

Approved - Wellfleet Parking Task Force II Minutes 12-18-2019

The Wellfleet **Parking Task Force II** (PTF) held a public meeting on Wednesday, December 18, 2019 at the Senior Center. The meeting started at 5:05 PM. The meeting was not videoed due to staffing issues.

Members Present Denny O'Connell, Wayne Clough, Bruce Katcher, Wil Sullivan, Dale Donovan, and Shelia Lyons

Regrets Ginny Parker, Dan Murray and Joe Aberdale

Announcements, Open Session & Public Comment None. Specific comments can be submitted to our Wellfleet municipal email address of parkingtaskforce@wellfleet-ma.gov.

Minutes The 11-13-2019 Parking Task Force minutes were reviewed and approved and will be posted to the towns PTF web link.

Review of Correspondence None.

Town Annual Report Submission

Denny O'Connell prepared and we reviewed a summary of our 2019 activities for inclusion in the 2019 Wellfleet Annual Report. A draft is below. Wayne Clough suggested adding a mention of our efforts to gather data for the Charter Vehicle activity at Cahoon Hollow.

Draft of the 2019 Annual Report of the Parking Task Force II Committee

The Parking Task Force II Committee (PTF) is charged with "the study of and recommendations for parking throughout town, including beaches and outlying areas". We view our role as working with staff to advise the Selectboard on parking issues. The Committee members are Dennis O'Connell (Chair), Dale Donovan (Vice Chair), Wayne Clough (Clerk), Joe Aberdale, Dr. Bruce Katcher, Sheila Lyons, Daniel Murray, Ginny Parker, and C. Wilson Sullivan. Janet Reinhart is the Selectboard liaison. We recognize and appreciate the support and guidance provided staff of the Community Services Department, the Police Department, and the Harbormaster's office. The committee met 18 times in 2019. The PTF generally meets on the first and third Wednesdays of the month at the Senior Center. Our meetings are posted in advance and have been videotaped to be available via the Town Website.

In 2019, we continued our efforts to identify the parking issues inherent in an area with increased usage and shrinking available land. Our goal is to advise the Selectboard with conclusions and options to make parking better for residents, visitors, and businesses. During 2019, we developed and analyzed three surveys regarding: 1.) the ocean beach parking for taxpayers' observations, 2.) the Marina parking for boaters and 3.) general town parking from the merchant's point of view. This year, we developed procedures to capture additional operational data, especially for ocean beach parking. Finally, we continued to benefit from taking testimony from various town officials and members of the public.

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The PTF is in the process of finalizing a presentation for the Selectboard which will also be given to the Wellfleet Forum. Detailed conclusions and recommendations are being finalized. We concluded that parking issues were generally well managed during the peak summer season of 2019. There were several reasons this was possible. Longer term, we believe that parking will always be a challenge in Wellfleet as 1.) parking spaces are lost to ocean-side erosion, 2.) the Marina parking will experience higher usage rates with the planned dredging and 3.) businesses expand without adequate provision of parking areas. Special events like the Parades, OysterFest, PorchFest, etc. will always require a town effort to accommodate all the parking needs.

We will continue to work with members of the Town staff to create specific recommendations. We appreciate the staff support to date.

Respectfully submitted,
The Parking Task Force II

Wellfleet Forum and Selectboard Presentation

Denny O'Connell ran through his updated PowerPoint draft for use in our presentation at the Wellfleet Forum and a Selectboard meeting. It included several new visual sides regarding Ocean View Drive and the parking lots. The members asked for several clarifications which were addressed. It was recommended the slide showing the number of historical sticker sales only include the total and do it as a bar chart. Also, it was recommended by Wayne Clough that a slide summarizing the results and benefits of allowing Charter Vehicles, provided they start paying a vehicle parking fee. In addition, he will prepare a slide on Ocean Beach Parking lot use. The spelling of Whitecrest/White Crest will be standardized.

Denny will provide an updated copy for review at the next meeting. Shelia Lyons will provide dates for scheduling our Forum on Parking.

Action Items and Future Agendas Topics

Denny O' Connell will update the presentation and book time for the next meeting.

Joe Aberdale will provide a breakdown of the spaces in lots A&B at the marina.

Shelia Lyons will provide dates for scheduling our Forum on Parking.

Wayne Clough will prepare slides for review on Charter Vehicles activity and their benefits, In addition, he will prepare a slide on Ocean Beach parking activity and data on Ocean Beach parking lot use.

Meeting adjourned at 6:22 PM

Next PTF Meeting: Wednesday, January 15th, 2019 @ **5:00 PM** at the Senior Center