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**141 Portanimitcut Road Task Force  
Meeting, via Zoom, February 4, 2021**

**PRESENT:** Chair Ginny Farber; Vice-Chair Jack Kadzik; Member Kayleen Rosato; Member Russell Holden; Member Suzanne Phillips; Conservation Administrator John Jannell

4:00 p.m. Call to Order

**New Business**

*Follow-up on Traffic & Safety Advisory Committee meeting*

Mr. Jannell recapped the Traffic Advisory Committee (TAC) meeting. The TAC voted in support of the Option 1 site plan. They wanted a lot of parking, even more than Option 1 showed. TAC made comments about their parking problem that exists in that area and stated that anything the 141 Task Force can do to provide accommodation for this would be helpful. They were concerned about the conservation property bringing *more* people into that area. The 141 Task Force is charged with making it a more publicly accessible area so that is difficult request to fulfil. This content is drafted by John in the report and can be further discussed in our next agenda item.

Ms. Farber added that the TAC supported Option 1 with a recommendation that all the spaces be deep enough for truck and trailer to fit leaving the option for single vehicles to stack. She continued that the TAC did not support parallel parking along the street for truck and trailer. Mr. Jannell said there were also comments made about backing in and making sure the spots are angled in a way where they're usable to truck and trailer. Ms. Farber said enforcement was discussed very briefly and that at this point no one is checking stickers down there but there was a general agreement that consistency would be the goal.

Ms. Philips confirmed that Mr. Sears had said he preferred not to designate trailer parking and just have a larger space so that either trailer or a couple cars could fit. She also wanted to clarify whether parking at the conservation lot is for recreational and conservation purposes only and whether that means those people with truck and trailer for commercial permit would not be allowed. If so, this seemed very difficult to enforce as there is no way to know. Mr. Jannell agreed there would not be a way to deal with commercial versus recreational. We are not requiring you to be recreational to park there because there is no way to enforce it. The only access control the task force could do is whatever they are doing at the landing.

Mr. Kadzik pointed out that the traffic advisory recommended the parking be first come first served. As long as they are consistent with landing he thinks they are covered. Ms. Farber was averse to having a parking area the entire length of the property as it's conservation land.

Ms. Rosato asked about angling parking, would we fit more and use less land? Ms. Rosato is leaning towards more truck and trailer parking.

Ms. Philips brought up that looking ahead if we are not differentiating between commercial and recreational shellfishing we must expect that grant shellfishermen are going to be parking there. If the position of the task force is going to be consistency with landing rules that's fine but she wanted to raise this issue so there's not a problem in the future.

Ms. Farber said the best we can do is go with the concept, assume the property will be the same as the landing and hope down the road a different property is bought for parking. Ms. Farber is hoping that with bike and kayak racks there will be fewer cars.

Ms. Rosato said that if a part of the initial purchase was to help parking at the Town Landing then she thinks the Task Force could do more to improve the parking but if parking was not part of the initial discussion or purchase, they should just continue to worry about the conservation property. Ms. Farber said if they could add another spot and it didn't affect aesthetics or pedestrian access, she would be happy to add more parking.

*Revised draft report with comments*

Mr. Jannell said we need to further discuss parking and access control in the report. Ms. Farber suggested making a motion on the parking concept.

**MOTION:** A motion to recommend Site Plan Option 1 for parking at 141 Portanimitcut Rd was made by Jack Kadzik and seconded by Suzanne Philips.

**VOTE:** 5-0-0

The Task Force reviewed some minor edits. Mr. Jannell let the task force know they have an opportunity to provide more feedback before a final draft is provided for a joint meeting with Conservation Commission is held. Mr. Jannell reviewed his additions to the document regarding access control.

**MOTION:** A motion to accept the recommendations regarding access control as written in the draft report was made by Russell Holden and seconded by Kay Rosato.

**VOTE:** 5-0-0

Ms. Farber asked if in the appendices we could include: minutes, agendas, abutter letters, any correspondence from all committees regarding this matter; Ford letter on Ch. 8.

Ms. Philips asked that the Shellfish & Waterways Committee memos be included in appendices.

Mr. Jannell said he will incorporate all comments that come in, add appendices, add dates then they will have a final draft. Mr. Jannell suggested setting a soft deadline to get editorial comments to him.

There was some discussion about joint meeting. 3/9/21 was suggested as a potential date. Mr. Jannell will confirm with the Conservation Commission at their hearing on the 16<sup>th</sup> and we can legally advertise it. Ms. Philips suggested also advertising in the chronicle.

Soft deadline for revisions: 2/10/21.

**Other Business**

*Review meeting minutes of 1/21/21*

Ms. Philips had an edit: on the first page, second paragraph shellfish should be shellfishery.

**MOTION:** A motion to approve the minutes of 1/21/21 pending the edit from Ms. Philips was made by Jack Kadzik seconded by Kay Rosato.

**VOTE:** 5-0-0

**MOTION:** A motion to adjourn the meeting at 5:01 p.m. was made by Jack Kadzik and seconded by Kay Rosato.

**VOTE:** 5-0-0

Meeting adjourned at 5:01 p.m.

Submitted by:

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