

MEETING OF THE NEW CANAAN PARKING COMMISSION

March 1, 2007

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: Keith Richey, Pamela Crum, Dr. William French and Stephen Karl. Also present: Parking Bureau Supervisor, Karen Miller, Parking Bureau Admin. Asst. Stacy Miltenberg, one newspaper reporter, manager of Starbucks and 3 members of the public.

PARKING VIOLATIONS/APPEALS:

1. Dana Pasternak B 257640
Explanation: Unpaid Space Railroad
Commission Decision: The vote was 4-0 void

2. James Broder B 257146
Explanation: Handicapped Zone
Commission Decision: The vote was 4-0 to uphold

3. Mary Wagner B 258270
Explanation: Unpaid Space
Commission Decision: The vote was 4-0 to uphold

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Keith Richey moved to approve the minutes of the January 4, 2007 as written. The motion was seconded by Pam Crum and the minutes were approved unanimously.

AGENDA:

PARKING FIX ARTICLE

The February 3, 2007 article from the Wall Street Journal was submitted by Keith Richey highlighting the necessity to charge for prime parking.

PARKING PERMIT FEES FOR THE 2007-2008 PERMIT YEAR

The commission members have been unable to agree to a rate increase and/or the possibility of different rates for permit lots. The rate discussion will be revisited in the May 3, 2007 meeting.

STARBUCKS EMPLOYEE PARKING SITUATION

The manager of Starbucks was present to discuss the employee parking situation in the Town of New Canaan. He appealed to the Commission to offer employees free and convenient parking. He felt that it was too expensive for employees to pay for daily parking and suggested Elm Street because the Center School or Locust lots (business lots) were too far for employees to walk from. He felt that the employees should have convenient parking in relation to their businesses. The commission offered to consider lower cost or no cost permits to employees to be utilized only in the business lots..

UPDATE OF DOWNTOWN STUDY COMMITTEE

The downtown study committee is holding a workshop on March 20, 2007 to seek input on land use and parking needs in New Canaan. The results of the study will be forth coming shortly.

OVERNIGHT PARKING UPDATE

Overnight parking ban is still in effect for winter months.

DAILY PASSES

The commission voted 4-0 to increase the number of daily one day parking passes sold per week from 3 to 5.

LETTER TO COMMISSION CONCERNING THE POSSIBLE PARK STREET PARKING GARAGE

Dick Bergmann submitted a petition signed by residents living in close proximity to the proposed Park Street parking garage requesting a reconsideration of this location. Copy attached.

INPUT FROM PARKING

None

NEXT MEETING REMINDER

The next meeting of the Parking Commission will take place on Thursday, May 3, 2007.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 10:00 p.m.