



**Yarmouth Port Village Parking and Traffic
Public Information Meeting Minutes
Yarmouth Fire Station #2
340 Route 6A, Yarmouth Port, MA 02675**

March 30, 2022

Selectmen present: Tracy Post, Peter Smith and Dan Horgan.

The meeting was called to order at approximately 5:36 p.m.

Town Administrator Robert Whritenour made opening remarks and introduced the Town staff team of Deputy Police Chief Kevin Lennon, Director of Community Development Karen Greene, Town Planner Kathy Williams, DPW Director Jeff Colby, Town Engineer Amanda Lima, Economic Development Coordinator Kyle Pedicini, and the Selectmen present.

Mr. Whritenour recognized Deputy Chief Lennon for an update on traffic and parking issues in the Village.

Ms. Williams gave an update of Traffic Planning conducted to date, as well as future planning efforts to design streetscape improvements for the Village area of Route 6A.

Mr. Colby gave a brief update of the upcoming project to replace the water main on Route 6A, creating the opportunity in 2023 to make improvements in the restoration phase of the construction.

Mr. Whritenour facilitated a public comment period, and the following is a summary of the public comments received:

1. Install no parking signage.
2. Install no parking signage and cross-hatching to mark crosswalks.
3. Designate the North Side of Route 6A as no parking.
4. Reduce speed limit and increase enforcement.
5. We rejected the plan in 2019; Excessive speed is at the heart of the problem – this reduces safety.
6. Expand area of study to Grill 43; Condition of sidewalks is poor/unsafe; Delivery trucks park illegally and are a big problem.
7. Expand area of study from Willow Street to Old Yarmouth Inn.
8. Parking has been allowed for twenty years on the north side of Route 6A.
9. Install no parking signs.
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11. Install no parking signs.
12. Make better use of parking areas located behind building; Jaywalking is a problem – crossing anywhere.
13. National Grid will be installing a new gas main on the south side of the street after Labor Day.
14. Look at historic areas in Great Britain for new ideas.
15. A police officer was rude and gave out tickets.

16. Be careful if installing curbing as provisions must be made for delivery trucks and for ambulances, especially at medical offices.
17. Cannot pull out onto Route 6A; Sidewalks are all broken and difficult to walk on – need repair.
18. State Department of Transportation (DOT) requirements are too stringent; Is the State willing to “bend their rules” to accommodate the unique factors in the Village? Work with the State to determine this; Install flashing lights at crosswalks because drivers do not stop; Why does the Planning Board approve new businesses without requiring off-street parking?
19. Speed and distracted drivers are a key problem.
20. Use back parking lots rather than street parking.
21. Should conduct another Zoom session for anyone that could not come to the meeting.
22. DOT is part of the problem - they refuse to make improvements; Get the road out of the control of the State, as was done in Barnstable; Speed is a problem; Drivers will not stop at crosswalks; The Town’s priorities are not Yarmouth Port; The look and aesthetics are important as a historic district; Petition the State for control.
23. Postal carriers and ambulances are important to provide for; How do we get deliveries?
24. Common signage for the back parking lots could be an effective short-term solution.
25. Sidewalks should be repaired - the last major work on the sidewalks was in 1987; Common signs for parking in the rear of businesses is a good idea – It requires Old Kings Highway approval for signs; Do not install curbs as this will prevent people from having room to pull over when an ambulance is going by.
26. Install speed bumps.
27. A crosswalk is needed at 165 Route 6A.
28. We should meet with some smaller constituent groups and work out the details for a recommendation to the Selectmen.

When no additional comments were forthcoming, Mr. Whritenour announced that a future meeting would be held with the full Board of Selectmen before any actions are finalized.

The meeting was adjourned by consensus at 8:20 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Robert L. Whritenour, Jr.
Town Administrator