

**PARKING & TRAFFIC COMMITTEE**  
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**Agenda**  
**Bar Harbor Parking and Traffic Committee**  
**April 4, 2018**  
**Council Chambers**  
**93 Cottage Street**  
**9:00 A.M.**

- I. CALL TO ORDER**
- II. ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA**
- III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**
  - a. November 15, 2017
- IV. REGULAR BUSINESS**
  - a. **Kennebec Street Adjustment of Parking Regulations**
  - b. **Kennebec Street Adjustment of Traffic Direction**
  - c. **Federal Street Adjustment of Parking Regulations**
- V. MEMBER COMMENTS**
- VI. ADJOURNMENT**

**Minutes  
Bar Harbor Parking & Traffic Committee  
November 15, 2017  
Council Chambers  
93 Cottage Street  
9:00 A.M.**

**I. CALL TO ORDER**

*The meeting was called to order at 9:00 AM. Members present: Sandy McFarland, Chair; Jeff Miller, Member; Matt Bartlett, Member; David Kerns for James Willis, Member; Chip Reeves, Member, and Angela Chamberlain, Secretary.*

**II. ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA**

*Mr. Bartlett, with second by Mr. Reeves, moved to adopt the agenda as presented. Motion passed 6-0.*

**III. ELECTION OF OFFICERS (Secretary)**

*Mr. Reeves stated the Secretary needs to be a member, so Ms. Chamberlain will remain Secretary.*

**IV. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

**a. October 5, 2017**

*Mr. Bartlett, with second by Mr. Reeves, moved to approve the minutes of October 5, 2017 as presented. Motion passed 6-0.*

**V. REGULAR BUSINESS**

**a. Curb Cut Application – Center Street**

*Ms. Chamberlain said she guessed the curb cut to be 15' since Mr. Ream's application did not state the length. Mr. Reeves said he needs to verify but 15' sounds right.*

*Mr. Reeves, with second by Mr. Bartlett, moved to approve application PT-2017-03 for a 15' curb cut on Center Street. Motion passed 6-0.*

**b. Kennebec Street and Kennebec Place Parking & Signage**

*Mr. Kerns suggested that curbing is not needed, just painting yellow on the pavement, but does it need to be 63'. Mr. Reeves stated the intent is to clean up the intersection*

*and looking at the pictures, the spot on the corner is the problem. Mr. Bartlett suggested just blocking out that one spot, but curbing would make the turn worse for the Fire Dept. Mr. Kerns says that Kennebec Place is 2-way all the way to the church parking lot and the truck in the pictures is not in violation.*

*Mr. Reeves, with second by Mr. Bartlett, moved to yellow out one parking spot on Kennebec Place, at the corner of Kennebec Street, next spring. Motion passed 6-0.*

### **c. Crosswalk Improvement**

*Ms. Chamberlain questioned whether the problem is people not seeing where the crosswalks are, or people crossing streets between cars. For people crossing between cars, what good will reflectors do? Mr. Reeves stated the reason there are no crosswalk signs in the crosswalks downtown is that they do not stay in the crosswalks. Mr. Bartlett said in Clearwater, FL people push a button to cross and lights flash to indicate they are there, and they have barriers to force people to use the crosswalks. Mr. Miller stated you see those in major metro areas, but due to the nature of our downtown with multiple blocks it would be expensive, and if you only do a few, it will not solve the problem. Mr. Kerns said part of the issue is parking spaces that are right up to the crosswalks, which affects the line of sight, by the time you see the pedestrian it is too late to stop. Mr. Bartlett stated there is not an easy solution.*

*Mr. Reeves, with second by Mr. Bartlett, moved to take Mr. Gaynor's letter under advisement but take no action at this time. Motion passed 6-0.*

## **VI. MEMBER COMENTS**

*Mr. McFarland suggested talking about Rodick Street again to improve flow. He stated one-way streets have helped, such as on lower Rodick. Mr. Kerns stated that Rodick Street is only part of the problem with traffic flow downtown. Mr. Reeves stated that this committee has discussed many options. Public Works has already painted "Stop Sign Ahead" on Rodick Street and they have talked about cross-hatching the area. Mr. McFarland also suggested that the Island Explorer hub should not be in the center of town. He has also observed many buses with few people on them. Mr. Bartlett stated that sometimes the number of buses in an issue for the Fire Dept. Mr. Reeves said there are so many moving parts with the recommendation to move tendering to the ferry terminal and the Route 3 project, but we do need to get to a conclusion. He also stated it is better to make an entire street one-way rather than a partial street. Mr. Miller suggested a brainstorming session, come up with ideas, prioritize, and then try something to see what works.*

## **VII. ADJOURNMENT**

*Mr. McFarland, with second by Mr. Bartlett, moved to adjourn at 9:20 AM. Motion passed 6-0.*

*Signed as approved:*

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**Respectfully submitted, Angela M Chamberlain, Secretary  
Parking & Traffic Committee, Town of Bar Harbor**

**Date**

## Parking Proposal

Alex Maffucci <alex@atlanticbrewing.com>

Wed 3/7/2018 3 50 PM

To: James Willis <jwillis@mdpolice.org>;

3.5.18

Dear Chief Willis,

After meeting with the parking committee last fall, it was recommended that we explore a few alternatives to the parking and loading arrangements on the northern end of Kennebec Street.

Currently Kennebec Street is a two-way road for the initial 100' off Cottage Street. The road is approximately 19' wide along its entirety. A 19 foot wide two-way road allowing parking is not viable. It seems the only alternative is to either change the road to one-way or disallow parking.

Historically, people have parked along the west side of the road, whether legally or illegally. This caused the people parking at the former "Clarke Coal " building to engage in a multi point turn to exit the parking area. This problem was further exacerbated by cars travelling in both directions, often resulting in a "Mexican standoff" right at the intersection.

Our brewery project relocated the parking on the property back 60 feet from the intersection of Cottage and Kennebec. Though somewhat better, the issue of parking versus two-way traffic remains.

We purchased the property with the understanding that it was a two-way road. We would prefer no parking along the entire 100' two-way area. However, given the parking shortage in Bar Harbor we are sensitive to the Town's needs.

We propose the following accommodation which would afford us some degree of function for our loading areas while giving up the two way use of the road :

1. Paint a yellow line 15 feet along the intersection of Cottage and Kennebec Street to prevent cars parking at the intersection. This seems to be what is done on neighboring streets.
2. Create one "No Parking" space directly north of the guy wire approximately 95 feet from Cottage St.
3. Allow parking from this " No Parking" space to the 15 'yellow line at the Cottage Street intersection.
4. Change Kennebec St. to one way along its entirety.

As a note, unrelated to our proposal, we would recommend the elimination of the abandoned

handicap parking space, located in front of 17 Kennebec Street, and return it as a parking space. This would result in a de facto zero net loss of parking.

We look forward to attending the meeting and discussing these options.

Sincerely,

Doug Maffucci

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## Parking and Traffic Committee Recommendations for Code Changes

194-14

**Federal Street: Current** – Left side from eastern intersection with Cottage Street to the westerly leg of said street to the intersection with Cottage Street.

**Recommend** - Eliminate the language, "...to the intersection with Cottage Street." This will allow parking on the east side of the westerly leg of Federal Street. This has historically been allowed but the current language in the Code prohibits it.

194-34

**Kennebec Street: Current** – South, provided that traffic may move in both directions, both south and north, in the first 100 feet of Kennebec Street south of Cottage Street.

**Recommend** - Eliminate all language after the word, "South".

194-13 Handicapped Parking

**Designation of spaces** – "The Police Chief, with the approval of the Town Council, shall designate, or cause to be designated, public parking spaces specifically reserved for handicapped persons."

With regard to the Kennebec Street issue, after the first 100 feet, there is currently a Handicapped Parking space that was originally so designated to accommodate a disabled individual who lived in close proximity to that space. That individual has long since passed away. That space can now be returned to public parking. At the same time, the public parking space directly across from Atlantic Brewing Co.'s loading/unloading dock needs to be eliminated in order to allow safe docking of trucks to the loading dock. In so doing, the net loss to available parking on Kennebec Street is zero.