

Parking Committee
November 12, 2014
Meeting Minutes

In attendance- Brian Cain, Richard Sheir, Tawnya Kristen, Co-Chair Nolan Langweil, Andrew Brewer, Police Chief Anthony Facos. Others- none.

Update on changes to winter parking ban- The parking committee was prepared to suggest a test on Barre Street for changes in the ban for this winter. However, The discussion of city wide changes seems to have begun within City Council and gained traction. The Chief will attend City Council this eve (11/12) to discuss. Chief Facos acknowledged that there will be growing pains with this pilot ordinance, and that it is happening rather last minute.

Chief Facos also discussed the new emergency alert notification system that the city is migrating to, Vermont Alert. There could be a feature to alert residents of a ban. The decision to ban or not will be made by 9:00pm. When the weather forecast is in doubt, the ban will be in effect. The parking committee supports the idea of changes to the city wide ban and a new alert system, provided the many details can be worked out and not be a disaster for the city's public work crews. If there are changes to ordinances, the committee looks forward to reviewing the project in the spring and making recommendations.

Attached is the 'Winter Parking Ban Draft Ordinance' with changes, dated November 13, 2014.

A general discussion about the smart meter pilot. We're still anticipating delivery and installation of meters for the pilot test. There was some anecdotal evidence that Burlington's smart meter program has not been received well. However, Burlington seemed to have made many changes all at once (hours, pricing, etc.) and have many new meters. The committee renewed our support for a cautious approach, involving just 9 meters in the city, to gauge reaction.

Next meeting scheduled for Tuesday, Dec 2nd, 3:00pm. City Managers Conference room, pending reservation.