



Town of Dublin

Lake Parking Hearing

April 19, 2021

Meeting conducted Via Zoom in attendance: June Brening, Chris Raymond, Marsha Whitney, Brandon Blair, Augustus Crocker, Roger Trempe, Pam Cox, John Morris, Lucy Shonk, Rita Mattson, Nancy Campbell, Paul Cooper, Carole Monroe, Susan Peters, Susan Shonk, Maureen Ahern, Steve Baldwin, Eugenie Silverthorne, Judy Knapp, Margaret Blackburn, Julia Pakradooni, Donna Garner, Beth Corwin, Margot Sprague, Blake Anderson, Traceymay Kalvaitis, Felicity Pool, David Mullen, Katy Wardlaw, Louisa Spencer, Scott McGovern, Brie Morrissey, Jeff Clough, Abbe Hamilton, Nancy Markuson and Peggy Brown

Call to Order: 7:00 PM-Chris Raymond called the meeting to order.

Chris read the proposed parking ordinance change; the change would prohibit parking on the shore line side of Lake Road.

There was a consensus that parking on one side of the road would be an improvement for travel safety, emergency access and preserving the shore line.

June Brening stated that the Dublin Lake Preservation Committee supports no parking on the shore line side. She feels that the ordinance change would accomplish the DLPC goal, to protect the banks from erosion. Other members of the DLPC agreed with that sentiment. Eugenie Silverthorne from the DLPC said that the State recommends a vegetative buffer around the Lake but the buffer has eroded. One suggestion was to put rocks on the shore line side to create a barrier to prevent parking.

Marsha Whitney is worried about sewage running into the Lake, so parking was not her issue.

Roger Trempe, Road Agent said that cars parking on the shore side are eroding the bank. Roger is ditching where he can to increase the size of the shoulder and create more parking further off the road on the opposite side.

John Morris sent the Board has a letter about parking and possible parking passes; he supported the plan to park on one side but thinks the parking at the Pumpelly Trailhead needs to be addressed.

Rita Mattson asked; do you have to be off the road for parking, as people are parking partially in the road way.

Paul Cooper talked to a Ranger at Gilsum Pond. He says that the State is considering Rangers at the Pumpelly Trail and Dublin Trailhead. The Board will follow up.

Steve Baldwin talked to Thomas Quarles from the Public Water Access Advisory Board about water access on the Lake. He would like signs that say parking this side only. He also asked for more ditching at the Boat Launch area and referenced the original deed that grants parking.

Residents of Harrisville came to hear what we are doing as they are having similar problems at Silver Lake.

Donna Garner expressed concern about people who spend the entire day at the Lake. She expressed concern about unsupervised children and suggested a limit on parking to allow more rotation of parking spaces.

David McMullen asked if parking is being enforced and why is there no parking at the trail head. Brandon Blair of the Dublin Police Department answered that there are extra patrols in the summer and that the Lake is patrolled and people are ticketed. The Town does not own property for a parking lot and Pumpelly's popularity has grown, especially during Covid-19.

Katy Wardlaw spoke about the Lake water quality and how the phosphorus level went up possibly because 2020 was a drought year. Increased bank erosion can also be a factor in increased chemicals in the lake.

Lucy and Susan Shonk wanted to reiterate that there should be a place near Pumpelly Trail so that people could turn around safely.

Tracymay offered the solution of overflow parking at the Church or Town Hall then people could car pool to the Lake or trail.

Carole stated that we might have to have no parking signs to make the ordinance enforceable (as opposed to park here signs) the Board will follow up on that.

Tracymay said that education about the new rules is important. She suggested that notices could be put on car as a warning first and then tickets after a certain date.

Chris stated that the Select Board's intention is to try this for one year and then evaluate to see if this alleviates the problem.

The Select Board thanked the people that attended the hearing and will be deciding on the ordinance shortly after Town Meeting.

ADJOURNMENT:

Motion to Adjourn: Chris adjourned the hearing at 8:04 PM.

Minutes respectfully submitted by Katherine M. Fuller

Chris Raymond

Carole Monroe

Susan Peters