

Rutland City Parking Committee

June 16, 2022 Meeting

Members Present: Chair Neary, Alderman Etti, Alderman Talbott, Commissioner Rotondo

Others Present: Mayor Allaire, Alderman Doenges

Minutes

Chair Neary called the meeting to order at 5:33PM.

The first item on the agenda was garage and on-street parking rates. This was a preliminary meeting to determine procedure and rate structure for changes to parking rates and how they relate to establishing Park Mobile.

Neary began by referencing the parking rate status sheet that was prepared following the Park Mobile meeting. Rutland City's on-street parking rate is half of any other Vermont, New Hampshire, or New York parking rates for similarly sized municipalities researched. In addition, in all other examples, garage parking is cheaper than on-street parking. Currently, garage parking rate is double the on-street rate. The committee agree that rates should at minimum be equal and that overall parking rates should remain as low as possible while coming in line with other communities and covering Park Mobile charges. The parking rate should not deter downtown visitation or cause paid parking avoidance.

The committee discussed current rates and potential new rates. The parking garage is current \$45 and \$55 a month and Neary believed this could be closer to \$30 a month to encourage higher utilization rates, which remain very low. The hourly rate should remain unchanged. The on-street parking rate is currently between \$0.25 and \$0.50 per hour, which is less than half of most other communities. Neary believed this could be closer to \$1 per hour with a \$0.35 surcharge on the first hour for Park Mobile feeds. Commissioner Rotondo stated that the rate of the old meters cannot be changed. The current coin meters are in poor condition and no longer fixable and the committee agreed that the current meters must be replaced with newer digital coin meters. The combination of new digital coin meters and Park Mobile could have potential to drastically improve the parking fund. Currently, the DPW spends a lot of time fixing both coin and kiosk meters. By changing equipment, including removing kiosks, the DPW could save staff time for parking meter maintenance. New parking meters are a current DPW request for ARPA funds and the committee agreed to prepare a parking meter transition plan with costs, work scope, and timeline for referral to Finance Committee.

There were no motions made by the Committee and the meeting minutes are presented for informational purposes only.

Meeting adjourned at 6:10 PM.

Alderman Devon Neary