

Ad Hoc Harwich Port Parking Committee  
Small Meeting Room – 732 Main Street, Harwich  
Wednesday, May 7, 2019 – 10:30 am  
Meeting Minutes

**Members Present:** Alexander Donoghue (Resident Member), John Mahan (Resident Member), Cyndi Williams (HCC Executive Director), Charleen Greenhalgh (Town Planner) and Mike Ulrich (Business Member)

**Others Present:** Ralph Porter; Carla Burke; Barbara Piantedosi; Richard Kendall; Miladin Terziyski; Mary Depoise; Bob Cohn, Christopher Clark; Kevin Considine, as well as others.

**Call to Order** at 10:32 am by Mr. Donoghue. He notified the audience that as required by law, the Town may audio or video record this meeting. Any person intending to either audio or video record this open session is required to inform the chair.

#### Old Business

Discuss recommendations that have been presented to the Board of Selectmen (BoS) on April 16, 2019. Chair received two letters from the public. Nancy Townsend regarding 203 Banks Street and Tim Drew also about 203 Bank Street and the municipal. Mr. Donoghue informed the audience that the Bank Street parcel is off the table at this point and will not be discussed this morning. Members introduced themselves. Ms. Williams explained what the Chamber is and does.

Mr. Donoghue did open this to public discussion. Christopher Clark spoke to parking issues, there is no plan to use 203 Banks Street. Mr. Clark spoke to an article at the ATM regarding the Bank Street property and clarified the article and the use of the \$60,000 approved. Carla Burke asked if the Selectmen will be taking this up at a future meeting the use of 203 Bank Street. Mr. Clark spoke to this. The Committee's recommendation was taken under advisement. The Administration will be making a report to the BoS, which will not include Bank Street for parking. ATM last year did vote to dispose of the Bank Street property for conservation purposes. The BoS has the ultimate decision on which direction to move in regarding all matters. Mr. Donoghue explained that this group is an Ad-Hoc Committee and only makes recommendations to the BoS.

Barbara Piantedosi asked about appointments to the committee. Her husband had applied but has not heard anything. Mr. Clark explained that only those applications received after the Charge for the Committee was formed were considered. There are currently 2 vacancies on the Committee.

Richard Kendall and Miladin Terziyski operate Chatham Valet. They would be happy to speak with the Committee. Ms. Williams spoke to this. There is no funding available this year, so we are working towards a fiscally responsible solution. Mr. Donoghue explained that this is a process and may be a lengthy process.

Carla Burke asked if the audience will have the opportunity to speak further in the meeting. Yes.

#### New Business

Update on staff level discussion and possible new recommendations: There was a meeting last week which Ms. Williams attended. Steve Tupper from the CCC, Link Hooper, Deputy Considine, and Mr.

Clark were also in attendance. The universal Parking Sign “P” will be used on Route 28 and on Pleasant Street. This will alert people to the public parking. This will be an education process this summer. The Chambers walking map will include parking locations, including shared parking available after 5pm. The struggles have been the use of the main lot for beach parking and employee parking. The goal is to alleviate this. One of the other options is to include a “No Beach Parking” within the School House Road lot. The employee parking could be moved to the 30 space TD Bank lot that was improved a couple of years ago accessed from the municipal lot.

Mr. Donoghue spoke to the 2-hour limit and that this is off the table for now. Mr. Mahan clarified the location of the TD Lot in discussion, which appears to be underutilized.

Mr. Porter asked about the 2 hour limit and that will not be done. Ms. Williams explained that this cannot be monitored at this time and may require a change in bylaws. The parking is still a real problem in this area, per Mr. Porter. He expressed that if there is a problem, the neighbors need to call to report problems.

Carla Burke said that it is difficult to attend meetings during the work day. She would like to see the meetings move to early evening. She would like to have this put onto an agenda to discuss having evening meetings.

Mary Depoise spoke to the need for a moratorium on bylaw allowing parking for business at the municipal lot. Mrs. Greenhalgh spoke to the municipal lot and the use of Town Parking within 300 feet.

Mr. Clark expressed that parking can be restricted. It needs to be clarified. There needs to be a disincentive for parking. He spoke to letting people know where they can park for beach use. Mrs. G asked for clarification about time limits on parking, as was brought up by Mr. Clark. Mr. Donoghue said that it is not on the table, but rather the beach parking restriction. Mr. Mahan suggested that this is off the table for this year, but not future year. Changes in bylaws would need to take place.

Bob Cohn, Pleasant Street spoke to the No Beach Parking signs. He believes that they will be productive. He has concerns about the employee parking. Ms. Williams will reach out to merchants, provided it is approved by the BoS, to let them know.

Carla Burke asked if the No Beach parking sign is legal. Yes. Deputy Chief Considine spoke to this. The Town can put these types of signs up. Enforcement is a lot of work and is doable.

Discuss TD Bank lot, approximately 30 spaces, being designated employee parking.

Recommendations to be made:

1. No Beach Parking Signs
2. Use of TD Bank Lot for employees
3. “P” signs on Route 28 and Pleasant Street

The recommendations are brief and this will be an ongoing process. Mr. Donoghue spoke to future matters and options for parking.

Mr. Donoghue thanked the public for their input.

Review and Approve Meeting Minutes: Motion by Mr. Mahan, seconded by Ms. Williams to approve the April 1, 2019 meeting minutes. Vote: 4-0-1 (Mrs. Greenhalgh)

Next Meeting Date: May 21, 2019 10:30 am. There will be a discussion at the next meeting to alter the times of the meetings to evenings.

The meeting adjourned at 11:30am on a motion from Mr. Mahan, seconded by Mrs. Greenhalgh, so voted unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted,

Charleen Greenhalgh  
Adopted: June 25, 2019