

Planning Board
Parking Committee
July 12, 2010 meeting minutes

Members attending: Roger Murray, Chip Maxfield, Jennifer Haskell, David DeVries, Rob Houseman, Kathy Barnard

Kathy Barnard opened the meeting at 8:00AM.

The June 21, 2010 minutes were accepted as written.

Rob Houseman submitted the following new information to the Committee – Wolfboro’s Municipal Parking lot and Boat trailer parking ordinance, Parking Management Made Easy article and Downtown Parking; Reining in the 800 pound gorilla article. It was also noted that Committee members had been sent excerpts from the 2007 Master Plan RE parking to be used as guidance.

There was a discussion regarding the parking of boat trailers on Municipal lots. There was discussion about the downtown parking situation. According to Chip Maxfield approximately 50% of the employees and business owners in the downtown area now park outside of the downtown core.

Jennifer Haskell asked for clarification about the goal of the Committee. It was determined that the specific goal is to propose amendments to the Parking ordinance, determine if the parking standards should continue to be in the ordinance or moved to the site plan regulations, and to make recommendations to the Board of Selectmen regarding parking issues on Municipal land.

Jennifer Haskell then asked if the Committee should determine now if the parking standards should be in the ordinance or site plan regulations. There was discussion regarding this issue. It was determined to proceed with a general discussion at this time regarding revised standards.

Rob Houseman commented that if the parking standards were in the site plan regulations rather than the ordinance there could be more flexibility in the parking numbers and other standards.

Committee members reviewed ordinances from other communities and indicated the following provisions should be considered:

Sebago:

These site plan regulations contained very general standards.

Newmarket

Site plan regulations

Section 3.02 3 (downtown parking) 4 (shared parking)

Section 3.04 (pedestrian, bicycle and transit amenities)

Section 3.05 (snow removal)

Burlington

Ordinance

Section 8.1.9 (maximum number of spaces)

Section 8.1.3 (parking districts)

Part 3 – page 8-20 (institutional parking)

Section 8.1.15 (waivers)

Part 2 (bicycle parking)

Hanover

Ordinance

Section 401.1 (intent)

Section 401.2 (parking credits)

Section 403.3 and 403.4 (existing structures and uses)

Section 406 (location of off street parking)

Section 407.1 (improvements)
Durham
Site plan regulations
Very clear regulations
Section 175-111F (bike racks)
Section 175-114 (shared parking)
Portsmouth
Site plan regulation
Section 4.3 (off street parking design) – pervious parking
Section 5.1 (general provisions)
Section 5.2.3 (sidewalks and pedestrian pathways – continuity)

There was a general discussion about the need for more flexibility for shared parking and off site parking. Also, parking standards in the downtown area need to be considered differently than uses outside of the downtown area. The parking space requirements need to be more specific outside of the downtown area. The committee needs to review the specific uses to determine if the parking standards are realistic for Wolfeboro. A more realistic parking standard should be considered for uses such as real estate offices and summer camps.

Rob Houseman will provide a draft regulation based on the 7/12/10 discussion and include some parking space (number of spaces) requirements for various uses.

The next meeting will be held at the Wolfeboro Inn on August 2, 2010.

The meeting adjourned at 9:15AM.

Submitted by
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July 12, 2010