

**Town of Cape Elizabeth
Ordinance Committee Minutes**

May 25, 2022

7:00 p.m.

Jordan Conference Room, Town Hall

Members Present: Penny Jordan, Chair
Gretchen Noonan

Staff: Maureen O’Meara, Town Planner

Councilor Penny Jordan called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

Minutes

The minutes of the May 11, 2022 meeting were approved 2-0.

Public comment – Reef Road Parking Evaluation

Adrian Curry, 21 Reef Rd – He referenced Police Chief Fenton’s letter. He didn’t call last summer (the police have other things to do). He is concerned with the evaluation process. He wants police resources to note the speed of cars coming down the hill on Trundy Rd. There are New Hampshire cars that don’t know there are kids on bikes. He has concern with management of environmental resources. People leave dog poop bags, so there should be a garbage can to collect that. He measured the parked car and width of the road and there isn’t enough room for fire trucks to pass.

Chair Jordan noted the beach is owned by CELT. Is there signage about garbage? Mr. Curry said there was signage and a garbage can before which has been removed. He removes the garbage now. Chair Jordan stated that CELT should manage the property.

Jim Morra, 5 Waumbek Rd – The proposal misses the safety issue, specifically access for fire trucks and potential overuse that will damage the resource. What number of visitors can we support? Thirty cars on a busy day is too much.

Chair Jordan asked if neighbors are willing to supply pictures during the evaluation period? This could help with understanding peak periods and fire department access. Mr. Morra said he can document with pictures.

Jill Nash, 15 Reef Rd – She concurs on the fire truck access concerns, when cars are parked on the curb, the road width measures under 10’.

Mr. Curry added that no one parked on the lawn, so there was not enough room for fire trucks, then with kids on bikes it is dangerous.

It was noted that several neighbors have health issues, so EMT access is important.

In response to a question, Ms. O'Meara reviewed the Police Chief's proposal to schedule 4-12 shifts, dependent on available staffing, from June 15th to September 30th, to observe the area, followed by a report to be submitted to the Ordinance Committee by November 1st.

Chair Jordan would like this process to be a pilot of how the town can address challenging parking issues for other areas of town.

There was a question about coordinating with a neighborhood group, similar to the process for Seaview Ave, and Jim Morra offered that the Shore Acres Improvement Association (SAIA) could get the word out.

Chair Jordan would like Chief Fenton to meet with people and put a plan together with the group. This issue needs interaction and dialogue. Who should Chief Fenton contact? Deb Murphy, President of SAIA.

Chair Jordan suggested that installation of a bike rack should be considered as it made a big difference at Seaview Ave.

Mr. Curry said CELT could add a garbage can. Mr. Morra said there was a trash can for a while, then CELT took over, found most of the can filled with dog waste, and since it was not there to keep the beach clean, they discontinued it.

Councilor Noonan has concerns with the environmental impact and potential degradation/erosion from overuse. That should be coordinated with CELT and the fall report should be sent to CELT. Parking limits may manage the environmental impact.

Chair Jordan asked about a speed limit sign. There is one on Trundy Rd, 25 mph.

Mr. Curry would like the no parking signs installed by the Police Department at the corner sooner to address an immediate hazard. Ms. O'Meara will check with the Police Chief.

Councilor moved that the evaluation proposal by the Police Chief be implemented and the motion passed 2-0. Ms. O'Meara will prepare a status report from the Ordinance Committee to the Town Council for Chair Jordan's review, revision and approval.

Ad Hoc Housing Diversity Study Committee Consultant RFP

The committee reviewed the draft Request for Proposals (RFP) for a consultant to staff the Ad Hoc Housing Diversity Study Committee.

Councilor Noonan made a motion to refer the RFP to the Town Council for consideration and the motion passed 2-0. She then made a motion to recommend that the Ordinance Committee

review the submitted proposals and recommend a selected consultant to the Town Council and that motion passed 2-0.

Public comment

None.

The meeting adjourned at 7:55 p.m.