

**WESTBROOK CITY COUNCIL  
FACILITIES & STREETS COMMITTEE MINUTES  
MONDAY SEPTEMBER 11, 2017 AT 6:30PM  
WESTBROOK HIGH SCHOOL ROOM 114**

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**CALL TO ORDER**

Called to order at 6:30pm by Facilities & Streets Committee Chair Ann Peoples.

**Councilors Present:** Lynda Adams (Ward 5); Victor Chau (Ward 2); Ann Peoples (At-Large/Committee Chair); Gary Rairdon (Ward 4/Committee Member); Anna Turcotte (Ward 3); John O'Hara (At-Large/Committee Vice Chair) Brendan Rielly (Ward 1)

**Councilors Absent:** Gary Rairdon (Ward 4/Committee Member)

**Other City Officials Present:** Jerre Bryant (City Administrator); Natalie Burns (City Solicitor); Maria Dorn (Director of Community Services); Eric Dudley (Director of Public Services); Jennie Franceschi (Director of Planning & Code Enforcement); Ashley Rand (Deputy City Clerk); Janine Roberts (Police Chief); Michael Sanphy (Mayor)

**DOWNTOWN PARKING**

Committee Chair Peoples opened the floor to Mr. Bryant and Ms. Franceschi to give an overview of parking needs for the Downtown. During the Planning Review process, parking concerns and recommendations related to fire/emergency protection and traffic circulation for specified streets in the downtown and greater area were addressed. During the parking review process, other streets were added as a result of Public Safety input as the traffic system has evolved over time and parking in certain locations should be eliminated for safety reasons. Provided to Council was a list of streets (and one public parking lot) where parking prohibitions are recommended. This process involved Police, Fire, Planning, Codes, Engineering and City Administration. In addition, these recommendations were reviewed by the Downtown Westbrook Coalition and a group of Vallee Square business owners.

**Parking Recommendations Presented:**

- Vallee Square- Recommendation- Both sides of the street should be posted as "No Parking". Customers should only be parking in the parking lot.
- Warren Block- Recommendation- Highlight the corner of Main Street and Bridge Street as "No Parking" as well as stripe it off
- Danna Street- Recommendation- "No Parking" on both sides of the street
- School Street (by the Church)- Recommendation- "No Parking" on the West Side of the street so emergency vehicles can get through, as well as posting 35 FT from Main Street as "No Parking"
- Side Street off Dodge Street and Walker Street- Recommendation- "No Parking" East side of the street
- Bridge Street (alongside of Dad Warp Mill)- Recommendation- "No Parking" on four parking spots that are creating a blind exit as you are trying to back out of the parking lot

- Bracket Street- Recommendation- “No Parking” from here to Corner (40 Ft) on the West Side of the Street

The following Council members and public members presented questions and comments to Administration:

1. Councilor Chau
2. Mr. Bryant
3. Councilor Peoples
4. Councilor Turcotte
5. Councilor Adams
6. Vice President O’Hara

### **COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION**

Committee ask that the Admiration provide the following information:

- Would like to see Palmer Study parking study that was done a few years ago regarding parking in the downtown
- Any city owned property that is available in the downtown district
- Recommendations on what do we do with Sacarappa Park
- Other parking alternatives the City could utilize

Committee will meet again in a few weeks.

### **ADJOURNMENT**

Motion to adjourn at 6:56pm.

Moved by Councilor Turcotte, seconded by Councilor Adams.

**Motion carried by a show of hands, none opposed.**