

MEETING OF THE NEW CANAAN PARKING COMMISSION

January 8, 2009

MINUTES

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Keith Richey at 8:00 p.m. in the Boardroom on the second floor of Town Hall, 77 Main Street, New Canaan, Connecticut 06840.

Attendees: Members of the Commission: Pamela Crum, Rick Franco, Joe Berta. Also present: Parking Bureau Supervisor, Karen Miller and Parking Administrative Assistant Stacy Miltenberg

PARKING VIOLATIONS/APPEALS:

1. Harvey Hoffenberg B 284911
Explanation: Loading Zone
Commission Decision: The vote was 2-void, 1-uphold, 1-undecided

2. Christine Simmons B 285117
Explanation: No Permit
Commission Decision: The vote was 3-uphold, 1-void

3. Lenka Horakova B 246009
Explanation: No Parking Zone
Commission Decision: The vote was 4-uphold

4. Justing King B 284315
Explanation: No Permit
Commission Decision: The vote was 4-void

5. Amy Roberts B 282874
Explanation: Unpaid Space
Commission Decision: The vote was 4-void

6. Mike Bragg B 283094
Explanation: Other (obstructing sidewalk)
Commission Decision: The vote was 4-void

7. Esref Ismaili B 285110
Explanation: Using one day permit in wrong permit lot
Commission Decision: The vote was 4-uphold

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Rick Franco moved to approve the minutes of the November 6, 2008 as written. The motion was seconded by Pam Crum and the minutes were approved unanimously.

AGENDA:

DISCUSSION OF HOLIDAY PARKING SITUATION

Keith Richey called upon Commission member Rick Franco to assess the state of downtown parking during the holiday season-all agreed that shopping traffic had declined from previous years and that there were no parking issues.

STATUS OF TALMADGE HILL PARKING LOT EXPANSION AND PERMIT ISSUANCE

The new permit lot at the Talmadge Hill station is finished and just awaiting the lights to be turned on by CL&P which should be done shortly. Once the lot is opened it is expected that everyone on the Talmadge Hill waiting list will be called for a permit.

UPDATE ON RECOMMENDATION FOR ESTABLISHMENT OF "PARKING FUND"

The First Selectman and the Chief Financial Officer are reviewing the possibility of establishing a "parking fund".

\$10 FEE FOR PARKING APPEALS IN GREENWICH

The Parking Commission does not feel that a fee should be charged for appeals.

DAILY FEE AT THE RAILROAD STATIONS

The Parking Commission is in agreement that once we commit to new machines and they are ordered that the daily parking fee be raised to \$5.00, a rate that is standard along the rail line and recommended by SWRPA.

STATUS OF PROPOSAL TO REPLACE IRON MIKES WITH ONES THAT ACCEPT CREDIT CARDS

The contract is under review by the Chief Financial Officer and will be brought before the Board of Selection shortly.

PERMIT FEES

Permit fees will be discussed at the March meeting, however, a motion was proposed that if there is not a March meeting the permit rates should stay the same except for the Richmond Hill Lot which should be raised to equal the Talmadge Hill Lot – (\$384.00 to \$396.00)

INPUT FROM PARKING

All issues addressed.

NEXT MEETING REMINDER

The next meeting of the Parking Commission will take place on Thursday, March 5, 2009.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 9:30 p.m.