

TOWN OF SEABROOK

SELECTMEN'S SPECIAL MEETING

APRIL 24, 2014

Present: Edward J. Hess, Jr. 1:00PM
Raymond Smith
Aboul B. Khan
William Manzi

Mr. Hess opened the meeting at 1:05PM.

BEACH PARKING REGULATIONS

Mr. Manzi went over the proposed changes to the ordinance for the 2014 season.

Paula Wood said the placards are for guests no for the taxpayer. The non-resident is still getting more placards than the taxpayer. She said the Selectmen stated they would hold a public hearing before enforcing and that has not happened.

There was discussion on holding the public hearing. Mr. Manzi said it was agreed upon by the Selectmen and committee to review at the end of the season. He said it is only a pilot program.

Mr. Manzi said the Selectmen did say they would hold a public hearing but there was no formal motion and it was not stated they would hold be the enforcement. The Board can still hold a public hearing if they choose.

Mr. Smith commented this is a trial proposal and will have some problems to work out. It is impossible to please everyone. Mr. Hess said he feels it gives all of the taxpayers an opportunity to park anywhere on the beach.

Paula Wood said the ordinance is on the books and it is not enforced. She cautioned the Selectmen on changing the ordinance without having a public hearing where it would be duly noted. Mr. Manzi said the legal opinion is the Selectmen can change the ordinance and no public hearing requirement was mentioned in the legal opinion.

Rosa Flanagan said her only complaint is that she cannot get a visitors pass.

Mr. Manzi said he was asked to work with both sides to get a consensus and he thought they did that. He said neither side is happy. The Selectmen did take input from everyone and will review this at the end of the season.

Jason Janvrin suggested to Ms. Flanagan that she park her car on the street and allow her visitors to park in her garage and driveway to help with her parking situation. Mr. Janvrin said that per RSA 41:14b town meeting needs to authorize the Selectmen to change an ordinance. Mr. Manzi said the attorney disagrees with Mr. Janvrin's interpretation but said they could discuss outside of this meeting.

Angeljean asked about the placards and if they should say "guest" pass. She also asked about the parking spaces in the public parking area and if the town was looking to stripe the area. The current plan is to stripe the entire municipal side of the parking area. There will be signs for permit parking from 6AM to 6PM.

Castaways parking was addressed and discussed. The planning board chairman stated there was no commitment for Castaways to use the parking spaces. Mr. Khan said until they review the records it is hard to say but if they find something they will abide by it.

Paula Wood asked about the parking the committee recommended at the coop. Mr. Hess said this issue cannot be addressed until they start negotiations.

Paula Wood commented there is a boat that is dry docked on town property and requested the town manager look into this.

Angeljean asked about the 20-foot driveway regulation at the beach. Mr. Manzi said he spoke to the commissioners and they agree it needs to be addressed but it is going to take some time. The Selectmen and Town Manager said if someone were to park in those areas they would not be ticketed or towed with proper permits.

Richard Maguire said that every effort was made to listen to all sides and come up with a compromise. He feels it is critical to take some action today to address the issue.

MOTION: Edward J. Hess, Jr.
Second: Raymond Smith
Unanimous

To accept the proposal as recommended and to review it at the end of the season to make any needed changes.

Rose Flanagan asked if the parking committee would be reviewing it after the season or if the committee was non-existent. Mr. Smith said they would consider reforming the committee but would

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like to get through the first step. Mr. Manzi said the intent was always to have the committee as advisory to the Board of Selectmen.

Mr. Hess thanked everyone for their input and committee for their work.

MOTION: Edward J. Hess, Jr.
Second: Raymond Smith
Unanimous

To dissolve the parking committee & if necessary will reform.

Mr. Khan thanked everyone for their hard work on this issue.

Chairman Hess adjourned the meeting at 2:15PM.

Minutes taken by Kelly J. O'Connor

Approved and endorsed

Aboul B. Khan, Clerk

Date: _____