

Planning Board
Parking Committee
August 2, 2010
Meeting Minutes

Members attending: Roger Murray, Robert Houseman, Kathy Barnard

Kathy Barnard opened the meeting at 8:05AM

Committee members reviewed and discussed the Draft Parking Ordinance, dated Friday, July 23, 2010 prepared by Rob Houseman.

The Intent of Requirements was from Hanover and seemed to over emphasize reducing congestion in the streets for emergency equipment. The Objectives in the existing parking ordinance seem acceptable.

Committee members favored Option 2 for the CBD, but specifically felt new building additions should require new parking spaces. Also, if a property in the CBD has space for on site parking, the parking needs to be provided on site. If parking exists on a site it cannot be eliminated. In Option 2 (b) the distance of 1000 feet should be removed. In Option 2 (c) "a parking fee in lieu of" should be determined by the Planning Board; not the Board of Selectmen. This requires more discussion.

Shared parking – the uses need to be more specific. Remove references such as Urban Land Institute and be specific in the ordinance. Do not send people to another document or reference. Any parking off the premises needs to be in an official document which would be recorded on the land records.

On street Parking – Not workable and not a good idea.

Pedestrian and Bicycle Circulation – option 2 seemed more suited to Wolfeboro's needs. Bike racks should be encouraged for all businesses over a certain size and should be on public property in the downtown area.

Location of Off-street parking - #2 – remove Special exception – the parking requirement should be within the purview of the Planning Board. Remove the reference to parking credits in #3.

Maximum Parking spaces is OK. There was a discussion about parking lots since the existing ordinance does not include parking lots as a permitted use. Should parking lots be a permitted use in the CBD? Roger Murray felt parking lots should not be a permitted use; Kathy Barnard felt they should be a permitted use, but with strict landscaping requirements. This would be another way of providing needed off street parking. This needs further discussion.

We will not include the sections on Carpool, Vanpool and Car-share parking and Alternative Fueled Vehicle Parking since these are not needed.

There was a discussion about compact car parking spaces. Roger Murray felt these should be eliminated since compact car parking spaces don't work.

Waivers for parking requirement. This should not be considered except in the CBD.

Improvement and Maintenance of Parking facilities – remove the last sentence.

Off-street Parking Space Design and Layout – take out overflow – the remainder of this section is good.

At the next meeting there will be a discussion of parking multipliers (off-street parking requirements)

Next meeting – Monday, August 23, 2010, 8:00AM, Wolfe's Tavern.

The meeting adjourned at 9:20AM

Submitted by
Kathy Barnard
August 2, 2010