

Parking Study Committee Minutes Feb 27

Meetings were called to order and seconded by all.

Committee Make-up:

Members -

Chairman – Bob DeCoste

Communication – Amy Lemkin

Committee – Amy Lemkin, Bob DeCosta, Moe Fischel, Audrey Cassavoy, John Brannan, Dennis Zaia, (plus Jim Canavan)

Attendance – all but Dennis.

Review of previously stated Goals from last meeting

Next Selectmens Meeting

- 1) intro committee
- 2) last year's accomplishments including \$\$ projections and goals, Police Patrol
- 3) new goals this year – expand restricted area (#1) , improve signage, install Paystations, and HRA/DCR to expand parking

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HULL PARKING COMMITTEE

**Proposal to the Board of Selectman
March 15, 2011**

Objective:

To develop self-sustaining parking management strategies to improve the parking experience in Hull.

Existing Challenges:

1. Existing commercial areas (Kenberma, Surfside, A Street, L Street, Front Beach, Gunrock) represent areas where residents, businesses and visitors (beach goers) all battle for limited parking spaces.

2. During the 12 week summer season parking demands exceed supply.

3. During the 12-week summer season, residents in many areas unable to find parking near their homes.

4. Motorists searching for parking circle the streets creating unnecessary traffic volume.

Recommendations: ~~TEN Point Strategy~~ (keep this in the document so it is clear)

1. Establish a permanent parking study committee (see recommendation#1).

2. Establish a revolving fund for parking revenue and expenses (see recommendation#2).

3. Enforce existing parking regulations with ticketing/towing of illegally parked vehicles.

4. Communicate parking regulations regarding a town wide parking sticker program

5. ~~Improve~~ **CREATE** signage regarding updated parking regulations.

6. ~~Initiate~~ **IMPLEMENT A** Pilot Program for Seasonal Placards

7. Initiate communication with the DCR to allow all Hull Stickered Vehicles to park for FREE in the DCR lots that are run by outside **THIRD PARTY** vendors.

8. Initiate communication with the HRA to allow all Hull Stickered Vehicles to park for FREE in the HRA lots that are run by outside **THIRD PARTY** vendors.

9. Initiate communication with the DCR to obtain control of parking along Hull Shore Drive **FROM THE RED PARROT TO PHIPPS STREET.**

10. Initiate communication with the MBTA **TO BEGIN DEVELOPING A SHUTTLE SERVICE FROM NANTASKET JUNCTION TO THE MARY JEANNETT MURRAY BATHHOUSE.**

RECOMMENDATIONS:

1. Establish a permanent parking study committee

Create a permanent parking committee. This committee shall be comprised of 7 members and shall be called the "Hull Parking Commission". The membership shall be as follows:

- 1 member of the Board of Selectman,
- 1 member of the Hull Police Department,
- 1 member of the Hull Chamber of Commerce,
- 4 full time Hull residents appointed by the Board of Selectmen,
 - 1 from voting precinct one, initial three year term
 - 1 from voting precinct two, initial three year term
 - 1 from voting precinct three, initial two year term
 - 1 at large, initial 1 year term

After the expiration date of the initial appointments, all terms for the residents shall be for 3 years.

The charge of this committee shall be to recommend the parking rates, expenditures from the parking revolving account (when approved by Town Meeting), investigate and recommend new parking areas for out-of-town residents, implement the recommendations of the parking study committee or any other actions related to parking. All actions/recommendations of this committee shall be approved by the by the Board of Selectmen in a timely fashion.

2. Establish a revolving fund for parking revenue and expenses

An article to be placed on the warrant for Town Meeting to create a revolving fund for the purpose of parking revenue/expenses. All revenue from the sale of parking stickers, visitor passes, and non-resident stickers/placards shall go into this fund. All expenditures from this fund shall be for enforcement, signage, line and crosswalk painting, obtaining new parking areas or any other topics related to parking.

3. Enforce existing parking regulations with ticketing/towing of illegally parked vehicles.

Residents are encouraged to call dispatch when illegally parked vehicles are identified, based upon the existing parking regulations.

4. Communicate parking regulations regarding a town wide parking sticker program.

A) On street parking, as defined in the zones below, shall require either a Hull Parking Sticker or Visitors Pass for their legally registered vehicles.

Beach Zone - Restricted Resident Parking Stickers are designated for areas of the community where parking is at a premium and needs to be highly regulated and monitored to insure compliance.

Beach Zone – These areas include:

- i. Atlantic Avenue from Cohasset to Nantasket Avenue, ocean to Straits Pond
- ii. Green Hill
- iii. Atlantic Hill
- iv. Rockaway
- v. Rockaway Annex
- vi. Sagamore Hill
- vii. Hampton Circle
- viii. Beach Avenue -Phipps to XY Street, East of Nantasket Avenue

Municipal Zone – Resident Municipal Parking Stickers are designated for areas of the community exempting Beach Zone areas, and inclusive of all other sections of town.

Municipal Zone - These areas include:

- ix. Sunset Point
- x. Whitehead
- xi. Kenberma
- xii. Surfside

- xiii. Waveland
- xiv. Windermere
- xv. Nantasket Avenue, both sides of the **STREET**
- xvi. Strawberry Hill
- xvii. Allerton Hill
- xviii. Stoney Beach Causeway
- xix. Hull Village
- xx. Pemberton
- xxi. West Corner

- B) Both types of Parking Stickers will be available according to Hull Police guidelines and will be required to be affixed to the drivers side rear bumper of all registered vehicles no later than May 1, 2011; and annually thereafter.
- C) All Parking Stickers are address specific, which entitles the bearer to park at their specific address and Town/Municipal Parking areas only. Visitor Passes are address specific only.
- D) After May 1, 2011 all vehicles parked on the street without a Hull Parking Sticker or Pass are subject to towing and/or a fine of (the maximum allowed by the State).
- E) Vehicles must display the Parking sticker on **the Drivers side rear bumper**. Vehicles must display the Visitors Pass on the Drivers side dashboard. Stickers and Passes not displayed in the proper location will also be subject to being towed and/or ticketed.
- F) Annual Fee structure for Parking Stickers and Visitor Passes will be as follows:
 - a. Beach Zone – Parking Sticker - \$10 per vehicle
 - b. Beach Zone – Visitor Pass - \$5 per Pass
 - c. Municipal Zone – Parking Sticker - \$0 per vehicle
 - d. Municipal Zone – Visitor Pass - \$0 per pass

5) Create signage regarding parking regulations.

**-FOR WEST CORNER, GEORGE WASHINGTON BLVD,
ATLANTIC AVENUE, PEMBERTON PIER ENTRANCES TO HULL**

6) Initiate Pilot Program for Seasonal Placards

- a) Vehicles bearing a Seasonal Placard can park in the designated Municipal Parking areas. **(DESIGNATED PARKING AREAS ARE IDENTIFIED ON THE BACK OF THE PLACARD)**

- b) Placards will be available according to Hull Police guidelines and will be required to be affixed to the rear view mirror.
 - c) Placards are vehicle specific.
 - d) Annual Fee structure for Placards will be \$300 per vehicle annually.
 - e) Vehicles illegally parked in **AREAS OTHER THAN** designated Municipal Parking areas will be subject to towing and/or a fine of (the maximum allowed by the State).
 - f) Pilot Program **FOR SEASONAL PLACARDS** has potential to generate annually an estimated \$300,000 for 995 parking spots per The Rail Road Bed Study Committee Report of 1991.
- 7) Initiate communication with the DCR to allow all Hull Stickered Vehicles to park for FREE in the DCR lots that are run by 3rd party vendors.
- 8) Initiate communication with the HRA to allow all Hull Stickered Vehicles to park for FREE in the HRA lots that are run by 3rd party vendors.
- 9) Initiate communication with the DCR to obtain control of parking along Hull Shore Drive.
- 10) Initiate communication with the MBTA regarding Nantasket Junction and Pemberton Pier Boat Lot with the purpose of initiating a fee shuttle service for beachgoers and visitors.

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LONG TERM BENEFITS:

1. Improved quality of life for Hull residents
2. Potential Benefits to Parking Sticker program (~~Ongoing for term of sticker program~~)

As defined by the Sticker program, the benefits from the funds received from the sticker program, ~~will~~ **MAY** be ~~primarily implemented in the areas of Town being charged for the stickers and moving north as charges begin to be implemented in the Central Bay and Northern Bay sections of Town.~~ **used for the following benefits town wide

- i. Expanded cross walk painting program (~~using better, longer lasting paint~~)
 - ii. Initiate parking space line painting
 - iii. ~~Problem areas identified prior to implementation, but a strategic upgrade signage program to be started: REPLACING ALL DAMAGED AND WORN SIGNS.~~
 1. Street signs,
 2. Stop signs,
 3. No Parking signs,
 4. Restricted Zone Parking signs.
 - iv. **INVEST IN** More efficient/strategic parking meter programs in high volume, seasonal areas of Town
 - v. Planning and implementation of tree, bush and flower plantings in defined parking areas to beautify and improve the general feel associated with the Town
 - vi. ~~Proposed~~ **POTENTIAL** addition of 2 to 4 Seasonal Police **PARKING** Enforcement officers focused on parking enforcement and temporary traffic control (when and where needed to alleviate high volume traffic congestion)
 - vii. ~~Longer term parking study programs and implementation~~
 - viii. Sticker production, distribution and ~~recording~~ **RECORD KEEPING**
3. IDENTIFY AND ESTABLISH ~~Study, establish and implement the~~ addition **AL** of legitimate parking spaces ~~as noted above~~ **LOCATED in AVAILABLE SPACE ON** the Rail Bed and other sections of Town.
 - a. Begin increasing the parking inventory. There are approximately **995** parking spaces along the Rail Road Bed from Phipps to XY Street when areas with grass and trees are cleared for parking. Utilize the resources of the Trial Court of Quincy and of Hingham **DISTRICT COURT AND THE PLMOUTH DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTIONS** to get this **GRASS AND BUSH CLEARING** work accomplished **UNDER THE DIRECTION OF THE DPW.**

~~***The revenue generated by an increased number of parking tickets should more than offset the approximately \$6,500 generated by the parking meters in prior year budgets.~~

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APPENDIX

Background

Hull is the smallest town by land area in Plymouth County and the fourth smallest in the state. However, its population density is within the top thirty towns in the state.

The Massachusetts tribe called the area "Nantasket," meaning "at the strait" or "low-tide place." It is a series of islands connected by [sandbars](#) forming [Nantasket Peninsula](#).

Hull has seven distinct hills (Sagamore, Hampton, Sunset Point, Strawberry, Allerton, Telegraph, Hull Hill) and these seven hills are what make the peninsula's topography quite unique. Hull features [Nantasket Beach](#), with fine, light gray sand—generally considered one of the finest beaches in [New England](#).

Town neighborhoods include (from south to north) Green Hill, Straits Pond, Crescent Beach, Gunrock, Atlantic Hill, West Corner, Rockaway, Rockaway Annex, Nantasket Beach, Sagamore Hill, Hampton Circle, Sunset Point, Kenberma, Strawberry Hill, Waveland, Windermere, Allerton, [Spinnaker Island](#), Stony Beach, Telegraph Hill, Hull Village, and Pemberton.

The town has a total area of 28.2 square miles, of which, 3.0 square miles of it is land and 25.2 square miles of it (89.26%) is water.

Hull is located almost twenty miles by land from Boston, although by water, not counting islands, it is just five miles from Pemberton Point in Hull to City Point in [Dorchester](#). Although it is a forty-five minute drive into the heart of Boston, it is a twenty-minute boat ride from Pemberton Pier, at the tip of Hull, into Boston's Long Wharf, which is close to the North End and Faneuil Hall.

As of the [census](#) of 2000, there were 11,050 people, 4,522 households, and 2,821 families residing in the town. The [population density](#) was 3,648.9 people per square mile. There were 5,366 housing units at an average density of 1,771.9/sq mi. The average household size was 2.44 and the average family size was 3.06.

The Rail Road Bed Study Committee Report of 1991- excerpts

1. History
 - a. The Town of Hull holds control of the RR Bed
 - b. In 1991 there were only two permanent structures on the RR Bed
 - c. In 1938 the Town Meeting voted to acquire the RR Bed for use as a public road
 - d. Sections of the RR Bed include
 - i. Town line/landfill through Rockland Circle Extension
 - ii. Rockland Circle Extension to Phipps Street
 - iii. Phipps to Lewis Street
 - iv. A Street to L Street
 - v. L Street to XY Street
 - vi. Stoney Beach to Hull Lifesaving Museum
 - vii. Hull Lifesaving Museum to Pemberton Point
2. Suggested utilization of the RR Bed
 - a. Town line/landfill through Rockland Circle Extension
 - i. Too difficult to determine at this time
 - b. Rockland Circle Extension to Phipps Street
 - i. This area should be acquired from the DCR/MDC in conjunction with the buildings being made available to the Town of Hull
 - c. Phipps to Lewis Street
 - i. At each street opening the RR Bed will be cleared of debris, trees and shrubs, and signed for a specific number of vehicles ("Municipal lot for 16 vehicles")
 - d. A Street to L Street
 - i. At each street opening the RR Bed will be cleared of debris, trees and shrubs, and signed for a specific number of vehicles ("Municipal lot for 10 vehicles")
 - e. L street to XY Street
 - i. Parking on this section of the RR Bed will be designated at angle parking and on both sides of the RR Bed
 - ii. The RR Bed will have telephone pole barriers on either side of the roadway with a 4' opening down the middle of the RR Bed to allow for bicycles, wagons, baby carriages and strollers as well as walkers and runners to travel unimpeded.
 - f. Stoney Beach to Hull Lifesaving Museum
 - i. There is no viable parking available in this section
 - g. Hull Lifesaving Museum to Pemberton Point
 - i. There is no viable parking available in this section

3. Quantity of Parking potentially available (995 spaces)
 - a. Town line/landfill through Rockland Circle Extension - Zero
 - b. Rockland Circle Extension to Phipps Street - Zero
 - c. Phipps to Lewis Street (16 at each end of street) - 320 including lot at Church
 - d. A Street to L Street (10 at each end of street) - 200
 - e. L Street to XY Street (10 at each end of street) - 475
400 plus an additional 25 at VW Street plus 50 at XY Parking lot = 475
 - f. Stoney Beach to Hull Lifesaving Museum - Zero
 - g. Hull Lifesaving Museum to Pemberton Point - Zero