

To: Members of the SelectBoard, Town of Wellfleet

Cc: Dan Hoort, Chief Michael Hurley, Suzanne Thomas, Michael Fitzgerald

From: The Parking Task Force II

Date: February 21, 2020

RE: Report of the Parking Task Force II - February 25, 2020

The members of the Parking Task Force II (PTF) were appointed in the fall of 2018 and were **"...charged with the study of and recommendations for parking throughout town, including beaches and outlying areas."** Our first meeting was in August 2018. We have now had more than 30 meetings, most of which have been video recorded and posted on the Town's website. We have had good support from Town staff members, especially, from the Town Administrator's office, the Beach Administration Office, the Police Department, and the Harbor Master's office. Our SelectBoard liaison has been Chair Janet Reinhart. Good public support and input was achieved, especially through participation in three surveys we conducted.

We are submitting our report consisting of three parts: 1.) This cover letter, 2.) A Summary of Recommendations, and 3.) A copy of our slides and notes as presented to you on February 25, 2020. The 32 slides and associated notes are the bulk of the report and explain how we achieved our information, our analyses, and our recommendation.

Due to Wellfleet's seasonal influxes, parking is a challenge in the heavy times of the summer and for particular events - i.e., Oysterfest, the Fourth of July Parade, and now the Porch Fest. Parking challenges occur at each of the three areas we studied - the Beaches (especially the Ocean Beaches), the Marina, and in the downtown area. There are other areas where parking gets tight and there have been numerous reports of parking on private property as parkers get challenged. Parking will continue to be an increasing intermittent problem as Wellfleet remains a town at near capacity at times, as beach parking lots erode, and for when parking demand is increased at the Marina with the effects of dredging. The Town does not own surplus property near where parking is needed and should stay alert for opportunities. The institution of new shuttle services, if pursued, will have significant financial and logistical challenges and should be thoughtfully evaluated before undertaking such an activity. Finally, when the Town is considering new activities, we must consider the parking implications.

Respectfully submitted,

The Parking Task Force II - Joe Aberdale, Wayne Clough, Dale Donovan, Bruce Katcher, Sheila Lyons, Dan Murray, Dennis O'Connell, Ginny Parker, and Wil Sulivan