

Meeting was called to order at 6:10pm.

Members present were Chairman Josh Miller, Bill Mroz, Dick Vermeulen, Ben Norton, Glenn Hall, Michael Cushman, and recording secretary Patty St Clair. Also present were Jim Barstow, Finance Director Elizabeth Curtis, Town Manager Tim Polky, Harbormaster Dave Schmanska, Evie Blum, Tom Sofyanos, Scott Sullivan, Selectboard liaison Randy Elwell, and Deputy Harbormaster Gerry Cushman.

Minutes for the following meetings March 2, 2017, March 22, 2017, April 11, 2017, April 20, 2017, and the public hearing of April 20, 2017 were handed out to the committee for review. A motion was made by Bill Mroz, seconded by Ben Norton, to accept them as written; so carried.

Harbormaster Schmanska gave an update on the gate and potential parking area. At this time the master plan was laid out for him to show how this could be done.

Right now we have contracted with Larry's Welding to get a new gate made. Currently we are looking basically a post here, post here and then half a dozen posts down that side. He is going to make a two part gate so we can join in the middle and actually lock. What we decided and talked about before was getting some jersey barriers so we can sequester the area and right now we are looking at is to have jersey barriers basically going down roughly 100 feet between that left post and the beginning of notch. So with seven barriers with adequate space in between and block that off there. The other thing is then to continue with jersey barriers going this way and then knocking down the rest of the chainlink fence and add some parking here.

What we need to talk about, I think, more than anything are we going to change parking rules on wharf and if we are what are we going to change them to etc etc. I have not measured out how many more vehicles we can get in here but we can get quite a few in there. This barrier from here to here is roughly 50 feet and then you have 100 feet here.

Ben Norton asked you are talking about putting the gate here?

Harbormaster Schmanska said basically right where it was

Ben Norton said will that not limit you to getting into here or is this all going away?

Chairman Miller said last meeting we talked about opening up an area for use this year.

Ben Norton said then how are they going to get in?

Harbormaster Schmanska said you will be able to walk through the barriers but you cant drive through the barriers. You don't have to go through the gate to park. Eventually there will be a sign that reads for commercial access only on this part. So we will gain some parking here to the left side of the gate and the end of the bulk head. Like I said this isn't to scale and it's a little bit funky because the gaps are ----. The fence is coming down but it will allow people to get on the property but it won't allow people to drive on the property.

Dick Vermeulen asked if there were any guys signed up on the commercial side?

Harbormaster Schmanska said no fisherman but Hale Miller, Art Tibbets, and Island Transporter are now paying us certain amount per usage per year or month depending on how the contract was set up.

Harbormaster Schmanska stated the issue is limit the time of parking on this.

Dick Vermeulen asked what the time is now?

Harbormaster Schmanska stated you can park there all day if you want, you just can't park there overnight.

Chairman Miller said we talked about last time some kind of limit for parking with some kind of signage.

Harbormaster Schmanska stated the signs were only in Tenants Harbor for a short period of time before they got taken down and run over.

Harbormaster Schmanska mentioned Dan Morris had talked about the idea of changing the times for parking and it should be something to think about and discuss.

Glenn Hall had heard something about a six hour limit.

Harbormaster Schmanska said Dan Morris's suggestion was 2hour or 4hour limit. He feels four hours is not unreasonable. It certainly would cut down on the people that are parking there daily this time of year. When I checked this morning at 8am, there were two spots open. On any given day there could be six vehicles already there which could be, I believe, the crew for the Allen Island and if Hedgerow is going to Teel there could be two more cars, and then Meklin is usually there too.

Dick Vermeulen stated that just isn't right.

Harbormaster Schmanska stated there are people who have boats in the harbor that cant get to them because there is no spot to park there because it is limited and we know that it will always be limited. I do think there are ways to help them. I think I mentioned before I have spoken with Jake Ward/Allen Island that this may change down the road and he was surprised that it hadn't happened all ready. They come in six cars and head to the island in one vessel; why can't they show up in one vehicle.

Harbormaster Schmanska said 4 hours doesn't seem unreasonable especially if you are going out on your boat with your family. I feel 2 hours is a short stay; so what do you guys think.

Bill Mroz said with regulation comes monitoring. So if we put a rule up, its going to be a honor system.

Harbormaster Schmanska said to some degree I don't want to be the traffic cop for the Town, but I am pretty aware of what goes on down there most of the time.

Dick Vermeulen said I don't think the contractors ---but with some reasonable time allotment or you say you get one car down there all day, I think you are going to see people parking there all day long. On the honor basis of 4 hours, some are going to abide by it and some will not.

Harbormaster Schmanska said-----I have always tried to keep the business employees park near where they work. It has been brought up to me more than once why is it that the store's employees can't park there but Wyeth's employees can park there; it's a legitimate beef.

Chairman Miller said if you put the 4 hour parking in, we always have the flexibility -----contractors signs up there

Dick Vermeulen said you could do May to September

Harbormaster Schmanska said We are a small enough Town where if someone gets stuck on Allen, they can call and say the boat broke down and we can't get there; I am not going to have the car towed.

Ben Norton said with video monitoring at least we could say that guy parked down there and ---that guy has been parked there for 5 days now -----that might be a tool ---this parking thing.

Harbormaster Schmanska said I honestly don't think if there is appropriate --that people can see most people will abide by it.

Glenn Hall said It's a good idea if --don't

Ben Norton said I think the seasonal thing, May to October, ---problem now until Columbus Day. Chairman Miller said we did discuss cameras at our last meeting and we thought this year was not necessary.

Selectboard liaison Elwell said it goes back to the small Town way -----

Harbormaster Schmanska said where would we put it?

Gerry Cushman said I just want everyone to know that down there, Tim Polky can vouch for this, fifteen years ago was a parking ban or limited time for parking I think it was about an hour, they enforced with a fine and there were people who got several \$100 fines in a week but never paid them. I just want you guys to have and acknowledge that this went on back then and they never got paid. Look at Drift Inn Beach, there is every fifteen feet a parking sign how many people abide by it. When Hanscom comes through with his speaker on saying "We will tow your vehicle" I didn't see anybody running to move their cars. I don't have a solution but this has all ready been done and where did it get us.

Harbormaster Schmanska stated towing is the solution.

Evie Blum asked you are talking about a technological solution, what's the problem exactly?

What would that solve for you? Is the problem we don't want someone ----is it that you are looking for a revenue source? I don't understand ----technology

Dick Vermeulen said if those contractors are taking up all the parking spaces down there all being filled and no one else can park there.

Evie Blum said I understand that Dave said ----if you know those people ---reasonable if you know what we can't let you park there anymore and then you can't say you can park one car there if everybody else does for ---hours. They are reasonable people but if they can't park there ---going to. If there are then ---you could say hey but other than that what good would it accomplish for you. It just seems you are going down a path ---if you are looking at revenue source put in a meter like on Mulberry Street in Boston where people pay and its ---

Chairman Miller stated it is part of a larger conversation and not about 10 Cold Storage. The cameras have been a part of a larger conversation towards the whole area not just parking uses and different people using it.

Ben Norton said it's a tool to see who, when, and how often it gets used.

Evie Blum said it seems a long way to go to figure ----10 Cold Storage.

Ben Norton said we are just trying to figure out a parking situation down there for the Summer.

Selectboard liaison Elwell said the idea of the cameras came up for security not for monitoring parking at 10 Cold Storage property.

Habormaster Schmanska said just so you guys know the Selectboard at our recommendation can set those rules and regulations that governs what goes on at both public landings. That's how they came to be and can be reviewed again. We will probably have to have slightly different wording on the rules and regulations for that property/10 Cold Storage because we are going to allow commercial access which we do not allow on the other ones.

Bill Mroz said If we think back to what we are trying to accomplish here, it was simple, easy access by water, by foot traffic, and that was basically 2017 objective. So just running through the list, a 4 hour time frame who does that help? So remember when we went through every segment and talked about who would be parking there , so if you think about what we are trying ---accomplish I think it through 4 hour parking helps with people who want to use the boat ramp to launch their boat, it helps with people who drive down to Port Clyde that want to walk around or sit, so day visitor, it

helps people who have boats who work out of the harbor, It disadvantages commercial guys who are going to go out to the island so are we worried about a solution for them?

Habormaster Schmanska said right now the commercial guys that are accessing the property have everything they need.

Bill Mroz asked about the ones that come to park for the day. All of a sudden a sign goes up and they are disadvantaged but we are OK with that.

Harbormaster Schmanska stated when we were first looking at the property ---we were crowded out of the original Town landing. This starts to attack that stuff. Its not the end to be all. I am sure ten years from now what is going on down there will be different from now. This to me is a start, its relatively painless, its relatively in expensive, it doesn't solve all the problems but it attacks a couple of problems.

Evie Blum again I would like to back up and point out that you were looking at providing additional parking as a solution to an unstated problem. I personal did not vote for the Town to purchase 10 Cold Storage Road in order to provide oceanfront parking. That would never be an appropriate purpose for such valuable land that with tremendous beauty, a fabulous location. So here we are talking about how to get parking and am I missing something?

Chiarmen Miller stated this discussion is what can we do this year we know we aren't going to have plan to fully utilized the site this season. So what can we do to maybe alleviate what the problem is down there at the end of the point exists and not go away. So we talked about how can we take that fence down, gate off the commercial side, how to maybe create a small area for not just parking but enjoyment also. Something that is manageable but not trying to bite off too much and having ourselves manage something that is easy to maintain at this time. So that is where we are at with this discussion.

Evie Blum my concern is that even a temporary basis to provide additional parking then what was without moving the commercial guys you are setting a precedent that this is good and we --can do more working. As for specific groups you favor or don't favor, for the commercial guys, a plumber coming out to Hupper Island has a much better shot at parking on that dock than any resident of Hupper Island. So you have already chosen to ----specific groups that aren't going to service at all. So you might service some boaters if they are four hour boaters. But I think until you address the commercial guys that stay all day, as for store employees, but going out to an island and you are a workman it is an issue that providing parking elsewhere is a better precedent than even temporarily --then not enforce it.

Selectboard liaison Elwell said the four hour parking is a good start for a problem that has been on going for a long time.

Ben Norton said we bought this place to utilize it down there and try to solve what has always been a bad situation even it is a limited way to start with. There is a parking issue and a turn around issue and our long range plan is to try to solve that.

Gerry Cushman stated you guys are going in the right direction.

Multiple conversations going on at one time.

Bill Mroz said there would be a motion to go forward that the Harbor Committee recommend for the 2017 season there would be increase parking and a four hour limit on both properties except for the hill where certain people have certain rights and we can't do anything about that.

At this time a motion was made by Glenn Hall, seconded by Dick Vermeulen, on the above statement; so carried.

Town Manager Polky said what you have to do, the Selectboard will have to have a public hearing on make that an active regulation. In the public hearing some of that may come out but you want to spell out pretty much what you want them to put in that regulation. I don't see why you would have to mention any thing about seasonal right now. At the end of the season if you want to deal with that regulation you might want to tweak it if you feel there are some problems with it.

Harbormaster Schmanska stated he is still looking into the concrete floats, not for this year, I think this is some way we should look.

Chairman Miller asked if we need to get back with Noel Musson and Greg Johnston for anything at this time.

Harbormaster Schmanska said he had talked with Noel last Thursday advised him there was no need for him to show up for this meeting. He was checking more on that North Atlantic; which might have some money for us. Noel was waiting to make another master plan so he would be ready to meet with DEP and Army Corp with the formal application. He has made contact with them and they seem very interested with this project, know where Port Clyde is, where St George is, and its moving forward. Senator King is still on board with the whole project and willing to help where he can. This is all that he has for now.

Evie Blum asked if this committee was aware an offer floated at the Selectboard meeting for a private group to -----funds to develop 10 Cold Storage Road. This is a full development.

Glenn Hall stated it is a bad idea.

Selectboard liaison Elwell said it is a Selectboard item right now. Just keep plugging along with your plan and keep going the way you are and when the time comes will go with that.

Bill Mroz said nothing can happen until this is stabilized and the foundation of what is going to happen in the future is done.

Selectboard liaison Elwell said lets wait to see what the plan can do and have Noel Musson keep moving forward.

Glenn Hall said this is a starting point, keep it simple, and this will provide more access then before for the Town.

Our next meeting will be June 20, 2017 at 6pm to approve the minutes from our meetings of May 16, 2017 and June 13, 2017 that is all. Tonight's meeting adjourned at 6:59pm.

Respectfully submitted,

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Recording secretary