

TOWN OF SEABROOK

PARKING STUDY COMMITTEE  
BEACH PRECINCT BUILDING

JANUARY 29, 2014

Present:        Members:

Kelly O'Connor, Town Manager's Designee        7:00PM  
Ted Xavier  
Rose Flanagan  
Paula Wood  
Amy Davis

Also present were Town Manager, William Manzi and Police Chief, Lee Bitomske.

On behalf of the Beach Commissioners, Dick Maguire welcomed everyone and thanked them for attending.

Chairman Wood announced that the meeting would be audio taped. She also read the charge of the committee to the audience.

In answer to a question from last meeting Chairman Wood read a letter (see attached) from Attorney Brown regarding section 249-19 of the town code.

Dick Maguire asked why the ordinance hasn't been enforced before now.

Anthony Coletti agrees placard situation is "out of hand". Would like to know the difference between owner and resident. He believes placards should be issued to all property owners. He would like to know why parking isn't allowed on both sides of the street. He is also concerned with being able to use the dock to launch his boat as he has to use son's truck(not registered in town) to do this.

Chairman Wood told the audience that the committee would like questions and comments e-mailed in order to address all issues.

Chief Bitomske agrees that parking problems have gotten worse in recent years. He suggests there be no on street parking and the town allow parking in a designated area.

Camille Daly – 71 & 73 Ocean Drive. What does one do to stop theft of placards?

Chief Bitomske stressed the need for issues like this to be reported to the Police Department.

Ed Wasson – 102 Railroad Ave. – Heard a rumor that the committee wanted to eliminate public parking on route 1A. He was assured that this had never been discussed.

John Lawson – Atlantic Ave - Wants to know why residents of Atlantic Ave can't park on Atlantic Ave.

Marion Dunleavy - 91 Ocean Drive Sent e-mail to committee. Has questions on handicap parking. She was told that as long as she has a handicapped and town placard she was good to park.

Joe Argenziano – 218 Bristol - Questioned Seabrook being a public or private beach.

Phyllis Farfaras – 132 Ocean Blvd. would like to know how many placards are given to each household.

Peter Volpe – 45 Atlantic Ave (non-resident) would like to know as the ordinance is written, are property owners being discriminated against because they aren't allowed to park in front of their own homes?

Why do winter renters receive stickers?

Phyllis Farfaras wants to know the difference between guest and tenant.

The question was asked why homeowners can't block their own driveways. The chief explained that if cars don't have stickers or placards they can't park on the street anywhere.

Vickie Sawyer – 36 Atlantic Ave - Upset she was told she couldn't be on committee because she's not a resident of town. Then she was told the committee couldn't get volunteers from the beach and people were asked to serve on the committee. She was told she was misinformed. There was interest on being on the committee from beach residents.

Mr. Maguire reminded the audience that the 1<sup>st</sup> (deliberative) session will be held on February 4<sup>th</sup> at the Community Center at 7pm. This is where changes can be made to the warrant. He also reminded everyone that town election will be held at the community center on March 11 from 7am – 7pm.

MOTION: Paula Wood  
Second: Amy Davis  
Unanimous

To adjourn.

Meeting adjourned at 8:30PM.