

Town of Francestown

Board of Selectmen

Minutes of Meeting

Tuesday, June 27, 2017

Members Present: Chairman Brad Howell and Abigail Arnold

Others Present: Town Administrator Jamie A Pike, Police Chief Fred Douglas, Charlie Pyle, Polly Freese, BJ Carbee, Betty Behrsing, Kevin Pobst, and Pat Thalhauser.

Chairman Howell called the meeting to order at 9:10am.

The purpose of this meeting was to discuss parking issues within the town as they relate to public and private events.

Mr. Pyle addressed FIHS's preliminary plans regarding additional parking for the Labor Day events. Initial concepts include off-site parking locations, possibly the school and recreation fields with a shuttle bus running throughout the day. Chief Douglas has worked with Mr. Pyle to allow street parking along the outbound sides of Greenfield and New Boston Roads and 2nd NH Turnpike South.

Members of the public asked about parking conditions within the Village along Main Street. Chief Douglas clarified that parking is permissible in the areas where a car can be completely within the "fog" line and not blocking any portion of the travelled lane. Cars are also not permitted to park on the sidewalk. Chief Douglas stated he has been proactively enforcing parking issues by educating the residents of the village. There have been limited citations issued and only if the department was unable to locate a vehicle owner.

Chief Douglas also expressed concern with parking along Scoby Road and Dodge Hill Road near the boat access and the Town Beach. Chief Douglas desires to limit parking to the West or shore side of the road. The Board further agreed that No Parking signs may be installed on the opposite side of the road. Chief Douglas explained that if cars are parked on both sides of the road, it would not be possible for emergency vehicles to get through.

There was also discussion regarding options for off-street parking within the Village. It was noted that the parking lot at the Town Hall and the Town Offices are available.

Meeting was adjourned at 10:15am

Respectfully Submitted,

Jamie A Pike

Approved on 07/24/2017

Brad Howell

Abigail Arnold

Henry Kunhardt