

MEMORANDUM

TO: Cape Elizabeth Town Council
FROM: Ordinance Committee
DATE: December 22, 2020
SUBJECT: Traffic Ordinance Parking Amendments
Kettle Cove/Sea View Ave/Glen Ave

Introduction

At the September 14, 2020 meeting, the Cape Elizabeth Town Council referred to the Ordinance Committee amendments to the Kettle Cove parking provisions. At the November 9, 2020 meeting, the Town Council referred additional parking amendments for Sea View Ave and Glen Ave. The Ordinance Committee has packaged these together as amendments to the Traffic Ordinance.

Review

Both amendments were discussed at the October 26th, November 19th and December 17th meetings. Public comment was received at each meeting. The Police Chief Paul Fenton attended meetings to share his experience with enforcement over the summer. A survey of shoreline access parking regulations in 7 communities was done.

The impetus for the Kettle Cove amendments was to address parking on Crescent Beach without boat launching. The committee added a definition of watercraft that excludes watercraft that do need a vehicle to launch into the water. Existing definitions were also reorganized into alphabetical order. Beach access is currently managed by a permit system and was incorporated into the ordinance.

The impetus for the Sea View Ave/Glen Ave amendment was to address emergency access safety and neighborhood concerns with overcrowding of Cliff House Beach Park. The proposed amendments formalize an "emergency no parking" installed by the Police Department around the "Owens" peninsula last summer. Additional restrictions on parking were added at the top of Sea View Ave and on Glen Ave. (See map, page 2) The amendments further restrict parking to residents from May 1 to October 1 (dates that align with the dog rules at Cliff House Beach Park).

Recommendation

At the December 17, 2020 meeting, the Ordinance Committee voted 3-0 to recommend the Traffic Ordinance Amendments to the Town Council.

Cliff House Beach Park Area
One side only parking

