

Minutes of a Public Meeting in regard to the Parking problem in general and parking meters for the Town of Riverhead was held in the Town Hall on Wednesday, June 18, 1947 at 8:00 P.M.

Present:

Joseph V. Kelly, Supervisor

Austin H. Warner,
Frank J. Yousik,
William J. Leonard,

Henry M. Zaleski, Justices of the Peace

Arthur H. Lundberg, Town Attorney, Einar Rindy, J. Harry Brown, J. Leo Saxstein, Joseph W. Brush, John Bagshaw, Lee Elwood, Howard Davis, Benjamin Davis, Ernest H. Robinson, John Horace Wells, L.Y. Robinson, Mrs L.Y. Robinson, Mrs Harold B. Smith, Dr. Harold B. Smith, Miss Syrena Stackpole, Hollis V. Warner, Carl Saxstein, Fred E. Barth, A. John Doscinski, Stephen Grodski and William G. Thaden, were present.

Supervisor Kelly opened the meeting and outlined in detail the progress the Town Board has made in trying to solve the parking problem in Riverhead to date and then asked for suggestions and opinions in order that the problem could be discussed intelligently.

Mr. Einar Rindy addressed the Board and suggested that the Fishel Property on the North side of East Main Street be acquired for a parking field. The answer was that it is not available.

Mr. Joseph W. Brush addressed the Board and recommended that the Town obtain an option on the present Griffing Ave.-Roanoke Ave. Parking Field together with the Dr. Harold B. Smith property at the corner of First St. and Benjamin Place, if possible, and put it to referendum at the next general election.

Mr. John P. Reisdorph addressed the Board and stated that he felt that the present Hallett-Dembeck Parking Field, east of Peconic Avenue would be used much more than it is, if it was cleaned-up and lighted properly.

Mr. Carl Saxstein addressed the Board and suggested that some arrangements be made with the various Bus Companies so that they would maintain their own bus terminal as in other towns. He felt that they were taking up too much room on the main thoroughfares and if made to go to a terminal, it would relieve much of the traffic congestion. The answer was that first of all, very little parking space was lost due to the State Traffic Regulations at Highway intersections and second a few years ago the Town Board did make an honest effort to have a bus terminal at the Griffing Avenue parking field however, the then Riverhead Merchants Association and now the Riverhead Chamber of Commerce vigorously objected to the endeavor, consequently, the Board abandoned the idea.

Former Justice of the Peace Syrena Stackpole addressed the Board and recommended that the proposed Peconic River Parking Field, which was recently defeated, be again submitted to referendum at a lower cost, with fewer lovely pictures etc. and at the same time place the emphasis on the convenience to the people from the surrounding hamlets rather than place

the emphasis on the benefit to the merchants.

Mr. J. Leo Saxstein, Attorney at Law, addressed the Board stating that the most convenient parking field is the present one between Roanoke and Griffing Avenues. He favored a number of parking fields in different parts of the Town rather than one large one. He said that he would not be in favor of the purchase of the Peconic River property whether it cost \$2,000,000.00 or \$50,000.00. He suggested that the property owners on the south side of East Main Street be contacted and if an opening to East Main Street can be obtained, to lease the Cavanaro property and the properties adjacent to it. He recommended that the Board obtain prices on the Roanoke and Griffing Avenue property and if within reason, the purchase of same.

Mr. John P. Reisdorph recommended that the Board look into the matter of a parking field in the rear of the Cavanaro and adjacent properties.

Mr. Joseph W. Brush recommended the purchase of the present Roanoke Ave.-Griffing Avenue parking field even at a cost of \$75,000.00.

Mrs L.Y. Robinson recommended the purchase of the Roanoke Ave.-Griffing Ave. parking field and in addition the purchase of the Col. Barnes property on the Northeast corner of First St. and Roanoke Ave for a bus terminal.

Several letters were read from various Chambers of Commerce whose communities have put in parking meters. They were all very favorable.

Mr. John Bagshaw favored parking meters for the Town of Riverhead. He said it was a good proposition for the town as they cost nothing and the money obtained from the meters could be used to purchase parking fields.

No one else wishing to be heard, the meeting was declared closed.

Harry J. Kratoville
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