

**MEMORANDUM**

DATE: December 28, 2023

TO: Steven Contente, Town Administrator  
Diane Williamson, Director of Community Development  
Edward Tanner, Zoning Officer  
Kevin M. Lynch, Chief of Police  
Michael DeMello, Fire Chief  
Michelle DiMeo, Tax Assessor  
Raymond Falcoa, Code Compliance Officer  
Chris Parella, Director of Public Works

FROM: Melissa Cordeiro  
COUNCIL CLERK

RE: Joseph B. Jorge, 27 Surf Drive- Request for  
Abandonment of a Portion of Surf Drive (**call for  
Public Hearing February 28, 2024**)

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May we please have your recommendation or the recommendation of the department head you deem appropriate in order for the Council to review the request at the special Town Council Meeting to be held on **January 17, 2024**.

**All items for this docket must be received in the Clerk's office before 12:00 noon on Wednesday, January 10, 2024. All and any items received after the deadline will be held until the next council agenda.**

Thank you for your cooperation and prompt reply.

Attachment

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# PETITION TO THE TOWN COUNCIL

To the Honorable Town Council of the Town of Bristol: The undersigned hereby respectfully requested of your Honorable Body that:



See Attached

TOWN CLERK'S OFFICE  
BRISTOL, RHODE ISLAND  
2023 DEC 15 AM 8:46

**PLEASE NOTE:**

*Please ensure that your petition is submitted by 4:00 PM, two (2) Wednesdays before the Town Council meeting scheduled for*

*in order to be included on the docket. According to Council policy, petitions cannot be addressed unless recommendations, if needed, from the relevant departments are received before the Council meeting*

SIGNATURE: *J B Jorge*  
NAME: *Joseph B. Jorge*  
ADDRESS: *27 Surf Dr*  
TOWN: *Bristol, RI 02809*  
BUSINESS TEL. NO. *508-243-8554*  
RESIDENCE TEL. NO. \_\_\_\_\_  
EMAIL ADDRESS: *joebjorge@t-mail.com*

December 15, 2023

To: Bristol Town Council

From: Joseph & Judy Jorge of 27 Surf Dr, Bristol, RI

This is a petition to abandon a portion of the Surf Drive Right of Way.

This piece of land is adjacent to our home at 27 Surf Dr (Plat #55 / Lot #81) and was previously used as a cul-de-sac prior to the street being extended (see Tax Map).

We purchased our lot in 2012 and received occupancy permit at end of 2016. We requested and received approval from the Town Council to upgrade and maintain the full piece of land (original request included): As result, we graded it and included river rock for drainage, planted grass, added a sprinkler system, planted shrubs and have been maintaining it ever since (see Pic #1).

This piece of land is important to us because it provides access to our back yard for landscapers and their lawn equipment, movement of kayaks and other large items which would otherwise be very difficult since there's only access via a curved stairwell (see pic #2).

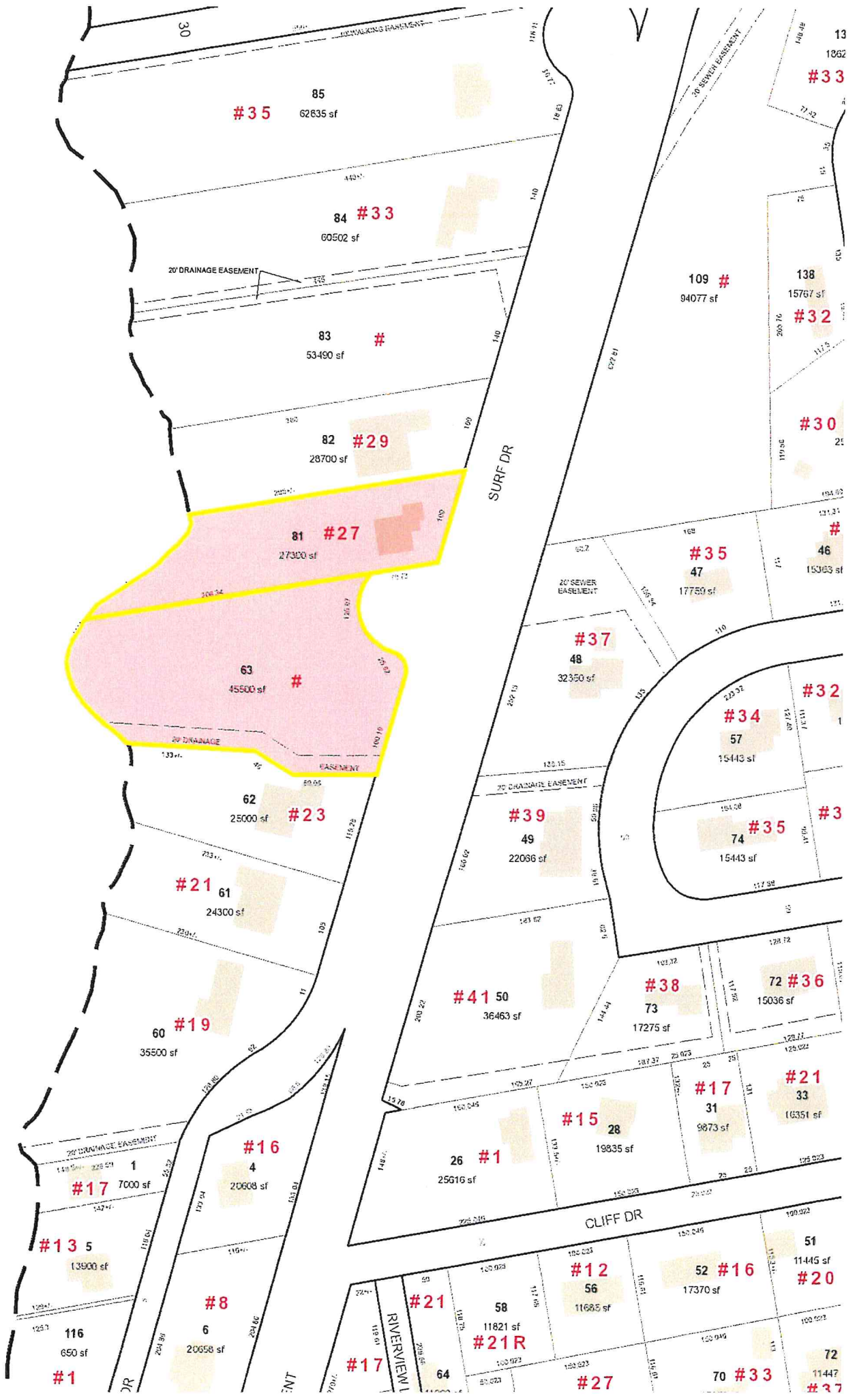
We are very thankful to the Town and are happy with current arrangement. However, the lot to the South of this land (25 Surf Dr) is being sold and it is likely the new owners will want a portion of this land so this is why we are asking that one half be abandon to us.

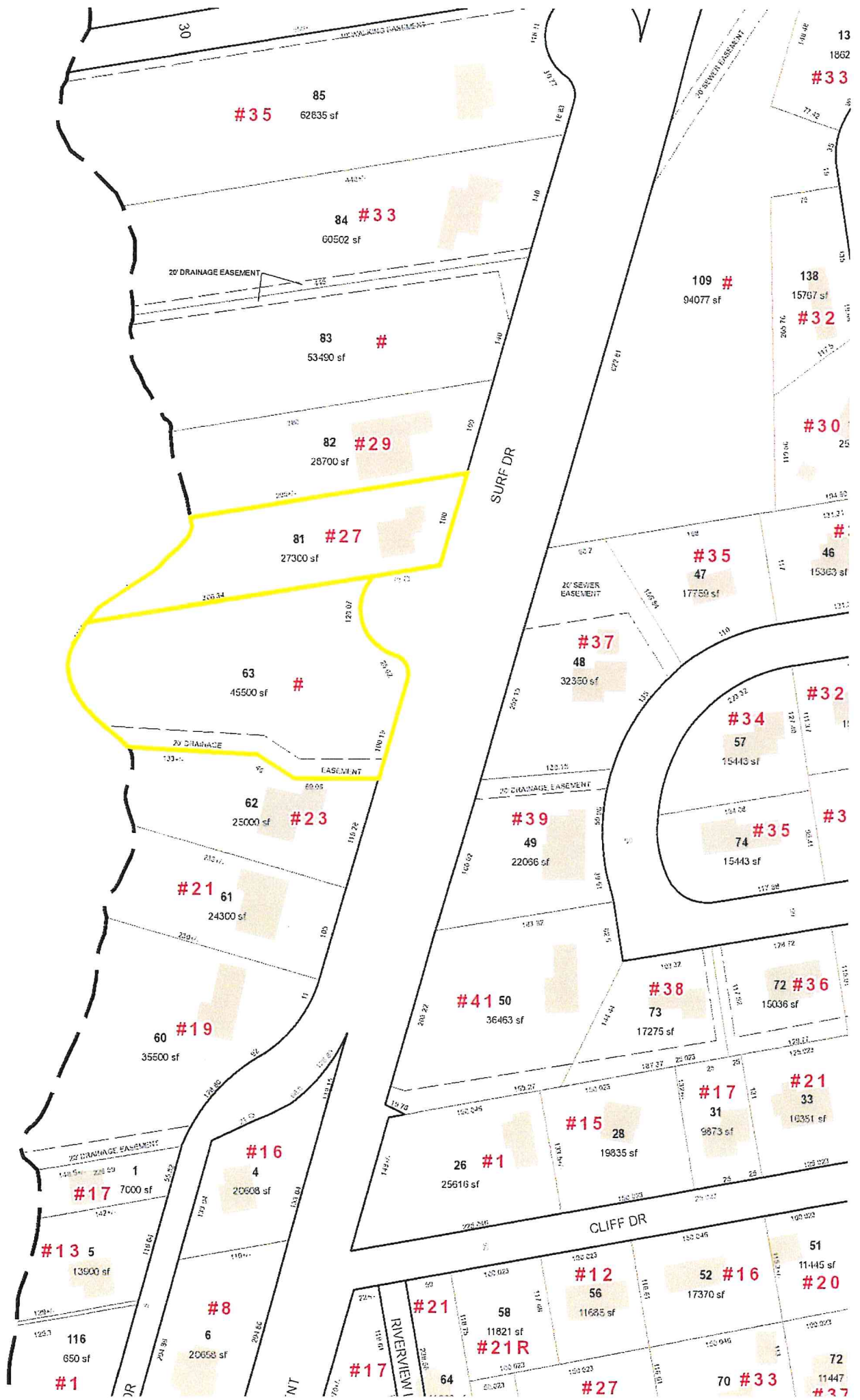
Thank you so much for your consideration!





Pic #2





COVE, CHARLES T.  
P.O. BOX 29  
PROVIDENCE, RI 02901

JORGE, JOSEPH B & JUDY A  
27 SURF DR  
BRISTOL, RI 02809





# Abutters List Report

Bristol, RI  
December 27, 2023

## Subject Properties:

Parcel Number: 55-63  
CAMA Number: 55-63  
Property Address: SURF DR

Mailing Address: COVE, CHARLES T.  
P.O. BOX 29  
PROVIDENCE, RI 02901

Parcel Number: 55-81  
CAMA Number: 55-81  
Property Address: 27 SURF DR

Mailing Address: JORGE, JOSEPH B & JUDY A TRUST  
27 SURF DR  
BRISTOL, RI 02809

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# PETITION TO THE TOWN COUNCIL

To the Honorable Town Council of the Town of Bristol:  
The undersigned hereby respectfully requested of your  
Honorable Body to be granted a:

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## LICENSE TO MAINTAIN TOWN PROPERTY

I, Joseph B Jarge, owner of property located at  
27 Surf Dr., Assessor's Plat # 55 and Lot # 81, hereby requests  
the Town Council grant me a license to maintain town property. Below is a brief description and location

of the property I wish to maintain: *property was previously used as  
a cul-de-sac prior to street being extended. New  
cul-de-sac is now at end of Surf Drive. The space  
being requested is a 1/2 circle that borders the  
front side of my lot on the south side.*

*If approved, plan is to plant grass and one or two  
trees and maintain it the same as my front yard.  
Thank you for your consideration!*

\*Please provide names and addresses of all abutting property owners.  
\*Please provide map of the area in question. - *attached*

*-Town of Bristol and believe  
it's Charles Cove from Providence  
on the south side.*

**PLEASE NOTE:**

Petition must be returned by the Tuesday of the  
week prior to the Town Council meeting to appear  
on the docket. It is Council policy that action may  
not be taken on petitions unless recommendations,  
if necessary, from appropriate departments are  
received prior the Council meeting.

SIGNATURE: *J. B. Jarge*

NAME: *Joseph B Jarge*

ADDRESS: *27 Surf Drive*

TOWN: *Bristol*

BUSINESS TEL. NO. *508-243-8534*

RESIDENCE TEL. NO. *same*

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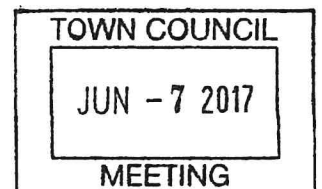
*Town has better map.*

*Side Lot Info*

3. Joseph B. Jorge, 27 Surf Drive - Request for License to Maintain Town Property, call for public hearing July 5, 2017

Stuart/Parella - Voted unanimously to schedule a public hearing to consider this matter for July 5, 2017 beginning at 7:00 o'clock PM.

*Petitioner ✓  
Cont. to July 5, 2017*



**TOWN COUNCIL MEETING - WEDNESDAY EVENING - JULY 5, 2017**

Councilman Stuart thanked the lessees for their patience and indicated that the most important part of the agreement will be to preserve and make available the waterfront portion of the property for public access.

Council Chairman Calouro noted that he did not intend to vote in favor of the lease and that this was no reflection on the ability of the lessees to do a fine job with the property. He indicated that his dissention was solely due to the 65 year term of the lease which is, in his opinion, too long of a time frame.

- 2. Joseph B. Jorge, 27 Surf Drive - Request for License to Maintain Town Property
  - a. Recommendation - Town Administrator and Director of Community Development (approve with conditions)
  - b. Recommendation - Town Administrator and Fire Chief (approve)
  - c. Recommendation - Town Administrator and Director of Public Works (approve)

Stuart/Parella - Voted unanimously to close the Public Hearing.

Stuart/Sweeney - Voted unanimously to grant this license to maintain per the recommendations received and also that the licensee must contact "Dig Safe" prior to any tree-planting, etc.

Prior to the vote taken, Council Chairman Calouro opened the Public Hearing.

Speaking in favor of the petition was the petitioner who explained that he intends to plant and maintain a lawn on the subject area and perhaps will also plant a tree.

Councilwoman Parella noted that the subject area may contain certain underground utilities and recommended that the petitioner should contact Dig Safe prior to any excavations.

Director of Community Development Williamson agreed with Councilwoman Parella and noted that the Town would typically recommend a Dig Safe survey in similar situations.

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The petitioner stated that he appreciated the advice and would contact the service.

Director of Community Development Williamson noted that the service is provided free of charge.

Councilwoman Parella suggested that the Dig Safe requirement should be a condition of the license to maintain.

There was no other testimony provided in favor of the petition and no remonstrance presented in opposition thereto.

C. ORDINANCES

1. Ordinance #2017-07, Chapter 16, Motor Vehicles and Traffic, Article IX, Residential Parking, Section 16-345, Designated residential parking streets (to expand no overnight parking area except with resident sticker), 2<sup>nd</sup> reading for adoption

Parella/Stuart - Voted unanimously to consider this action to constitute the Second Reading for adoption of Ordinance #2017-07. Advertise in local newspaper.

Prior to the vote taken, the Clerk explained the process necessary for a resident to obtain a resident parking stickers and temporary parking passes.

Elizabeth Miller of 154 High Street explained that she runs a bed and breakfast guest house in the proposed area and stated that it would be difficult for her to obtain temporary parking passes.

The Clerk noted that the Town has considered this problem and that a plan is in place to deal with it. Ms. Miller was encouraged to visit the Town Clerk's Office during regular business hours when the details of the plan to accommodate her business.

Councilman Sweeney and Councilman Tyska noted that although the ordinance will help alleviate the parking problem observed in the area, a more permanent and comprehensive solution should be considered as a priority.

Councilman Stuart noted that the availability of land for parking is very limited and that building a parking structure may prove to be very costly. He added that it may be advisable to consider parking meters.