

Parking Committee
January 21, 2014
Meeting Minutes

In attendance: Andrew Brewer, Kristen Warner, Maddie Willworth (GMTA), Brian Cane, Kevin Casey, Mike Clausen, Richard Shier.

Kevin spoke first as he had to leave the meeting early. He updated on the Smartmeter idea. The meeting with the CA vendor did not go as expected. The meters and proposal were not appropriate for Montpelier. Kevin has communicated with another vendor (ICS) who will visit in February. The City of Barre might be interested in joining forces with Montpelier.

Brian- Chairperson Brian proposed a 2 hour strategy meeting for our next meeting. He and Mike attended a seminar from parking expert Geoffrey Tumlin. Brian would like to go over the 16 points made during the presentation.

Kristen- There's a parking crisis right now with the Legislature back in Montpelier. VSEA continues to dialogue with the labor caucus over the issue. There's a large amount of frustration, hard feelings and a cut throat atmosphere over parking right now.

Richard- expressed frustration over poor communication from the City when parking is to be disrupted for a planned construction project. For example, is there a plan for lost parking when the Carr lot project begins?

Andrew- Relayed story of Montpelier resident who has been using the overnite winter parking for 10 years and got a ticket recently. The parking plan behind Riteaid had changed (with additional parking identified to replace) but not communicated well.

Michael- Hoping agreement with Christ Church for parking will be finalized soon. He attended a meeting at the High School to discuss the development of additional parking. He did not receive a warm reception for the idea. He also discussed the new lot for National Life off of National Life Dr. which is underutilized. He walked from the lot to the main building with Tim Shea (National Life buildings supervisor) and it took 6 minutes.

Next meeting- February 3rd. 2:30 to 4:30 at The Capitol Plaza.