr. Gorman should be added as an excused member.
- B. Mr. Goodall motioned to accept the September meeting minutes as revised; Mr. Parker seconded the motion; 5 accepted, Mr. Regier abstained.

II. Proposal for a Stop Bar or 'Do Not Block Intersection' Sign at Maple and Main Street

- A. Question was raised whether the sign's purpose was for courtesy or enforceable by ordinance.
- B. Concern was raised that a courtesy sign would contribute to "sign blindness".
- C. Mr. Goodall motioned to deny the proposal that no signage or stop bar be added to this location.
- D. Mr. Parker seconded the motion; all approved.

III. Proposal for angled parking in front of South Freeport Church

- A. There are currently three parallel, gravel parking spots to the left when facing the church. The spaces are located on both private property and within the Maine DOT right-of-way. Both the general public and church members utilize the spaces.
- B. The proposal was brought to the Town Planner, Donna Larson, and Town Engineer, Adam Bliss, by Head Trustee, Mr. Bill Gilman, for the South Freeport Church to replace the 3 parallel spaces with 5 angled parking spaces, which would include one van accessible space.
- C. There was considerable discussion covering ownership (easement to town), jurisdiction (Maine DOT), safety (backing out into traffic and site distances), traffic volumes (South Freeport Road), and end-users (general public versus strictly church use) of the spaces.
- D. Temporary handicap signs are in place for the three parallel spaces; it is unknown who was responsible for placing the signs there.
- E. Mr. Goodall motioned to deny the proposal because the spaces would create an unsafe condition by allowing vehicles to back out into traffic and recommends the South Freeport Church consider other alternatives such as behind the church off of Church Road.
- F. Mr. Regier seconded the motion; all approved.

- IV. Update on 2016 Summer Parking Survey and Delegation of Traffic and Parking Committee Member to serve as an ad hoc member on the Parking Requirements Task Force**
- A. General discussion on growth and diversification of parking in the Village.
 - B. Ms. Geralyn Campanelli spoke and recommended an article titled “A Tale of Two Retail Towns – Freeport and Kittery”. The article was emailed to committee members on October 18 by request.
 - C. Discussion changed to the function of the Parking Requirements Task Force and how to handle the collected parking data and the adequacy of available parking under current conditions.
 - D. Mr. Parker nominated himself to serve on the ad hoc Parking Requirements task Force.
- V. Update by Accessibility Task Force to improve access to public facilities for people with disabilities.**
- A. Comment made that Council charged the committee to accommodate the Town with handicap parking.
 - B. Mr. Bliss stated that the sidewalk on the Petrillo’s side of Depot Street is owned by Timm Holdings LLC and not the Town.
 - C. In light of this information, Mr. Goodall motioned to table discussion for a crosswalk at this location and for Town Administration to determine the ownership and provide advice to the committee on how to proceed with installing the crosswalk.
 - D. Mr. Fusselman seconded, all approved.
- VI. Discuss proposal to install a Caution Deer Crossing sign on Curtis Road**
- A. Comment made that the request is based on anecdote with no supporting evidence by Public Safety.
 - B. Chief Nourse motioned to deny the proposal; Mr. Parker seconded; all approved.
- VII. Other Business**
- A. Mr. Goodall stated that Maine Beer Company will no longer conduct beer releases and will use a lottery system. This approach will resolve parking issues on Route 1.
 - B. Clarification made concerning crosswalk location at Double L Street was approved by the committee and referred to Council. Recommendation requires Council approval because the flashing beacons change the street aesthetic and because LL Bean would privately fund the crosswalk installation and future maintenance.
 - C. Ms. Geralyn Campanelli requested the committee evaluate crosswalk locations comprehensively rather than a case-by-case basis. Mr. Parker stated the Active Living committee that Ms. Campanelli serves on is responsible for this task and that the committee evaluates the merits of each one.
- VIII. Adjournment**
- A. Mr. Parker motioned to adjourn; Mr. Fusselman seconded; all approved.