

TOWN OF PROVINCETOWN - BOARD OF SELECTMEN

ANNUAL TRAFFIC HEARING – MONDAY, MARCH 28, 2005

JUDGE WELSH HEARING ROOM

Acting Chairman Mary-Jo Avellar opened the meeting at 6:00 PM noting the following attendees:

Board of Selectmen: Mary-Jo Avellar, Michele Couture, Richard Olson

Excused Absence: Cheryl Andrews and Sarah Peake

Other attendees: Town Manager Keith Bergman, DPW Deputy Director Sandy Turner and Chief of Police Ted Meyer

Recorder: Vernon G. Porter

The following are meeting minutes, in brief.

Item 1

Close Commercial Street to all parking during July 4th and Carnival parades.

(Requested by Ted Meyer, Chief of Police)

Team Recommendation: The Team recommends approval. We have had many issues during the last couple of years with trying to accommodate parking along Commercial Street and providing safe passage with the large trailers towing large floats down Commercial Street. For the safety of the people enjoying the parades, the people in the parades, for the protection of personnel property (cars) and to eliminate the delays (trying to find owners of vehicles the floats can't get by) we highly recommend the approval of this request.

Item 1 Board Action: MOTION: *Move that the Board of Selectmen vote to close Commercial Street to all parking beginning three hours before the July 4th and Carnival Parades.*

Motions by: Michele Couture **Seconded by:** Richard Olson **Yea 3 Nay 0**

Item 2

Designate parking on Center Street along the length of the Provincetown Library property line to include a loading zone, one handicapped space and five one hour time-restricted spaces between 9AM and 6PM. *(Requested by Board of Library Trustees)*

Team Recommendation: The Team recommends approval as advertised in the 2005 Annual Spring Traffic Public Hearing. The layout would be designed for one 24-foot loading and drop-off zone, one 21-foot handicapped parking space, and five 18-foot Time-Restricted Parking spaces. This entire area from Commercial Street is 172' long. The areas described above will account for 135 feet, thus leaving a 20-foot setback from Commercial Street, an 8-foot ADA-compliant entrance to the west side for elevator access, plus a 6-foot zone on the back of the Library for sidewalk access. That is a total of 169 feet. The remaining three feet will be used for 4" and 8" paint lines to demarcate the various areas.

Item 2 Board Action: MOTION: *Move that the Board of Selectmen vote to designate parking on Center Street along the length of the Provincetown Library property line to include a loading zone, one handicapped space, and five one hour time-restricted spaces between 9 a.m. and 6 p.m..*

Motions by: Michele Couture **Seconded by:** Richard Olson **Yea 3 Nay 0**

Item 3

Create a Four-Way Stop at the intersection of Bradford and Howland Streets. *(Requested by Bart Weisman and others)*

Team Recommendation: The Team does not recommend a Four-Way Stop at this intersection. This particular request has been brought before several past Spring Traffic Hearing and has been not recommended by the team. We

have in the past put traffic-calming techniques in place, restricted parking on the corners to include the use of the 1st space at the store, which now has 8 concrete bollards in place. As the photos make clear, the bollards restrict parking on the corner of the store, parking has been pushed back on the east side of Howland on Bradford, the No Parking Sign going west was moved out of the hedges for better visibility, and 20 MPH bright fluorescent green signs were added. *Please note that according to police reports this area has no history of accidents.*

Item 3 Board Action: MOTION: Move that the Board of Selectmen vote to table this agenda item until April 11, 2005.

Motions by: Michele Couture Seconded by: Richard Olson Yea 3 Nay 0

Item 4

Move the parking space in from of 6 Johnson Street, which blocks the walkway. *(Requested by Mary Alice Wells and Cass Benson)*

Team Recommendation: The Transportation Team does not recommend this request. This property has access through their driveway, which was a granted curb cut in April 2002. When the curb cut was granted we lost a parking space, but was allowed to keep the space that they now want eliminated.

Item 4 Board Action: MOTION: Move that the Board of Selectmen vote to deny the request of Mary Alice Wells and Cass Benson to move the parking space in front of 6 Johnson Street. .

Motions by: Michele Couture Seconded by: Richard Olson Yea 3 Nay 0

Item 5

Create a handicapped space at 460 Commercial Street. *(Requested by Chris McCarthy)*

Team Recommendation: The Transportation Team does not recommend. There are posted Handicap Parking in front of 480 and 434 Commercial Street. 460 is right in the middle of these two designated handicap parking spots.

Item 5 Board Action: MOTION: Move that the Board of Selectmen vote to create a handicapped parking space at 460 Commercial Street until December 31, 2005.

Motions by: Mary-Jo Avellar Seconded by: Richard Olson Yea 3 Nay 0

Item 6

Create a Loading Zone at or near 164/166 Commercial Street. *(Requested by Richard McMaster)*

Team Recommendation: The Traffic Team does not recommend. There is a 15minute business loading and unloading directly in front of 170 Commercial Street, which is only one property down from 166 Commercial Street.

Item 6 Board Action: MOTION: Move that the Board of Selectmen vote to approve the relocation of the loading zone from 170 Commercial Street to a location at the discretion of the DPW Deputy Director.

Motions by: Michele Couture Seconded by: Richard Olson Yea 3 Nay 0

Item 7

Enforcement of the "No Trucks, Buses or Campers" on Central Street *(Requested by Richard McMaster)*

Team Recommendation: The Transportation Team is recommending changing the sign to read: "No Campers, Trucks or Buses allowed down Central Street. Because the sign faces the westbound traffic on Commercial Street, it almost looks like we are prohibiting campers, trucks and buses from going any further down Commercial Street. We feel that changing the wording on the sign might give more specific instructions to drivers of these prohibited vehicles. We suggest, after we make this sign change, that when anyone sees a restricted vehicle using Central Street, that they immediately call the police with as much information about the vehicle as possible so that enforcement can take place. The other issue is whether we want to direct Route 6 traffic down Central Street??? The intersection at Bradford and Center is not a direct crossover and can get pretty dangerous for the cars trying to cross from Central St. to Shank

Painter Road. The summer ticket officers are only doing their job. The team does not recommend a speed bump because they can be very hazardous to our plow drivers and a nightmare to maintain.

Item 7 Board Action: MOTION: Move that the Board of Selectmen vote to recommend to change the sign as recommended by the Transportation Team to read: "No Campers, Trucks or Buses allowed down Central Street".

Motions by: Michele Couture Seconded by: Richard Olson Yea 3 Nay 0

Item 8

Remove/eliminate the parking space in front of 9 Atlantic Ave. (*Requested by Chris Norcross*)

Team Recommendation: The Traffic Team does not recommend. There was a curb cut given to this property many years ago with the understanding that the parking in front of the property remains. The previous owner has very large hedges blocking the front door entrance from the street allowing entrance from the driveway. Incidentally, these hedges appear to be encroaching on Town property. There is no reason that the owner of 9 Atlantic Ave. cannot enter both the front and side entrances from the existing curb cut. As to the property at 6 Atlantic Ave., its curb cut was approved dependent on not losing the same parking space this request is asking to have removed.

Item 8 Board Action: MOTION: Move that the Board of Selectmen vote to deny the applicants request.

Motions by: Michele Couture Seconded by: Richard Olson Yea 3 Nay 0

Motion to adjourn by Michele Couture at 7:47 p.m.

Minutes transcribed by: Vernon G. Porter
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