

TOWN OF PROVINCETOWN - BOARD OF SELECTMEN

ANNUAL TRAFFIC HEARING – TUESDAY, MARCH 16, 2010

LARKIN HALL, 5 HOLWAY AVENUE

Chairman Michele Couture opened the meeting at 6:02 PM noting the following attendees: Michele Couture, David Bedard Mary-Jo Avellar, Elaine Anderson and Austin Knight

Other attendees: Town Manager Sharon Lynn, Assistant Town Manager David Gardner, Chief of Police Jeff Jaran, DPW Deputy Director Sandy Turner, Parking Administrator Dominic Rosati

Recorder: Vernon G. Porter

The following are meeting minutes, in brief.

MOTION: *Move that the Board of Selectmen wave the reading of the Public Hearing.*

Motion By: Mary-Jo Avellar **Seconded by:** Austin Knight Yea 5 Nay 0

#1. Citizens Proposals

Item 1-A. Improve visibility at the corner of Court and Bradford Street by either installing a convex mirror opposite Court Street or making the block on Bradford Street West of Court a “No Parking” zone. (*Requested by: Diana Fabbri*)

Team Recommendation: ***We do not recommend.*** There are two no parking areas to the west of Court Street on Bradford St., which were approved a few years ago through a Traffic Hearing. The convex mirror would disappear in a day or two. If cars are parked in an area of No Parking citizens need to call the police. – **See photo and aerial shot.**

Item 1-A. Board Action: **MOTION:** *Move that the Board of Selectmen vote to table this item.*

Motion by: Mary-Jo Avellar Seconded by: Austin Knight Yea 5 Nay 0

Item 1-B. Install “Wrong Way” sign on Commercial Street just west of the intersection with Tremont and Franklin Streets. (*Requested by: Sharon Graziano*)

Team Recommendation: ***We do recommend.*** We are recommending that we install a DO NOT ENTER on the north side of Commercial St., one already exist on the south side. We will also paint DO NOT ENTER – ONE WAY in the street. – **See aerial and photos.**

Pubic Comments

Alix Brown – In favor of this request.

Item 1-B. Board Action: **MOTION:** *Move that the Board of Selectmen vote to accept the Team Recommendation to install a DO NOT ENTER sign on the north side of Commercial Street and paint the street DO NOT ENTER – ONE WAY.*

Motion by: Austin Knight Seconded by: Mary-Jo Avellar Yea 5 Nay 0

Item 1-C. Repaint yellow curb and install "No Parking" sign in front of 536 Commercial St. *(Requested by: Karen Graham and Kristen Schmidt).*

Team Recommendation: *We do not recommend.* There is no health/safety reason that the parking in front of 536 Commercial Street should be removed. Very few properties in the east end have on property parking, so parking in the east end is at a premium. **See aerial and photos.**

Item 1-C. Board Action: MOTION: *Move that the Board of Selectmen vote to accept the Team recommendation not to recommend.*

Motion by: *Austin Knight* Seconded by: *Mary-Jo Avellar* Yea 5 Nay 0

Item 1-D. Remove current parking space at front of entrance to 29 Conant Street. *(Requested by: Frank Catania).*

Team Recommendation: *We do recommend.* This is a brick sidewalk entrance into this down stairs apartment where a disabled tenant with a wheel chair can't get to his apartment or leave if someone is parked in front of this residence sidewalk. **See aerial photo.**

Item 1-D. Board Action: MOTION: *Move that the Board of Selectmen vote to accept the Teams recommendation.*

Motion by: *Mary-Jo Avellar* Seconded by: *Austin Knight* Yea 5 Nay 0

Item 1-E. Install "No Right Turn" sign on Railroad Ave facing Johnson Street Ext. *(Requested by: James Turner and Tony Sampson)*

Team Recommendation: *We do recommend.* To install a no right hand turn from Johnson Street Ext onto Railroad Ave in addition install a sign warning oncoming traffic as Railroad Ave changes to Center Street. This will also stop traffic from Railroad Ave trying to make a left turn onto Conwell St. essentially making Railroad Ave. a one-way street east to west. **See aerial photo.**

Public Comments:

- 1) Statement read into the record by Alan M. Olszewski in opposition. See attachment #1
- 2) Paul ? - in opposition
- 3) Ed Walsh – in opposition
- 4) Tony Sampson - 4 Conwell St. Shrubs need to be cut back and it would solve the problem.

Chairman Couture read all the email comments relative to this matter into the record.

Item 1-E. Board Action: MOTION: *Move that the Board of Selectmen vote to table this item until a traffic survey, at this location, can be conducted by the Cape Cod Commission.*

Motion by: *Mary-Jo Avellar* Seconded by: *Elaine Anderson* Yea 5 Nay 0

Item 1-F. Install four-way stop signs at intersection of Tremont Street and Mechanic Street (Requested by: Sharon Graziano)

Team Recommendation: *We do not recommend.* This is not a high traffic area and no need for 4-way stop signs. Mechanic St is two-way from Commercial St to Tremont St with a stop sign at Tremont St. Mechanic St from Tremont to Bradford St is one-way. **See aerial photo.**

Item 1-F. Board Action: MOTION: *Move that the Board of Selectmen vote to accept the Teams recommendation not to recommend.*
Motion by: Austin Knight Seconded by: Mary-Jo Avellar Yea 5 Nay 0

Item 1-G. Make Franklin Street one-way from Commercial Street to Bradford Street (Requested by: Ben and Patricia Stone)

Team Recommendation: *We do not recommend.* Franklin St is the only street that can handle boats 26' or larger that are trying to get to the West End Boat Ramp. None of the smaller side street from Franklin to West Vine Street can accommodate these boats with trailers. Franklin Street is a main artery in the west end from Bradford St to Commercial and visa versa. **See aerial photo.**

Public Comments

- Eric Yingling, Alix Brown, and Joe Mel – Opposed to this request.
 - Brad Mayeux - 114 Commercial Street – Property has been damaged on numerous occasions. Commercial trucks are the issue. Make one way from Bradford to Commercial.
 - Bob Sanborn - Recommends making it one way from Commercial to Bradford.
 - Scott O'Connor - Owner of Perry's Liquor. Store has been hit several five times in this area.
 - Sharon Graziano – Objects to one way. Put up sign NO Buses or Delivery Trucks up towards Bradford.
 - [Steven Arizoni ?](#) - 25 Frankin Street – Supports this request.
- Michele Couture read email comments into the record from Stephen Fletcher and Michael Walden.

Item 1-G. Board Action: MOTION: *Move that the Board of Selectmen vote to accept the Teams recommendation not to recommend.*
Motion by: Austin Knight Seconded by: Mary-Jo Avellar Yea 5 Nay 0

Item 1-H. Create an “Abandoned Vehicle” regulation that stipulates the maximum time an out-of-town vehicle can be parked in one spot before being ticketed and towed. (Requested by: Robert Sanborn).

Team Recommendation: *We have no recommendation.* This is a policy issue, plus we don't have a towing compound. Existing towing companies do not like to tow abandoned vehicles because no one claims an abandoned vehicle so cost of towing and the cost of disposal falls on the towing company.

Public Comments

Eric Yingling - Is not in favor of this proposal.
Margot Page - Doesn't want to single out anyone.

Item 1-H. Board Action: MOTION: *Move that the Board of Selectmen vote to table this item until after town meeting.*

Motion by: Mary-Jo Avellar Seconded by: Elaine Anderson Yea 5 Nay 0

Item 1-I. Install signage at south exit from the Grace Gouveia Building to prevent vehicles from turning the wrong way on Alden Street. (*Requested by: Bernice Howe*).

Team Recommendation: Recommended: DPW was ordered by police to install these signs immediately so drivers would not turn left onto Alden in the area that is one-way. **See aerial photo.**

Item 1-I. Board Action: *No action needed. Signs have been installed.*

Item 1-J. Relocate “No Parking” sign on east side of Howland to create visibility for cars exiting 3rd driveway from Bradford Street. (*Requested by: Elizabeth Patrick*).

Team Recommendation: *We recommend.* Howland Street has NO ON STREET PARKING at all. We recommend that we install signs at several locations on both the east and west sides of Howland St., that will simply state No Parking On Howland Street. **See aerial photo.**

Item 1-J. Board Action: MOTION: *Move that the Board of Selectmen vote to accept the Teams recommendation to place signs “NO ON-STREET PARKING” on all of Howland Street..*

Motion by: Mary-Jo Avellar Seconded by: Austin Knight Yea 5 Nay 0

Item 1-K. Make Route 6 two lanes from Shank Painter Road to CCNS. Use current northbound lanes for parking for reduced rates and include shuttle pass into Town. (*Requested by: Ted Malone*).

Team Recommendation: *We have no recommendation, as this is policy decision.*

Public Comments

Celine Gandolfo – Speaking for the Conservation Trust. They are opposed to this recommendation.

Item 1-K. Board Action: MOTION: *Move that the Board of Selectmen vote to take no action at this time. (Have Glen Campbell from Cape Cod Commission look at this site when he does the others.)*

Motion by: Mary-Jo Avellar Seconded by: David Bedard Yea 5 Nay 0

Item 1-L. On Bradford Street Ext. from West Vine Street to Province Lands Road, eliminate confusing “Bicycles Only” and “Pedestrians Only” designations on sidewalks and allow bicycles (*Requested by: Ted Malone*).

Team Recommendation: We do not recommend. Putting bikes or people into the street in that area is an accident waiting to happen. We would expect people to have some common courtesy when using what the town has provided, a bike path and a walking path. By elimination one path does not solve the dangers of that area of Bradford St Extension.

Michele Couture read email from Jeffrey Epstein and Dany Soucy owners of Gale Force Bicycle Shop and The Beach Market.

Item 1-L. Board Action: MOTION: *Move that the Board of Selectmen vote to have shared signage for pedestrian and bicyclist in the direct of the flow of traffic.*

Motion by: Austin Knight Seconded by: Mary-Jo Avellar Yea 5 Nay 0

Item 1-M. Eliminate 2 parking spaces at 26 Bradford, trim hedges and create lanes on both sides of pedestrians and bicycles. (*Requested by: David Bedard*).

Team Recommendation: We recommend the elimination of the two parking spaces in front of 26 Bradford St, but do not recommend cutting hedges to create lanes pedestrian or bike lanes.

David Bedard recused himself as he is the proponent of this request.

Chairman Couture read email into record from Ben Burnham in favor of this request.

Item 1-M. Board Action: MOTION: *Move that the Board of Selectmen vote to eliminate the two parking spaces at 26 Bradford Street.*

Motion by: Mary-Jo Avellar Seconded by: Austin Knight Yea 4 Nay 0

Austin Knight - hedges encroaching all over town. (DPW is working on this.)

#2 – No Police Requests

#3 – No Parking Requests

Motion to adjourn by Elaine Anderson at 8:15 PM

Minutes transcribed by: Vernon G. Porter, Secretary to Board of Selectmen
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