

**TOWN OF PROVINCETOWN - BOARD OF SELECTMEN
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 10, 2015 5:00 p.m.
TOWN HALL – JUDGE WELSH ROOM**

Chairman Tom Donegan convened the open meeting at 5:00 p.m. noting the following:

Board of Selectmen attending: Tom Donegan, Erik Yingling, Cheryl Andrews, Raphael Richter, and Robert Anthony.

Other attendees: Town Manager David Panagore, Asst. Town Manager David Gardner, Police Chief Jim Golden, Cape Cod Commission Technical Services Director Glenn Cannon and Cape Cod Commission Transportation Planner Patrick Tierney, and Scholarships' Chairman Robert Speiser.

Recorder: Loretta Dougherty

1. Presentation of the Provincetown Parking and Circulation Study for the Town of Provincetown:

Glenn Cannon & Patrick Tierney told the Board that they are in the process of analyzing data. They are looking at alternatives now and hope to have them finalized by January and brought back to the Board before the spring traffic hearing is to be held. They are looking at different travel patterns into town; parking issues downtown relating to residents; utilization of parking throughout town; pricing schemes; roadways and intersections. How a one-way on Alden Street reversing the direction and a one-way on Conwell would impact the Town. They will be doing traffic counts using Bluetoad machines; getting parking data from the Parking Department, and working with the Bicycle Committee. Glenn gave an overview on PowerPoint noting that Conwell is the most active street coming into Town. McMillan Pier parking lot is utilized more for parking than the Grace Hall parking lot. They will present more data on the bicycle/pedestrian recommendations for the Town as well. All information will be available on the Cape Cod Commission's website and put on PTV. There was a brief discussion of the levels of service. These levels may be found on the PowerPoint presentation on the Town's website under the Board of Selectmen's section. They will bring back their findings to the Board at the first of February.

Patrick stated that there is a survey on the Cape Cod Commission website for anyone to fill out.

2. Public Hearing: 2015 Fall Traffic Hearing:

Item 1. Proposal by Gordon Siegel to extend the "no parking area" around the driveway at 18 Pleasant Street (Bradford Street side) for another foot in order to allow greater access to the driveway.

Team Recommendation: NOT RECOMMEND

Gordon Siegel presented his proposal to the Board. Anyone parking pulls up to the line and their car extends into his driveway. They do not have the ability to ask for a curb cut. He asked for a favorable vote.

Tom read correspondence; one in favor and several against.

Erik believes that this is an enforcement issue based upon review of the materials.

Cheryl asked Chief Golden for clarity regarding the legality of the vehicle hanging over the yellow line.

Chief Golden explained that if four tires are inside the legal footprint of the parking space they generally do not take any enforcement action. Only if there is another violation existing is it enforced.

Robert stated that the photo shows the car is impeding into the driveway. He believes that this could be an enforcement issue.

Tom stated we need to enforce it not move the line.

David G. stated that the spaces are not delineated; proponent has a good point. The front of the vehicle is going out into the driveway even though the tires are in back of the line.

MOTION: Move that the Board of Selectmen vote to not approve Traffic Proposal #1.

Motion: Raphael Richter

Seconded: Robert Anthony (for discussion)

Raphael stated that he appreciated the proponent bringing this item forward but it appears to him that this is an enforcement issue. This is an item for another season and we should keep it on the minds of the parking enforcement staff. He asked that the proponent make sure he calls for such enforcement when needed and hopefully this can be resolved without the need to take away parking.

Public Comment:

Devon Ruesch spoke out against this proposal.

Donna Cooper spoke out against this proposal.

Chris Snow spoke in favor of this proposal.

No further public comments.

David G. stated that we did not delineate spaces there. It is 49 linear ft. If we delineate, we will lose parking spaces. He stated that there is already a regulation that if you obstruct a driveway it is a violation.

Tom will vote to deny this proposal. He stated that we need to add a parking regulation which creates enforcement for these types of situations.

4/1/0 (Robert Anthony) Motion passed.

Item 2. Proposal by Dan Squire, Sean Kelly and Steve Munro to demark a “no parking area” and to remove two public parking spaces adjacent to 4 Bradford Street to allow gate access to the property for Unit #1 and Unit #2.

Team Recommendation: RECOMMENDS.

Dan Squire presented his proposal to the Board. He stated that only one parking spot was there when they moved in last year. A second one was added last winter. Unit #1 was blocked when he moved in. His front door had not been used for many years so there was a parking spot there. They have off street parking so they are not parking on Bradford Street

Sean Kelly stated that it is impossible to get out of the gate.

Cheryl is not in favor of removing any public parking spaces.

Tom would like to remove the spaces and do a study for bike racks to be put in. He recommends the Board approve and then refer to the Bicycle Committee for studying the possibility of putting bike racks there.

The proponents are in favor of bike racks.

MOTION: Move that the Board of Selectmen vote to eliminate two (2) parking spaces in front of 4 Bradford Street and refer this location to the Bicycle Committee for their recommendation for this location.

No public comments.

Motion: Erik Yingling

Seconded: Raphael Richter

4/1/0 (Cheryl Andrews) Motion passed.

Item 3. Proposal by Joseph Federico and Peter Betit to demark a “no parking area” adjacent to 23A Winthrop Street to allow gate access to the property.

Team Recommendation: RECOMMENDS.

Joseph Federico presented his proposal to the Board and wants yellow lines painted in front of his gate. He gave the Board an overview of photos.

MOTION: Move that the Board of Selectmen vote to approve Traffic Proposal #3.

No public comments.

Motion: Erik Yingling

Seconded: Raphael Richter

5/0/0 Motion passed.

Item 4. Proposal by Evelyn Gaudiano and Gary Vance to demark a “no parking area” adjacent to 3 Conant Street to prevent illegal parking in the Fire Lane from blocking walkway access to 3 Conant Street and to allow for proper back-out from the driveway across the street at 4 Conant Street. Request the installation of a “no parking” sign or demarcation in the street.

Team Recommendation: RECOMMENDS.

Gary Vance presented the proposal to the Board. He stated that even though it is a fire lane people continue to park there. They have called the Police Department and people do get ticketed, if they are caught. This proposal would help clarify that it is a no parking zone.

Erik is not in favor of this proposal.

Raphael suggested painting the fire lane; the fire lane painting appears to be inadequate.

David G. recommended putting up additional signage; staff supports being a part of the solution.

MOTION: Move that the Board of Selectmen approve traffic proposal #4.

No public comments.

Motion: Raphael Richter

Seconded: Robert Anthony

4/1/0 (Erik Yingling) Motion passed.

Item 5. Proposal by MaryJo Avellar to install a crosswalk on Bradford Street across from the stairway at Masonic Place.

Team Recommendation: NOT RECOMMEND.

Mary-Jo Avellar presented her proposal to the Board giving a brief description of how the public is coming out of the Grace Hall parking lot and walking down the sidewalk that stops in the middle of the hill. This causes them having to cross in the middle of the street where there is no crosswalk. People are always stepping out and then having to step back. There is no indication at the beginning of the sidewalk that they cannot continue all the way down the street. She believes that this is a very dangerous situation and is an accident waiting to happen.

Raphael stated that the problem is that we have a sidewalk to nowhere. He believes it would be very dangerous to cross there; but respects the intent of the proposal. Maybe we can do something with the sidewalk.

MOTION: Move that the Board of Selectmen vote to not approve Traffic Proposal #5, but refer potential changes to the Traffic Team for further review.

No public comments.

Motion: Raphael Richter
5/0/0 Motion passed.

Seconded: Cheryl Andrews

Item 6. Proposal by Kurt Reynolds and Richard Olson to install a “steep or blind slope ahead” and “speed limit 15 MPH” sign on Cemetery Road. Also consider the placement of removable-modular speed bumps on Cemetery Road during the high season.

Team Recommendation:

NOT RECOMMEND the installation of a “steep or blind ahead” sign.
RECOMMEND the installation of a 15 mph sign.
NOT RECOMMEND speed bumps.

Kurt Reynolds presented his proposal to the Board stating that there is always speeding on Cemetery Road and asked for the Board’s support to help alleviate it.

Erik supports the speed limit sign but not the other two proposals.

Raphael agrees with adding the speed limit sign.

Cheryl wants to see fewer signs.

Tom wants signs; it is a safety issue.

David G. stated that everyone is in agreement that the lanes are narrow and there is an issue with speeding. Staff is happy to add additional signage to remind drivers to slow their speed down on Cemetery Road.

MOTION: Move that the Board of Selectmen vote to approve installation of a 15mph speed limit sign at either end of Cemetery Road with exact language to be determined by the Traffic Team.

No public comments.

Motion: Raphael Richter

Seconded: Robert Anthony

4/1/0 (Cheryl Andrews) Motion passed.

Item 7. Proposal by Donna Cooper to install a “yield” sign on Shank Painter Road at the entrance ramp onto Route 6 Westbound.

Team Recommendation: RECOMMEND. Install “Yield” sign on right side entrance ramp.

Donna Cooper presented her proposal to the Board and stated that there is not a yield sign at this location and bikes and pedestrians are crossing there. Vehicles are not yielding at this location.

The Board agreed this was a good proposal for public safety.

MOTION: Move that the Board of Selectmen vote to approve installing a yield sign, as presented.

No public comments.

Motion: Erik Yingling

Seconded: Raphael Richter

5/0/0 Motion passed.

Item 8. Proposal by Donna Cooper to install a “yield” sign on Westbound Route 6 at the exit ramp at Conwell Street.

Team Recommendation: RECOMMEND. “Yield to Pedestrians” sign on right hand side prior to the exit ramp.

Donna Cooper presented her proposal to the Board asking to either replace the existing sign with a yield sign or to add a yield sign along with the existing sign which is a crosswalk sign only.

Tom is not opposed to this change.

Erik is not convinced that changing a sign is going to affect anything. Driver’s need to be more cognizant of what is happening around them.

Raphael agrees with Erik. The existing sign is positioned in an awkward position; it is so far away from where you would normally consider slowing down as a driver as opposed to being closer to the roadway.

MOTION: Move that the Board of Selectmen vote to not approve Traffic Proposal # 8.

No public comments.

Motion: Raphael Richter

Seconded: Erik Yingling

4/1/0 (Tom Donegan) Motion passed.

Item 9. Proposal by Donna Cooper to remove the handicapped parking space adjacent to 10 Brewster Street so that it can revert back to public parking.

Team Recommendation: NOT RECOMMEND.

Donna Cooper presented her proposal to the Board stating that there is no longer a need for this handicapped parking space at this location. This space was created for a person years ago who is no longer at this location. This parking space is never used and needs to go back to resident parking only.

David P. stated that if there was a need before but that need no longer exists then we are on safe grounds.

Herbie Hintze, Chairman of the Disability Committee, stated that this parking space can only be removed under Title 2 of the ADA, if it is diminishing parking to less than 5%. He challenges the Board to prove we have less than 5%. The

Disability Committee wants to protect all citizens in Provincetown.

Chris Snow stated that if we are not reaching the 5% we should give this better scrutiny.

Cheryl wants feedback from the Town Manager on how this is done in other towns. Do other towns do this on an as needed basis, if someone is in need, or do they look at the whole town and lay out a plan? She understands Ms. Cooper's need to have a space that is not being used at present. Our map should be updated on a regular basis.

Raphael noticed the unused spot of this handicapped parking as well. He believes we should try to find somewhere else in the neighborhood for this handicapped parking space. He will support this proposal but wants to postpone it until the spring.

Erik believes this is a bad idea to remove the handicapped space. He will not support it.

MOTION: Move that the Board of Selectmen table Traffic Proposal # 9 until the next Traffic Hearing, at which time the Traffic Team can propose potential other spots for handicapped space.

Motion: Raphael Richter

Seconded: Robert Anthony

5/0/0 Motion passed.

Item 10. Proposal by Donna Cooper to limit parking on side streets to one week only for vehicles without parking permits.

Team Recommendation: NOT RECOMMENDED AT THIS TIME.

Donna Cooper presented her proposal to the Board stating that there has been a car parked for over six months without moving. She asked for consideration to make the entire side streets resident parking only from Memorial Day to Labor Day.

Chris Snow is in favor of this as it is a very sensible idea to have it resident parking. Let's generate revenues in our parking lots that have diminished over the years.

Erik agrees with this idea. He would like to do it as a policy so that it will be resident only parking. He wants a discussion about this.

Cheryl agrees with Erik.

Tom is in favor of this.

Raphael agrees having a timeframe in certain spots. He believes that it is unwise to vote on it tonight; but should revisit it at another traffic hearing. It will be a big change for people.

David P. thinks it should be studied; cost for signage; enforcement issue. No abandoned vehicle bylaw – put warning on car and then in one week if still there remove it.

Robert wants to define town residents. Is it just for residents of Pearl Street, etc.?

David G. stated that permit districts include residents; non-residents, and resident commercial. There is no such thing as a Brewster Street permit, etc. Just for the record Barbara Rushmore is opposed to this.

MOTION: Move that the Board of Selectmen vote to not approve Traffic Proposal # 10.

Motion: Raphael Richter

Seconded: Erik Yingling

4/1/0 (Tom Donegan) Motion passed.

MOTION: Move that the Board of Selectmen request staff to consider the conversation we just had under this item and make a proposal to us at the next Traffic Hearing, as they deem fit.

Motion: Cheryl Andrews

Seconded: Raphael Richter

5/0/0 Motion passed.

Item 11. Proposal by Joerg Meixner to reduce the speed limit on Bradford Street to 25 MPH and to install a radar speed indicator sign Eastbound on Bradford adjacent to the existing Westbound sign on Bradford in the East End.

Team Recommendation: RECOMMEND installation of new radar speed indicator sign.

Joerg Meixner presented his proposal to the Board and stated that there is a yellow sign on the hill just before his house but it is obscured by plants. He is afraid to walk against oncoming traffic due to vehicles speeding. He actually feels vibrations in his house, especially from trucks.

Tom stated that the east/west bound traffic has different speed limits; 30 to 20 to 25 back to 30 at the east end. This makes no sense to him as a driver and believes we are solving a symptom of a much bigger problem. He wants to work with the state on solving this problem on Bradford Street. He will approve this proposal and would like to see more done.

Cheryl agrees with Tom regarding the state road. She stated that indicator signs help everyone to slow down. If we like them and we want to expand them let's have a process as to how we go about it. She asked Chief Golden to take a look at our town and see where they should go.

Raphael stated that there is also no speed limit sign for quite some distance. We need a speed limit indicator as well.

Karl Betten lives at 269 Bradford Street on the other side of the hill and his house shakes every time a truck goes by. He stated that it is also a safety issue for pedestrians. He is in favor of the proposal.

Chris Snow understands the problem being a resident of the east end. Indicators are mobile and can be moved to hotspots. He wanted to know if this is a permanent or temporary change.

Chief Golden stated that the town maintains five indicators. They have had three since 2013, they added 1 on Howland

Street in 2014, and one on McMillian Pier last year. They have one on Conwell Street and two on Bradford at each end of town. They were purchased with the intent of moving them around. Our roads are not travelled by just residents but others as well. His desire in the budget process is to ask for one for Shank Painter Road. He may ask for two now; one for this request. He is a big fan and has heard nothing adverse about them.

It was noted that Barbara Rushmore opposes this proposal.

MOTION: Move that the Board of Selectmen vote to approve Traffic Proposal # 11.

Chief Golden recommended asking for funding for two additional indicators at the next Town Meeting. He stated that we can move the one currently in the east end near the playground at present to address this need.

No further public comments.

Motion: Erik Yingling

Seconded: Raphael Richter

5/0/0 Motion passed.

Item 12. Proposal by Klaus Betten to install a radar speed indicator sign Eastbound on Bradford Street adjacent to the existing Westbound sign on Bradford in the East End.

Team Recommendation: Same as Item 11.

MOTION: Move that the Board of Selectmen vote to approve Traffic Proposal # 11.

No public comments.

Motion: Erik Yingling

Seconded: Raphael Richter

5/0/0 Motion passed.

Item 13. Proposal by Richard Arsenault to reduce the speed limit on Conwell Street from 30 MPH to 20 MPH.

Team Recommendation: NO ACTION NECESSARY AT THIS TIME.

Richard Arsenault presented his proposal to the Board stating that the speed limit is 30 mph when you pass the liquor store and then changes sharply to a 20 mph speed as noted by the speed sign when coming into town. As a pedestrian on the street he believes this is extremely hazardous.

DPW Director **Rich Waldo** stated that we have submitted requests to the state and they have stated that 30 mph is the correct speed for this location.

Erik would like to see us work with MassDOT to get the road back from the state. He will discuss this with the Town Manager.

Chief Golden stated that it is a challenging road to do enforcement on as there are three different speed limits. We should have uniformity on that road. The Department tries to use a motor cycle or a bicycle officer as a tool that works.

Cheryl believes that it is the signage that is the problem; not the people.

MOTION: Move that the Board of Selectmen vote to take no action on Traffic Proposal # 13, at this time.

No public comments.

Motion: Raphael Richter

Seconded: Cheryl Andrews

5/0/0 Motion passed.

Item 14. Proposal by Richard Arsenault to extend the sidewalks along Harry Kemp Way to (a) Howland Street, (b) Oak Street or (c) 52 Harry Kemp Way.

Team Recommendation: RECOMMENDS.

Richard Arsenault presented his proposal to the Board stating that the amount of foot traffic and bikes has increased in the last 16 years he has lived here. There is no one who drives 25 mph on that street and it is a very dark street. The neighborhood has changed. It is like a thruway with a destination at each end. He asked that sidewalks be put in so pedestrians have a safe place to walk.

Raphael thinks this is a great idea. He would support doing a stretch of it and prioritizing it in the CIP.

Cheryl wants to take a good look at it due to the tricky nature regarding any wetlands issues.

Tom stated that as you get closer to the condos you get more pedestrians.

Donna Cooper supports this proposal.

Chris Snow does not know where we are with this proposal. He has not seen any map and wonders if the sidewalk would constrict bicycle pathways. He is not against a sidewalk for public use; his concern is that you cannot have bikes and pedestrians competing with each other for area. He believes it requires study in various segments.

No further public comments.

MOTION: Move that the Board of Selectmen vote to refer Traffic Proposal # 14 to staff for further study.

Motion: Raphael Richter

Seconded: Erik Yingling

5/0/0 Motion passed.

Item 15. Proposal by Richard Arsenault to install a crosswalk on Shank Painter Road at the intersection of Jerome Smith Road.

Team Recommendation: NOT RECOMMEND AT THIS TIME.

Richard Arsenault presented his proposal to the Board stating that sooner or later there is going to be a big problem at this location. People cross here to go to the Bark Park with their dogs.

Jay Goodrich has lived here six months and sees dogs wanting to run across to the park as soon as they see it. This is a dangerous spot. He believes that a crosswalk at the intersection is needed.

David G. stated that he has one of those unruly dogs. A crosswalk to nowhere means there is no safe landing once you get to the other side of the road. A crosswalk means there is a safe crossing location on each side of the road for both a pedestrian landing as well as handicapped accessible.

Cheryl asked where people come from going to the Bark Park. She wants to make sure that the crosswalks are safe for the pedestrians.

Raphael stated that this is the worst intersection in Town. A little bit of pavement and good road marking may help. He wants to challenge staff to do more on this particular matter. He will not support this proposal as presented.

Erik read a statement from Barbara Rushmore in opposition to this proposal. He agrees this is a huge mess at this intersection but does not believe that a crosswalk is the answer without putting in sidewalks also.

Tom appreciates the intent of the proposal but does not believe this is the right proposal. He suggested looking at this as part of the development at the VFW site.

David P. stated that every state highway ends at a stop sign somewhere. This is an issue everywhere. This intersection needs to be looked at. It is about coming off the roadway that drives a lot of this. These are very expensive undertakings, but very important to do. It would require a reconstruction and realignment.

MOTION: Move that the Board of Selectmen vote to not approve Traffic Proposal # 15.

No further public comments.

Motion: Erik Yingling

Seconded: Raphael Richter

5/0/0 Motion passed.

A brief discussion was held regarding the dangerous nature of this intersection and it was agreed that a conversation should take place among staff on prioritizing any redesign and reconstruction prior to the installation of any crosswalks. A motion was offered.

MOTION: Move that the Board of Selectmen ask staff and the Cape Cod Commission to prepare a short-term solution to make this intersection safer.

Motion: Raphael Richter

Seconded: Robert Anthony

5/0/0 Motion passed.

Item 16. Proposal by Richard Arsenault to install a "speed limit" and "pedestrian crosswalk" sign (Proposal #14) on Shank Painter Road just after the intersection of Route 6.

Team Recommendation: RECOMMEND install pedestrian crossing ahead for the existing crosswalk.

Richard Arsenault thinks this proposal will be addressed at the same time as item 15 regarding the intersection.

MOTION: Move that the Board of Selectmen vote to not approve Traffic Proposal # 16.

Motion: Erik Yingling

Seconded: Raphael Richter

5/0/0 Motion passed.

Item 17. Proposal by Richard Arsenault to make Conwell Street one-way south bound between (a) Route 6, (b) Ann Paige Lane or (c) Cemetery Road and Bradford Street (towards Bradford Street) and install a sidewalk and bike path on Conwell Street. Direct traffic exiting from town down Bradford Street to Howland Street.

Team Recommendation: NOT RECOMMEND AT THIS TIME.

Richard Arsenault asked for a short-term fix until this can be fully looked at. He stated that there are people on Conwell Street walking in both directions between Harry Kemp Way and Bradford Street.

Donna Walker encouraged the Board not to recommend at this time. She would not like to see a one way going into Town.

Robert Russell has lived off Conwell Street since 1972 but has lived here all his life. He is not in favor of Conwell becoming a one-way.

Cheryl stated that this proposal has come before the Board about four times already. The number of places in Provincetown where pedestrians and bikes share space has doubled or tripled in the past 15 years. Everyone needs to learn to share the road. The solution is to slow everyone down and keep them slowed down in the summer. This is where we live and when considering traffic pattern changes they should be considered for those who live here.

Raphael is very open minded to a proposal like this regarding traffic, but traffic flow that will inconvenience residents is not ok. We must think about the greater good for the town. He is not going to vote for it tonight and would like to see a study done.

Tom believes that everyone who uses a GPS is sent to Conwell Street on the way in. The Cape Cod Commission will look into solutions for Conwell Street in combination with Howland Street. There is a solution to be had.

Erik will wait to hear from the experts.

MOTION: Move that the Board of Selectmen vote to not approve Traffic Proposal # 17.

No further public comments.

Motion: Raphael Richter
5/0/0 Motion passed.

Seconded: Erik Yingling

Item 18. Proposal by Donna Walker to make Center Street restricted to resident permits only / no commercial plates. Also request that the no parking area in front of the gate adjacent to 9 Center Street be removed.

Team Recommendation: NOT RECOMMEND removal of the no parking area in front of existing gates pursuant to existing regulations.

Donna Walker asked that the X be put in front of the gate. The new residents have offset it from where the X was initially. She wants to make sure that the two parking spaces are still viable.

Cheryl wants to look at the policy and make sure we are not taking away street parking.

Tom does not want to see the Board do anything in this instance.

Peter Page lives on Brewster Street and his company owns a van and has to have commercial plates. He asked that commercial plates not be excluded; where are workers going to park? He would like to see this addressed.

David G. stated that the current interpretation of the policy is that all authorized permits we issue can park in those districts. Resident commercial permit holders can park in the resident parking area.

MOTION: Move that the Board of Selectmen vote to discuss Traffic Proposal #18, as a future agenda item.

No further public comments.

Motion: Raphael Richter
5/0/0 Motion passed.

Seconded: Robert Anthony

Item 19. Proposal by Donna Walker to remove the no parking area in front of the entrance to 9 Center Street.

Team Recommendation: NOT RECOMMEND removal of the no parking area in front of existing gates pursuant to existing regulations.

Donna Walker is trying to make the other side available to two cars. Two cars have been parking there forever. To make it legal take 3 to 6 inches off this block it still provides adequate access to his entrance way.

Tom wants to make it two legal spots.

Erik wants to just leave it as it is currently.

Raphael will not approve this item. People have been parking there for years.

MOTION: Move that the Board of Selectmen vote to not approve Traffic Proposal #19.

No public comments.

Motion: Raphael Richter
5/0/0 Motion passed.

Seconded: Erik Yingling

Item 20. Proposal by Donna Walker to install a new sign adjacent to the Library to read: One Hour Parking for Library Friday – Monday 10:00 am to 5:00 pm and Tuesday – Thursday 10:00 am to 8:00 pm; Permit Parking only Friday - Monday 5:00 pm to 10:00 am and Tuesday – Thursday 8:00 pm to 10:00 am.

Team Recommendation: NOT RECOMMEND the proposed sign. Alternative sign that simply states “One Hour Parking for Library 10 am to 8 pm”.

Donna Walker stated that the alternative recommended by the team works for her.

MOTION: Move that the Board of Selectmen vote to recommend the alternate sign; “One Hour Parking for Library 10:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. for Traffic Proposal # 20.

Motion: Selectman Richter

Seconded: Selectman Anthony

Chief Golden requested the Board to amend the motion by adding, “Resident parking at all other times.”

The motion was amended.

MOTION: Move that the Board of Selectmen vote to recommend the alternate sign; “One Hour Parking for Library 10:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. - Resident Parking At All Other Times.”

No public comments.

Motion: Raphael Richter
5/0/0 Motion passed.

Seconded: Robert Anthony

Tom asked for a short break at 8:10 p.m. Board returned to the meeting at 8:18 p.m.

Item 21. Proposal by Lee Giroux to install speed limit signs on Franklin Street and a stop sign at Franklin Street and Race Road.

Team Recommendation: NOT RECOMMEND.

The proponent did not show up for this proposal. No action was taken.

Item 22. Proposal by Jay Gurewitsch on behalf of Provincetown 365 to paint bike “sharrows” in the center of the northbound lane of Shank Painter Road from Bradford Street to Route 6. Paint bike symbols and southbound arrows on the shoulder of the southbound side of Shank Painter Road from Bradford Street to the Stop and

Shop. Paint bike “sharrows” on Shank Painter Road between Stop and Shop and Province Road. Paint bike symbols and southbound arrows between Province Road and Route 6. Install additional “Share the Road” signs from Stop and Shop to Route 6 on the Southbound side

Team Recommendation: RECOMMEND.

Jay Gurewitsch understands that plans are moving forward to fix Shank Painter Road. On the northbound side there are a few places you can put a bike lane; drivers/bikers understand the “sharrows” markings. This makes it much safer for the bikers/pedestrians and drivers. Diagrams were reviewed: Section A is Bradford to first parking entrance Stop N’ Shop; do bike lane in A & C. Section B does not have enough space; only if you take back Town land.

Peter Page is not in favor of this. He went down Shank Painter Road and was able to easily pass bikers and they could easily move over. He does not want to go 5 mph behind bikers on Shank Painter.

Rick Ahlberg supports this proposal wholeheartedly. These markings are much safer, legal and what is expected in terms of Massachusetts law. The edge of the road is pretty dangerous in some areas. We need to share the space that we have. This is a simple thing and helps educate everyone. It is a good first step in getting some bikes onto Shank Painter Road.

Tom believes that ultimately something has to improve for both pedestrians and bikers. The Cape Cod Commission plans to make this busier and he wants to know what they were recommending. He wanted to know if the Bicycle Committee has any recommendations.

Rik stated that the Committee has not voted on this as yet.

Raphael will vote for this exact proposal, if there is not something better coming out of the CCC parking study. He is in favor of postponing this proposal at this time.

Cheryl believes that anything that slows people down is a good thing.

Chief Golden stated that on all of our roads bikes are treated just like vehicles. They have to adhere to all motor vehicle signs.

Erik thinks this is a great idea. In the interim this is a very easy way to make it safer.

Town Planner **Gloria McPherson** informed the Board that the Planning Board voted on this and recommended 5/0/0.

Tom wants to wait until the spring; we want to get it right.

MOTION: Move that the Board of Selectmen vote to continue Traffic Proposal # 22 to the next Traffic Hearing in the spring.

No further public comments.

Motion: Raphael Richter

Seconded: Robert Anthony

4/1/0 (Erik Yingling) Motion passed.

Item 23. Proposal by Rik Ahlberg on behalf of Provincetown 365 to paint sharrows in the center travel lanes in each direction on Conwell Street from Bradford Street to Cemetery Road. Install “bicycles may use full lane” signs in both directions.

Team Recommendation: RECOMMEND between Bradford and Harry Kemp Way only as the remainder is State Road.

Rik Ahlberg stated that this proposal is simple and is only on a short portion of the road.

David G. believes that sharrows really belong in the middle of the road. There are no sides of the road available for bikers. Pedestrians walk along the side of the road.

Tom stated that there are not many options for this road; this is a good solution for this area. He still wants to be consistent and wait until the Cape Cod Commission weighs in.

Raphael agreed with Tom.

Cheryl is very excited about this proposal and would like to see it from Bradford Street all the way up to Route 6.

MOTION: Move that the Board of Selectman vote to postpone Traffic Proposal #23 until the next traffic hearing.

No public comments.

Motion: Raphael Richter

Seconded: Robert Anthony

4/1/0 (Erik Yingling) Motion passed.

Gloria McPherson stated that the Planning Board had voted to recommend this item as presented.

Tom wants to see a comprehensive plan and made a motion.

MOTION: Move that the town petition the state to add bicycle safety markings, “sharrows” or otherwise, at the Town’s discretion, on all state owned roads in the Town of Provincetown with the state’s permission.

Motion: Tom Donegan

Seconded: Cheryl Andrews

3/1/1 (Erik Yingling-Against & Raphael Richter-Abstained) Motion passed.

Item 24. Proposal by Brandon Quesnell on behalf of Provincetown 365 to install bike racks at the following locations: 1) Racks to accommodate 26 bikes at the Pearl Street Town Landing; 2) Racks to accommodate 66 bikes at the Johnson Street Parking Lot by moving the parking lane inward by 8 feet; 3) Racks to accommodate 54 bikes at the Court Street Town Landing; and 4) to install “bike parking” signs on Commercial Street at each location.

Team Recommendation: RECOMMEND racks to be installed at the Pearl St Landing and Court Street Landing and to install signs at both locations. DO NOT RECOMMEND AT THIS TIME the restriping of Johnson Street Parking Lot as the proposal needs further consideration. Police and Fire express concerns about turning radius and alignment with Johnson Street.

David P. wants some time to figure out the appropriate process. The Police and Fire Departments both have objections. **Tom** wanted to set the Johnson Street portion of the proposal aside for the moment.

Erik wants the Board to vote on it either up or down.

David G. stated that the parking lot requires special permits from the Zoning Board. The Johnson Street parking lot has been there a very long time. He requested that the Board just hear out the proposal on Johnson Street even if they decide not to vote on it.

Cheryl did not want to take this up right now as it would not be productive.

Rik Ahlberg stated that the Bicycle Committee voted 4/0/0 in favor of the entire proposal. Twenty-six bicycles can be parked at Pearl Street near the coffee shop. Seventy bicycles can fit on the Court Street racks. These are good locations.

Kellie Blake was not in favor of this. It is right outside the front door of many property owners.

Raphael lives in an apartment near the Court Street landing and feels he can participate in this discussion. He is in support of the Pearl Street racks as there is no wide spread inconvenience. He will vote against the Court Street request as the rear tires of the bikes would be 8 ft. from the wall. The section between the firehouse and Commercial Street is not a good fit.

Robert will not support Pearl Street as the width of the landing is not enough and it is an inconvenience to the property owners. He will support Court Street racks.

Erik believes this is a very solid proposal and supports both areas.

Cheryl wants to make sure that there are no legal issues with these landings relative to Chapter 91 and its being the Harbor's bailiwick. If legal she will be on board.

Tom wanted to know how this will be paid for; CIP?

Rik A. stated that the Cape Cod Commission has a program allocating \$50,000 toward bike racks and monies from the General Fund per the Finance Committee may be possible. Retail price without custom logo is \$1,000; \$14,000 including Johnson Street.

DPW Director **Rich Waldo** agrees with Raphael regarding the Court Street landing. It is a very strategic location and needs adequate clearance for traffic as well as there being a sewer pit in back of the landing which needs to be considered.

No further public comments.

1) MOTION: Move that the Board of Selectmen vote to approve as presented, the Pearl Street Landing proposal.

Motion: Raphael Richter

Seconded: Erik Yingling

A brief discussion was held and it was agreed that property residents should be considered in the motion. The motion was amended.

MOTION: Move that the Board of Selectmen vote to approve as presented, the Pearl Street Landing proposal with the addition of signs that bicyclists should be respectful of property owners.

David G. stated that we would need to go before the Harbor Committee to verify particulars as to how this may impact their use of the Pearl Street Landing.

David P. asked the Board to amend the motion by adding to the language, "subsequent to any prior approvals." The motion was amended again.

MOTION: Move that the Board of Selectmen vote to approve as presented, the Pearl Street Landing proposal with the addition of signs that bicyclists should be respectful of property owners, subsequent to any prior approvals required.

4/1/0 (Robert Anthony) Motion passed.

2) No action was taken on the Johnson Street Parking Lot item.

3) MOTION: Move that the Board of Selectmen approve the installation of bike racks on Court Street Landing extending north from the telephone pole on the west side of the Landing to 10 feet from the narrower part of the roadway with approval from any other boards.

Motion: Raphael Richter

Seconded: Robert Anthony

5/0/0 Motion passed.

4) MOTION: Move that the Board of Selectmen approve installing bike parking signs on Commercial Street and any location where there are provided bike racks and racks are not visible and right on the street.

Motion: Raphael Richter

Seconded: Cheryl Andrews

5/0/0 Motion passed.

Item 25. Proposal by Terese Nelson to prohibit truck traffic from turning onto Court Street from Commercial Street and to designate Court Street a "one way" only from Bradford Street to Commercial Street.

Team Recommendation: RECOMMEND No delivery trucks on Court Street. NOT RECOMMEND the change in direction of one way traffic on Court Street.

Terese Nelson has had two accidents happen to her property causing costly property damage. There is a lot of traffic around her property. John Yingling is an abutter; it is their feeling that Court Street has become a funnel. The big problem is with large trucks. She has had to spend close to \$10,000 twice this year on repairs. The main concern is prohibiting the trucks. Having traffic come down Court Street rather than up would be safer.

Chief Golden knows that when trying to make a turn with a big truck is more apt to cause an accident than with other vehicles. This will provide some relief.

Robert asked how we are going to distinguish between large trucks and small trucks.

Raphael stated that the large delivery trucks are the intent of this proposal.

MOTION: Move that the Board of Selectmen vote to approve the Traffic Team recommendation for Traffic Proposal # 25, for new signage indicating no delivery trucks on Court Street.

Motion: Raphael Richter

Seconded: Erik Yingling

4/0/1 (Robert Anthony-Abstained) Motion passed.

Item 26. Proposal by the Parking Department to create a new seasonal parking permit for Guesthouses at \$375 per space for use in the VFW and Jerome Smith Lots only.

Team Recommendation: RECOMMEND. Spaces will be made available temporarily at the VFW Lot. A limited number of spaces can be made available at Jerome Smith Lot depending on demand once the VFW lot is no longer available.

Austin Fiszal operates a guest house and does not want to tell his guests that he has no parking for them. Other guest houses are very excited about this idea also.

Raphael does not believe that \$375 is enough to charge and asked what the free market cost would be.

Austin stated that it is \$800 per space for tourism season Memorial day through Halloween.

Raphael is happy to support this but would like to make the amount \$500.

Tom feels that \$375 is too low.

A brief discussion was held on the amount to be charged.

MOTION: Move that the BOS create a new seasonal parking permit for guesthouses at \$500 per space for use in the VFW and Jerome Smith lots only.

Motion: Raphael Richter

Seconded: Robert Anthony

Austin would like to see a cap put on the number of permits for each guesthouse. He would like to see five (5) per guesthouse.

Erik feels that this is a good idea.

Raphael wanted to know how many spaces total are there.

Parking Administrator **Domenic Rosati** stated that the VFW has 92 spots and 54 spots in Jerome Smith.

Tom would like to see if it works and do it for employees who live in Truro also.

Chief Golden wanted to make sure it would not affect renting the lot for our events each year.

Austin stated that given prior notice he can work around any event.

A brief discussion was held and an amendment was made to the motion.

MOTION: Move that the BOS create a new seasonal parking permit for guesthouses at \$500 per space for use in the VFW and Jerome Smith lots only based upon availability, at the town's discretion.

No public comments.

Tom wants to make sure that the parking regulations will reflect this process, if they do not already exist.

5/0/0 Motion passed.

3. Other: An agenda item carried over from the Monday, November 9th meeting regarding the Board of Selectmen's 2016 Meeting Calendar was discussed.

Cheryl would like to see only one traffic hearing held during the fall of every year. It would be the Annual Traffic Hearing.

David G. would like a traffic hearing in the fall rather than the spring.

Raphael noted that we have referred some items to a spring hearing already this evening.

Cheryl believes that the Board can just have a hearing for a follow up for this evening's items.

The Board was in agreement.

The Board voted to go into Executive Session at approximately 10:07 p.m. as follows:

MOVE that the Board of Selectmen vote to go into Executive Session pursuant to MGL c30A, Section 21(a), Clauses 1, 2, 3, 5, 6, & 8 for the purposes of:

Clause 6 - To consider the purchase of, exchange, lease or value of real estate, if the chair declares that an open meeting may have a detrimental effect on the negotiating position of the public body. VFW (3 Jerome Smith Road) and related parcels. Old Community Center (46 Bradford Street). Votes may be taken.

Clauses 1, 2, 3, 5, 6, & 8 – To consider the approval and/or release of BOS Executive Session minutes for August 18, 2014; April 27, 2015; September 14, 2015; September 21, 2015; October 5, 2015, and October 13, 2015. Votes may be taken.

and not to convene in open session thereafter.

Roll Call Vote: **Tom Donegan: Yes**
 Erik Yingling: Yes
 Cheryl Andrews: Yes
 Raphael Richter: Yes
 Robert Anthony: Yes

The Board went into Executive Session at approximately 10:09 p.m.

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