

Traffic Roadway Safety Committee Meeting Minutes

May 2, 2018

Committee Members Present: DPW Director Ray Tattersall, Police Chief Dan Hanavan, and Fire Chief John Schilling

Meeting Called to Order by Ray Tattersall at 3:15pm

Approval of meeting minutes from April 18, 2018:

Motion made by John Schilling to accept, all in favor.

Dan Hanavan abstains

Add Senior Parking to Downtown Loading Zones:

John Schilling: Who brought it up?

Ray Tattersall: Paulie Brown – for senior drop-offs @Union Street Mall in the loading zones. Eerik suggested we make a decal made by to connect with drivers to show if a police officer approaches them (no signage).

John Schilling: We are not in favor of changing any formal policy if people are pulling in and dropping someone off . . . so be it. The problem is if a truck driver comes along to drop in loading area he's gonna park anywhere and we are creating a problem trying to solve a problem. We don't think it's a big deal waiting for anybody . . .

Dan Hanavan: If the driver has to walk the person into the shop that's gonna take 5-10 minutes and if the truck comes . . . hopefully that person isn't buying lunch.

Ray Tattersall: I'll tell Jay that we won't change a thing but you will speak to your officers and speak to the driver before issuing a ticket.

Dan Hanavan: If they get a ticket to come see me or Eerik.

Ray Tattersall: So we don't need to vote on that – taking no action.

John Schilling: Need identifier as a Vineyard Village Driver

Dan Hanavan: Big Vineyard Villager placard on the dashboard

Ray Tattersall: Done

Downtown Permit Parking Issues & Restrictions:

Dan Hanavan: At nighttime I'm fine with them parking 6pm – 8am. Just not during the day – a truck couldn't get down during the day and it was a nuisance.

Ray: From William Street down from 6pm to 8am.

John Schilling: It keeps the policy consistent. We're only taking about a half dozen people.

Dan Hanavan: Pam could call Debbie and she could call the other five.

John Schilling: If the selectmen want they could amend it into their policy.

Ray Tattersall: Recommendation to adjust per our recommendation – up to Jay and Pam.

Elimination of Parking spots in front of Saint Augustine's Church:

Ray Tattersall: I got an email from Walter Burke who lives out on Franklin Street / Leonard Circle area. He was coming out of Clough and would like us to think about removing spaces in front of the church (Saint Augustines) right there on the corner.

Dan Hanavan: I would say the ones on the left could be backed up a space near Clough on Franklin . .

John Schilling: I agree.

Dan Hanavan: I think it's worse to the left because you can't see the West Choppers coming in because there's a car too close to the corner. . . .I'm guessing you could eliminate one or two spots.

Ray Tattersall: I'm only guessing the one right on the corner because he has to inch out and see what's coming up Franklin from Spring Street.

Dan Hanavan : Because he's trying to turn left

Ray Tattersall: Have there been accidents there?

Dan Hanavan: No, but I think what's worse is the ones on the left side.

John Schilling: I agree with you Dan

Dan Hanavan: You can always make a right hand turn if you can see what's coming from West Chop. I would back the spaces up on the left side.

John Schilling: All our accidents are at the intersection – Center and Franklin.

Ray Tattersall: Center should be "NO RIGHT TURN"

John Schilling: I agree with you

Ray Tattersall: I gotta have Jim Fitzgerald when he's designing the road look at that.

Dan Hanavan: Sometimes people don't even see the stop sign and they drive right out.

Ray Tattersall: I've already got us on the agenda – I missed the last one – we'll get that stop sign removed. Do we want to make a recommendation to do anything?

Dan Hanavan: I don't think the spots in front of the church are an issue. I think it's the spots on Franklin Street before Clough as you are coming in from West Chop and you know what happens on a Sunday, people park even though there's no parking there – they park there anyway.

John Schilling: The Committee will take a field trip and make a recommendation/evaluation.

Ray Tattersall:

John Schilling makes Motion to adjourn @3:30pm. 2nd Dan Hanavan, all in favor.

Next Meeting: June 6th @ 3:00PM – DPW Conference Room