

**MINUTES
TOWN OF DARIEN
PARKING AUTHORITY
SPECIAL MEETING**

November 3, 2014

A special meeting of the Parking Authority was held on Monday, November 3, 2014. In attendance were First Selectman Stevenson, Selectmen Hall, Marks, Nielsen and Tierney. Also in attendance was Town Administrator Karl Kilduff.

CALL TO ORDER

First Selectman Stevenson called the meeting to order at 8:30 p.m.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Jim Cameron asked for the ability to provide his public comment during the Authority's discussion. His request was granted.

NEW BUSINESS

a) Discuss Possible Change in Parking Rates

First Selectman Stevenson spoke to the requested cross-over analysis as the basis of supporting a rate change. It was reports that at this point, there is no cross over given the current capital improvement plan. However, the Town now has a report prepared by the DOT which suggests \$7 million of repair work for Noroton Heights and \$3 million for the Darien station. The Public Works Director needs time to review the reports and revise the long-term capital improvement plan to respond to the DOT's findings. First Selectman Stevenson added that \$7 million in repairs does not make sense without a train station development plan.

First Selectman Stevenson was not prepared to recommend to the Authority a rate increase.

Authority members discussed realigning the number of daily and permit parking spaces to create more permit opportunities with the observation that Darien has more daily spaces than many other stations in the region. It is also understood that many parkers in the daily spaces are regular commuters that use the space much the same as a permit parker. A more defined recommendation would be forthcoming.

Ms. Marks questioned the wait list and the process to scrub the list. Mr. Kilduff described the process and the last effort to scrub the list 4 years ago. First Selectman Stevenson stated that the goal has always been to emphasize providing permits. The requirement for an annual affirmative act was discussed to maintain a position on the wait list including charging a nominal fee for administrative expense.

The Authority also discussed the policy for wait list administration to require a response in order to maintain a position on the list.

The Authority planned to discuss the allocation of parking spaces at a future meeting.

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APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS

Mr. Nielsen moved, seconded by Mr. Tierney, to approve the Parking Authority Special Meeting minutes of October 20 2014 as amended to have the minutes read “have move forward” in the second paragraph of New Business instead of “forwarded.” The motion passed in a 4-0 vote, with Mr. Hall abstaining.

ADJOURNMENT

The Parking Authority adjourned the meeting at 9:21 p.m.

Respectfully submitted
Karl F. Kilduff
Town Administrator