

Chief Kilcullen apologized for being a few minutes late. He was looking at a few Agenda Items. He called the meeting to order at 9:05 hours

Members Present: Chief Kilcullen, John McCann, Dan MacIntyre & Dawn Curtis

Guests Present: Steve Waite & Lawrence Cameron

Members Absent: Commander Whitehead and Bradley LaFaso of LaFaso Electric

NEW BUSINESS

1. Reworking the Winter parking ban – John McCann

This ties into the Green Belt. For several years, we've talked about this. We have said that if we do something different with the Winter parking ban, then we would need to do something different with the Green belt. Changes to both of these would affect a lot of people. The Winter Parking ban was referred to the Charter & Ordinance committee to discuss. Due to it being referred to the Charter & Ordinance committee, Chief Kilcullen doesn't believe he would have the authority to change it. We can discuss it here at this meeting but then would need to refer to the Charter & Ordinance committee, for anything further.

John McCann stated that he thought we should bring this topic back up here. Andrew had previously mentioned checking with other towns to see what they do in regards to a Winter Parking Ban. John asked what our next steps are. He mentioned that he didn't want us to just try something that is going to cost us money up front. He asked for thoughts on what might work. Chief Kilcullen said that there are a couple of ways we could go about this. We could go "Street by Street", city wide and identify appropriate restrictions. If we have a narrow road and if we were to move into streets, could be problematic. In regards to Reworking the Winter Parking Ban, he asked Dan MacIntyre how many snow days are we getting? Dan mentioned that last year we had 33. Chief asked, so, now, do we move cars off street between Midnight and 6:00 AM? Some cities have snow emergencies. One night, the parking is on the even side and the next night it would be on the odd side. Dan MacIntyre mentioned that it sometimes takes them 2 days to clean up from a snow day.

Dan MacIntyre asked if there have been a lot of complaints regarding the green belt. Dawn Curtis stated Yes, she gets a lot. People say they have nowhere to park. Dawn mentioned that when she lived in Burlington, they had blinking lights. They have parking garages. Parking would be free in the garages when there was a parking ban for the streets. Dawn also mentioned that she knows that the Officer's are just doing their job by ticketing people during this ban if they are parked on the street but maybe they don't need to write tickets on a 50 degree night. Chief Kilcullen stated that we are basically dealing with 25% of the winter parking ban period (33 days) and even though it may not sit well to write a ticket on a 50 degree night, we are trying to let people know that we can't have the cars there. Chief Kilcullen asked Dan MacIntyre how Forest Street has been. Dan said up and down. Then, we will get calls that people have moved their cars and they are asking if we can come back to plow. We're just trying to make sure that people can get into their spots. Dan had mentioned that they received a call once from someone that lives on East Street that they were putting too much snow in one spot. John McCann mentioned that this came up at an Alderman's meeting, a guy names Brian has a trailer and runs his business out of it. He needs his trailer in front of his house. He suggested that if Winter parking is in effect, then don't have green belt in effect. Green belt would be frozen, mya not get as damaged. Wondering if current time frame for Winter parking ban is adequate. Can we shorten it up? Dawn said you'll have to ask Mother Nature that. Dan replied Yup, Mother Nature. That's a tough one and this will be our 1st year with the green belt changes. It's harder when there's sidewalk green belt. The guy with the trailer says that he pulls on sidewalk so not to have tires in the green belt. Chief Kilcullen mentioned that even prior to our current discussions about not

allowing parking in the Green belt, in the Charter & Ordinances, it is worded that the green belt is not for storing property or contents longer than 48 hours. John McCann asked Chief Kilcullen what his thoughts were about the winter parking ban and the green belt not being in effect at the same time. Chief Kilcullen stated that that could be an option. It's not unreasonable. Is it perfect? No. Other issue, where does DPW put snow if they can't put it in green belt? Dan said that they put it on the curb line. Most people aren't parking on side of road. If they are off road and on sidewalk, then we can't plow the sidewalk. We're doing this for the public. Terrill Street is all repaved, now. Harrington Avenue people might back over a curb, then DPW will have to fix it later. If it's curbed sidewalk, there's only 5 or 6 feet. Chief Kilcullen said that certainly having no cars in street from Midnight to 6:00 A.M. is best scenario. Dan said having no cars in the street is best. John McCann that maybe this committee or the Charter & Ordinance committee could send a preferred option and make a referral to the DPW committee.

Option #1 – Identify restrictions – street by street

Option #2 – Make exception to allow parking in green belt area

Option #3 – Incorporate snow event policy to not allow parking during snow event

Option #4 – On one snow day, the Even # days can park on the street. On the next snow day, the Odd # days can park on the street.

We should let others decide. More that can weigh in, the better. John McCann asked if we wanted another meeting here at the Traffic Safety Committee or just refer it. Refer. Short term, may be to allow parking in the green belt. Chief Kilcullen asked John if he would make the referral to Public Works regarding the green belt. John asked if we need 4 months for the Winter Parking Ban or could we chip away 1 week or 2 weeks off of it. He was told that we didn't think that would help. John mentioned that everyone is struggling right now. He stated that someone he knows has a long term parking pass at the deck. People go down to 1 car in the winter in their driveway and park the other car in the deck. Dawn Curtis mentioned that a downtown parking pass costs \$35.00 monthly, it costs \$55.00 monthly to park in the parking deck and costs \$45.00 monthly to park in the parking deck if you are a member of the Chamber of Commerce. She also mentioned that An owner of some apartment buildings downtown negotiated with Laz parking deck so that her tenants only have to pay \$35.00 monthly. Dawn stated that Burlington has a dedicated phone line for a snow emergency. She also mentioned State of Vermont has a notification system but you as an individual have to sign up for the notification. She said that a lot of appeals have been put through on Winter parking ban. If it's the persons first ticket, they will usually waive the fee on the ticket. It was stated that there are atleast 4 signs talking about the Winter Parking Ban put up around the City. Dawn mentioned that the Police Officer's used to issue warnings on the 1st night of the Winter Parking Ban and they were orange or yellow. Chief stated that we put it up on our Facebook page. John McCann asked if we can put it in a note with the water bills? Next bill will go out at the end of September. 3rd party does billing. They have put a page together regarding DPW issues. John mentioned that maybe we can get it on the next water bill. Dan suggested that we install temporary signs in neighborhoods, on the major Streets like Bellevue Avenue, East Street, etc. John asked what the cost would be for this. Dan said that we already have poles in stock so not a huge hit. We can use the electronic billboard and then move it to different spots. Chief asked if anyone knew why we have the 3:00 AM – 6:00 AM downtown parking restrictions. Noone knew. Dawn mentioned that last year we didn't have a lot of Winter Parking Ban tickets.

2. Request to move the handicap sign on Morse Place from the end of the street to IFO 50 Morse Place – Lawrence Cameron

At the intersection of Morse & Madison Street, Lawrence thought that the person had moved and wasn't using the handicap spot. They didn't move. They are using the handicap parking spot. Chief Kilcullen mentioned that it wouldn't be appropriate if we moved the handicap parking spot, being that the house on

Madison Street doesn't have a driveway. Lawrence stated that the house is on Madison Street and the driveway is on Morse Place. Chief mentioned that this house is a multi unit. Chief Kilcullen asked Lawrence if he could help us understand the need to have the handicap parking spot in the street, as opposed to Lawrence using his driveway. Lawrence mentioned that he could use his driveway. He said that he loses his breath. Chief mentioned that parking isn't allowed on his side of the street and if we were to put a Handicap parking spot in front of his house, he would have to park across from his house rather than at his back door. Chief repeated where Lawrence was suggesting having a parking spot in front of his house and asked him if he felt it was a better option for him. John McCann asked if there was a need for a spot across from his house or will people say it's his spot. Chief stated that to him, he felt like the back door seems closer for you. Chief asked if there was something that makes it difficult for him to park in his driveway. Lawrence stated that the people at 52 Morse Place back into his driveway so he stays away from that. John McCann stated that Lawrence's driveway T's off at the back of the house. Chief asked Lawrence that across from his house, where he's requesting the sign be installed, do they park in the road or the driveway. Lawrence stated that 49 & 51 Morse Place always park in their driveways. John mentioned that he knows this is extra work but is it worth reaching out to the neighbors to make sure they don't have concerns if we put this sign up. Then, if it's an issue, it will be back on the Agenda for our next meeting. Lawrence Cameron asked us to cancel this request. Chief stated that we don't have to. He asked that we please cancel it.

3. Request to remove a handicap impaired sign on Morse Place – Lawrence Cameron

A "Visionally impaired child" sign was previously installed on Morse Place and the family with the child is no longer living there. This can be removed.

4. Tractor Trailer Trucks on Harrington Avenue – Referral from Alderman Gillam

Across from 78 Harrington Avenue, Sherwin Williams has a loading dock. It seems there is plenty of room there to back up and turn around. Not sure if it might be a driver issue. Maybe we should have a conversation with drivers when they make the turn. There aren't any ruts in the parking lot. Dan MacIntyre mentioned that they did the sidewalk there, last year. John McCann mentioned that maybe if we tighten up this area, it could help. Dan stated that we bumped the South side of Harrington Avenue, North. Dan also mentioned that we were talking about planting a tree up there. Chief Kilcullen mentioned that when he initially looked at this, he thought that if we put up a "No parking this side", it would help. Dan stated that he doesn't think it's frequent that the issue happens.

Other New Business

Church Street & Crescent Street –

Chief Kilcullen asked if there was any discussion regarding the 190 feet curb cut at Beer King. He mentioned this as being a Pedestrian safety factor. John stated that there's got to be a better way to design that so there's not a loss of spots. So, internally if it can be on the radar for DPW, that would be great. John stated that he doesn't think it would be a hard task and maybe offer to paint the spots. Chief again stated that whenever DPW can address this, the better. John also mentioned that it's a tough intersection and the school isn't too far from there. One way to make it safer would be to clean up the parking lot. Chief Kilcullen also stated that when heading South on Church Street, there's no delineation of road from a design stand point, if DPW could please look at it. Dan stated that maybe Roger would be fine with this. We'd be dressing it up. It would look a lot better. Dan asked if there was a particular reason why at Crescent Street and Church Street that's not a 4 way stop. He knows we are not supposed to use a Stop sign to control traffic. Chief Kilcullen stated that he didn't feel there would be an issued putting up a Stop sign here. I'm fine with this. He suggested referring to Ted

Gillen for MUTCD review. For now, our Interim fix would be a Stop sign to be installed East and West at Crescent Street/Church Street intersection.

Meeting adjourned at 10:14 Hours.

Submitted by Nora J. Moore, Records Clerk