

Report on Fish Pier Parking

The Summer Residents Advisory Committee (SRAC) has set forth its recommendations to the Board of Selectmen regarding Fish Pier Parking in its reports of 8/30/12, and 6/30/14, and in its presentation at the 2015 Summer Residents Meeting, and adopts and incorporates that position herein.

In sum, the SRAC has proposed:

- (1) Acquire the lower lot. That has been accomplished by the taking.
- (2) Afford priority to parking for the fisherman. That has been accomplished by the Aunt Lydia's Cove Committees proposal, as extended to include day charters.
- (3) Implement a one hour parking limit in the upper lot and provide for effective enforcement. This will best serve the needs of visitors to the Fish Pier and provide safe access for families.
- (4) Determine the amount of parking necessary and require an off-site parking plan for a business operating at the Fish Pier, as would be required at a Town Landing, or allow the shuttle to serve as such a plan.
- (5) Provide a shuttle that operates 10 to 12 hours a day and makes a stop at the Fish Pier at least every 30 minutes, connecting it with adequate remote parking and using a vehicle sufficient to accommodate beachgoers and all other passengers.
- (6) Prohibit parking on Shore Road and on Barcliff Ave during the summer season; prohibit bus and truck parking at any time; and provide the resources to enforce the rule.

This proposal serves all of the legitimate parking constituencies at the Fish Pier:

- Fishermen and Day Charters are accommodated by (2);
- Visitors to the Fish Pier and the restaurant are accommodated by (3);
- Customers of the Seal Tour and Beach Shuttle boats, and employees at the pier are accommodated by (5); and
- Interlopers just using the lot are removed by (2).

The prohibition of on-street parking in (6) serves the interests of advancing public safety; maintaining the attractive and unique nature of Chatham's seaside roads and surrounding area; and helping to make the Shuttle work.

Respectfully submitted,

Summer Residents Advisory Committee.

