



PARKING AUTHORITY SPECIAL MEETING

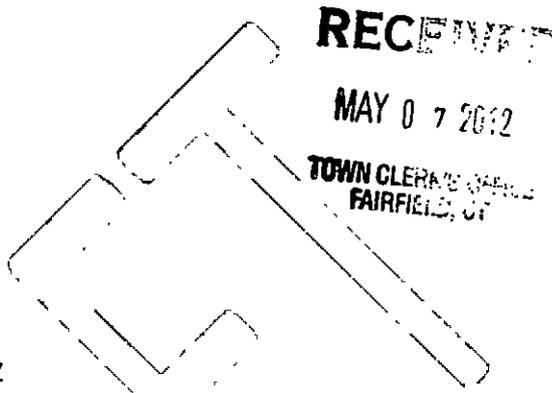
April 25th, 2011 @ 7:30pm., Second Floor Conference Room

611 Old Post Road, Fairfield, CT. 06824

CALL TO ORDER at 7:00 pm Chairman Mary Kay Frost

Roll Call of Officers:

Chairman: Mary Kay Frost	Present
Joanne Sheehan-	Present
Patricia Carroll	Present
Ronald Pine	Present
Trudi Durrell	Present



Also Present: Joseph Devonshuk- Director of TPZ

Absent: Cindy Placko – Manager of Parking Authority

Present from the Public:

Christine Newton, Geff Cramen, Ann Cathcart and Richard Blacker: all Fairfield Residents, and commuters.

1. Call to order:--Chairman Mary Kay Frost called the meeting to order at 7:00pm
2. Pledge of Allegiance:
3. Proposed rate increases for the annual parking permits Ffld. and Spt. stations.
4. Proposal to charge the \$6.00 day fee in designated Handicapped parking spaces.
5. Proposed rate increase for annual bike locker fee from \$25 to \$30.

Chairman Mary Kay Frost explained to the public, reasons behind the proposed permit fee raises all listed above, which would go into effect July 1, 2012: The last increase the Parking Authority had was in 1998, with anticipated loss of spaces on Carter Henry Drive, and a depleted capital improvement project fund.

In addition, Chairman Mary Kay Frost went over some of the work that needs to be done at the downtown station including painting, repairs to the staircases and plans to extend canopies over the passenger platforms. Expenses don't go down, Chairman Mary Kay Frost reported. In addition, the loss of a ticket agent at the train station added to the expense, and expenses to maintain the stations are continuing to rise.

Director Joe Devonshuk explained the tri-party agreement with Former First Selectman Flatto, the State and Economic Development. In addition he did mention that the Parking Authorities lease with the State expires in 2018.

Chairman Mary Kay Frost opened the discussion to the public.

Christine Newtown from Paul Place was shocked which the proposed increase, as when she got her permit, she was told that fees would likely be raised in the future, but she did not think it would be that much.

Geff Carmen Catherine Terrace resident said as much he could understand an increase, he felt this proposed increase was way too much.

Richard Blaker from High meadow Road said he thought the Parking Authority should first put together a more comprehensive five year plan and budget for improvements and increase the number of permits issued before it considers raising fees.

Ann Cathcart Burr Street also spoke to let the Parking Authority know that she was not happy with the proposed fees.

Chairman Mary Kay Frost thanked everyone for coming. Their input and all their comments would be taken into consideration.

Trudi Durrell motioned, seconded by Patricia Carroll to adjourn @ 8pm. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted

Jude Fitzgerald