

**TOWN OF NORTHAMPTON
PUBLIC HEARING
July 9, 2013**

The Town of Northampton held a Public Hearing on proposed “No parking signs on Houseman Street” was held on Tuesday, July 9, 2013. Supervisor Kemper called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. in the Municipal Building at 412 South Main St., Northville, NY. Supervisor Kemper led the salute to the flag.

PRESENT: Supervisor: Linda Kemper
Councilmen: Bob Ellsworth, Darryl Roosa, and William Gritsavage
Absent: Ivar Anderson

RECORDING SECRETARY: Elaine Mihalik-Town Clerk

ALSO PRESENT: See attached sign in sheet.
Carla Kolbe-Recorder newspaper

Correspondence was received from:
Mark DeMeo dated July 2, 2013; Ellen Simonds dated July 8, 2013; and Todd Simonds dated July 8, 2013.

A legal notice was published in the Leader Herald newspaper of general circulation in the Town of Northampton.

LEGAL NOTICE

The Town of Northampton will be holding a Public Hearing on Tuesday, July 9, 2013 at 6:30 p.m. in the Town hall, 412 S. Main St, Northville, NY. A petition was presented to the Town requesting Town Board approval to install “no parking signs” on both sides of the road along Houseman Street, in the Town of Northampton, County of Fulton, NY starting from the guard rail at the culvert +/- .5 miles N (1/2 mile) to the beginning entrance of the Northampton State Campsite. At which time all interested people will be heard for or against the above request.

Written comments or concerns may be mailed and received by July 9, 2013 to: Town Clerk, PO Box 479, Northville, NY 12134. The petition is available for review at the Town Clerk’s office, 412 South Main St. during regular business hours. (518) 863-4040 ext 22.

Supervisor Kemper stated that reason for tonight’s Public Hearing is regards to a petition dated 8/20/2012 requesting the Town of Northampton to install “no parking signs” on both sides of the road along a portion of Houseman Street in the Town of Northampton. This meeting is to hear public comments and not to have a dialog with questions and answers.

This same petition included a request to reduce the speed limit on Houseman Street to 25 MPH. That part of the petition has been forwarded to the Fulton County Highway and we followed the process. They will do a study and the Town Board is waiting for a response to that request which usually takes months from past experiences.

Supervisor Kemper: Richard Logan has asked to explain the petition and how it became what it is today.

Richard Logan: I had received complaints over a year ago from people in his trailer court on almost getting hit and the congestion down by the State Northampton Campsite and up towards the Boat Marina. After talking with several of my neighbors I brought those complaints to the

Town Board last year. It was discussed with the Board on how the speed limit needed to be reduced. So the Board put in a request to reduce the speed limit on Houseman Street. We also talked about “no parking signs”. I requested the signs from our establishment and the State Campsite. After further discussion we talked about extending that to all the way around the corner. Not to include the parking in front of the Marina, or Jay’s Restaurant, or the parking that is provided for the Mini Golf and also not to include the parking at the store at the Campers Last Stop. The entities provide parking areas and they would remain to not include those areas. What it would include is along the side of the road where people parallel park to the road, with half of the car or quarter of the car on the road. It reduces the size of an already small country road. With the amount of traffic that comes up and down the road, with campers, boats, all sorts of sized RV’s, it’s not a good scenario coming around that corner and coming down toward the campsite. That’s where we stand with the “no parking” on that petition.

Supervisor Kemper opened the Public Hearing at 6:40 p.m.

Chris Schlegel: Is this meeting for resident’s, local taxpayers of the town, voters that are renting, or for people who are here 2 months out of twelve? Whose opinion is getting weighed in this entire meeting?

Supervisor Kemper: This is a Public Hearing to hear input from anyone who would like to address the Board on the subject.

Chris Schlegel: Fair enough “thank you”.

Ron Tribley: I’m a 30 year full time resident of the Town of Northampton. I applaud whoever started the petition. It’s long over due. It is a dangerous, dangerous situation because now they are parking all the way on the pavement. This past Saturday I went to someone and stated that they couldn’t park there next to the guardrail and they were fully in the road. If we have to get a fire truck, any ambulance, an emergency vehicle, any police protection or anything else, it can’t get through there. You can’t get through with a boat and trailer, or a pontoon trailer if they are parked on both sides of the road. You can barely get through when they are parked on one side of the road. Now, it is getting worse and worse because they are parking outside of the guardrails, where the guardrails start about 250 ft down the road from the Marina. Now it is a real dangerous situation.

It’s been a danger for years and years but it gets worse and worse all the time. Nobody pays any attention to it.

You call the Sheriff’s Department and they say to call the Town Police. If you call the Town they say they have no jurisdiction over there. You call the Sheriff’s Department and they say “well if we see them park there, we’ll stop them”. It’s a dangerous, dangerous situation and it’s getting worse.

Caroline Mianecki: I’m currently running the Northampton Marina and I’m speaking on behalf of myself as a local taxpayer and the people that we host, in a tourist way. We invite the people to come to the Marina and experience the area and to help keep the Marina going.

Caroline Mianecki has presented to the Board a copy of a petition for the record and to be made a part of the meeting minutes from “Friends of Businesses on Houseman Street in the Town of Northampton. The under signed individuals that are in favor of the present off street parking ordinances to remain the same”.

Forcing to make the people park in the Marina boat yard would open up a whole can of worms with preexisting customers with their boats there and with lawsuits galore with the equipment there.

A letter written by Peggy Pitcher for the Grandview Mini Golf was read by Caroline Mianiecki and was presented to the Board for the record and to be made a part of the meeting minutes.

Letters of Comment were received and so noted in the Town Clerk's Office on July 8, 2013 by the following property owners Ellen Simonds, Mark DeMeo and Todd Simonds
Supervisor Kemper stated that she has taken pictures on July 7, 2013 of parking along Houseman Street in the area in question and has requested they be made a part of the record.

Ed Eksterowicz: The speed limit on Houseman Street I feel is a major issue. I have a beach right just past the Marina by the guard rails. Some of the people who have beach rights there park half way on the roadway. A lot of the parking is common sense issues that people don't comply. The speed limit is the major issue because if you didn't have the parking it would impact the businesses there. The people will find other places to park, whether we're chasing them off of our street, another street or wherever. It'll be a nightmare.

Greg Simonds: I'm on that road more than anyone in this room at least 15 times a day from the Marina down. I work at the Marina. I don't have any issues with the traffic. It gets backed up at the campsite. That's neither here nor there on the parking issue. Also, I have a residence on Houseman Street. I can't speak for Mr. Meehan who has property across from me. But, as far as myself, I don't want to look out my window and see "no parking signs" in front of my residence or my neighbors. My neighbor (Meehan) is only there on weekends once and awhile. I'm here 24/7, 365 days a year. I don't want to look at the signs. I have a permit up the street and I park there to access my permit. I park off the road completely. I don't see a reason why any signs need to be in any of those areas.

My biggest thing and I haven't had any problems, is in front of my property. I don't want to see any signs. I do not live in the city. I have no issues. People in this room know that if there was an issue I would be over here first thing. I'm on that street all day long.

I've seen board members come and take pictures. Some of those members are not here tonight and I would like to see what these people do have and what they don't.

Nancy Sauve: What does side of the road parking mean? How many feet off the pavement do you have to, to be off the road? If there is no requirement, then why not just give tickets to people who are on the pavement? If people did it in the past then the people won't do it anymore. If there is no enforcement of the law like you've said, then what is the sense of having another ordinance or law?

The issue is the speed limit because I see people on the street and they are zooming. But again, if there is nobody there to stop them. We also have an issue with people going up and down the street on golf carts, unregistered, unlicensed, with kids in the back. There are at least three different vehicles of that nature there doing this. Until they are stopped, arrested or ticketed they're not going to stop doing this.

I do feel that businesses are important and this is the only time of the year that they get any money. There has to be a middle mark where things can work out for both parties.

I live there and when I walk on the street I have an issue with dogs.

Chris Schlegel: With all due respect to what Greg had to say, is correct. On Mondays thru Fridays I see launching boats. It's moderate traffic. You asked for a medium ground somewhere. The biggest safety hazards are Friday, Saturday and Sunday. I'm guilty as everyone else. I'm not out on a vendetta or to hurt businesses or anything else. But my dock is right next to the Northampton Marina and I park on the side road. It's ironic I'm here supporting the "No parking zone". But it is dangerous. I've almost been killed there.

So, can the Town find a happy medium by having “no parking Friday, Saturday, and Sunday on the sides of the road”? There is plenty of parking off the road for the businesses. There is a huge parking lot that they are sharing. Northampton Marina has acres behind them. Mr. DeMeo has a parking lot. I am not out to hurt anybody. But there seems to be some type of safety issue going on here folks. I’m shooting myself in the foot because I’ll have to walk down to my dock now if this gets passed with the “no parking Friday, Saturday and Sunday”.

As far as signs being on properties, I don’t want to look at signs either. Put the signs on the edge of the property lines along the road like every other sign is. Nobody has to look at any of them or attach them to the existing signs. On weekends it is extremely dangerous coming down that road. It just bottlenecks. It bottlenecks way before the Marina and Pine Haven. It needs to be dealt with.

James Tribley: I just want to state exactly what my father has stated. It is a dangerous, dangerous hazard on that street all the time from the culvert forward. I can’t express enough as to people parking on the side of the road, people parking on and near the road. They are constantly there and I have to tell them to leave because they are parking in front of my dock space. I can’t get to my dock space. People can’t get down the road.

99% of the time, not to point any fingers or anything, toward any business or anybody but 90% of this is due to the Marina. They have a hundred acres of parking out back that they can utilize. People are too damn lazy to get up and walk to the Marina. I don’t understand what the problem is. Every year they continue to park right on the side of the road and that’s all they do. The Marina parking should be out back of the Marina. They have tons of acreage to park, especially on a busy weekend. There is plenty of room in front of the Marina to park. There is plenty of room anywhere around that Marina to park for people who do not have to be on the road surface to park.

Don Overball: I have a little camper and I have been coming up here for 40 years. I don’t see why there has to be a change. I’m up here every day during the summer. Weekends are the most important time for the businesses down there. A lot is the Marina and they do have some parking out back of their Marina for their business. If you take the parking away on the weekends which is the important time for the businesses they might not make it. Then what happens? They lose their income, they lose their jobs, their families and the Town loses money. I don’t like it. I don’t think we can change it. It maybe it will slow down some of the traffic but I think it will hurt the businesses.

James Tribley: Can I challenge what he said? With plenty of parking no businesses will ever lose any kind of business from being not able to park on the sides of the road which is probably from the culvert pipe to the Marina. It’s probably less than 10 vehicle spaces. If you stop 10 vehicles that have access to that road I don’t think that will lose any business because of relocating the vehicles to a different area to park.

Doug Illsley: We’re all neighbors here and I don’t think we want to hurt any businesses here. Nobody has mentioned that there are cars that pull up and I see people transfer out of the back of the cars sleeping bags, tents and camping gear into other vehicles and that vehicle is left there for three days. I’ve seen this dozens of times. So that parking spot is taken up for the whole weekend and it does not do anybody any good there. It’s just a vehicle in the way.

Dawn Moore: I do agree with the congestion by the Marina. But I really think that the main issue is the speed limit. You have boats going through on both sides of the road and campers and they are traveling way to fast. Even though it states speed limit 40 mph they are not doing 40 mph. That problem should have been handled years and years ago. My dad was a life long

resident on Houseman Street and has lost many animals due to the speeding. I think that the main thing is that we need to reduce the speed limit. As far as parking on the street by the Camper Last Stop store there is ample room for people to get off of the road. A car can pull in there and open both of their doors and not go in the road. At the Marina the vehicles are parked directly on the road. Ticket them because just like being in the city you should not be parked in the road on the pavement.

Mark DeMeo: I am the owner of the Camper's Last Stop. I respect the people here today sharing their opinions. I have a petition signed by approximately 500 people that I would like to be made a part of the record of this meeting. These are from people who shop in Northville, the Coloney Centre, and throughout the whole town.

In 2002 or before, I sent a letter to the Town Board in regards to the speed limit. I am definitely an advocate and 25 feet out of the State campsite you can go 40 MPH. We all know that with the children and the people that are there that that's a little bit crazy. I'm hoping that the speed limit does get reduced. I believe that will help for the possibility of an accident and anybody getting hurt. I'm just curious as to what are the statistics to how many people have actually been hurt or injured in the last three years. How many accidents have been reported in the last 5, 10 or 15 years? I have personally been there 15 years and I have a business there. I have never seen an ambulance pull off to the side of the road to take care of anybody that was injured by an automobile accident. I'm not there all the time but I would like to ask the Board on what the record is on injuries in that half of a mile in question. Have there been any reported injuries along Houseman Street in that area in the last 15 years there? I wouldn't want to see any death but in the last 15 years there hasn't been an accident.

If the board is successful in reducing the speed I would love to see a study to show sidewalks on one side or the other. If you were a contractor or you know of a contract that would give a 30% reduction and put sidewalks on one side or the other. I would be in favor. As a contractor I would offer a 30% reduction to put a sidewalk from the Marina all the way down because pedestrians, the customers and the individuals that come up to support this Town and their businesses (Jay's, the Marina, the Mini Golf) all these people need to support their families. Not in a million years would I ever want to see a death or anybody hurt.

I'm hoping that the Board takes into consideration the facts that there hasn't been an accident and I pray to god that the sign 40 MPH 20 feet out of the NYS Northampton Campground can get reduced. Some of the employees in the State Campground are at fault at driving 45 MPH by the time they get down the road. This year has been a very difficult year for the businesses in the area. It was 48 degrees during Memorial Day. The NYS Campsite has been flooded. I have pictures of what it looks like today, if the board would like to see them.

A lot of the people who do live in the area are at fault on parking on the side of the road. They have their rights just like anybody else. I hope the board takes into consideration that approximately two weeks out of the year, it gets heavily congested. It's quiet on the street right now and it's slow. This is July and business is not good. Please take into consideration the difficulty because there isn't enough parking. For the twenty minutes or so our customers not only patronize the businesses on that street but they come into town and buy things. These customers that go into that Campground patronize all of the businesses in this area.

I thank the board and all the people who showed up today. I respect all of your opinions and hope that we can find a solution that doesn't hinder the businesses in this area.

Richard Logan: To Mr. DeMeo's point, I agree that we need to keep our focus on the business up there. To provide them a safe access down the road; and into the Campsite; and to the rest of the businesses that are on the street. The only way to do that is to eliminate all that congestion across from Camper's Last Stop so that people can see cars coming out and cars can see people when coming out on the street and up at the Mini Golf. The Marina has put out "slow signs" and

they have been out there for at least the last three years because they have already recognized the issue.

But, when you get all these cars parked along side of the road you can hardly see these slow signs. So at a point they don't do any good at all. The intent of this petition I put together with the help of the Board last year and I walked it around myself. In fact, the petition with the cover letter sat up on the counter at the Marina. Part of that original petition with the signatures was from at the Marina. I explained to both Jim and Caroline at the Marina both points of the petitions. For people to say that they did not know that was there, I don't know. The rest of the signatures on that petition, I hand carried it up and down the street.

Again, I ask the Board to take into consideration the safe and best way to present this is to limit the parking. You can't hope for people to have common sense because when they see the lake; and the kids jump out of the car; and they are all over the street; they're going to get hit. When they dash out from in between cars that are parked along the street more or less illegally, half in and half out in the road and somebody clips them. Is that what we're going to wait to happen? It doesn't make sense to me. I've had too many incidents myself coming down around the corner and also pulling out of our establishment where people are coming out of the Campsite too fast. You can't see because of all the cars that are parked all the way down to the Campsite. Whether they are there for Mr. DeMeo's business or because they parked their car for the weekend and packed all their gear into another car and have gone into the Campsite or they walked into the Campsite. These are the things that we are fighting down there and people have to understand that. I'm surprised that the State hasn't had a Representative at this meeting because they're losing business because of it.

As far as, providing safe access in and out of the Campsite for customers and people who come and visit our area, we need to provide that for them. The only way to do that is to put up the "no parking" signs down through the street. Put them on the property lines, that is where most of the signs are today. Mr. Weaver has put up his own "no parking signs" and they don't park there. The neighbors across from me have to deal with the parking in front of their property and they can't see coming out of their driveway.

Caroline Miannecki: I want to comment on the petition that had been at the Marina last year. When it was presented to me, I'm sure in full. The only thing that I can say in my defense is how I presented the petition to various people that came into the store that it was for lowering the speed limit because that is what stuck in my head. The "no parking" I naively assumed was part of a different package and I thought differently of this petition or too naïve to realize. I wanted to lower the speed limit.

As far as the loop in the boatyard, we need that loop as part of any artery to pull the boats out that are in storage and pull out the trailers to bring them down to the launch site. I have been imagining one big lawsuit and how this would affect the Marina very-very seriously.

Patti Sweet: I thought this was about the parking along Houseman Street. Is it about the speed limit or is it both?

Supervisor Kemper: This Public Hearing is for the people who have a 10 foot permit also because it would affect them. This particular Public Hearing is for putting "no parking" signs approximately starting from the guard rail at the culvert +/- .5 miles N (1/2 mile) to the beginning entrance of the Northampton State Campsite on both sides of the road. A petition was presented to the Board last fall and part of that petition was to lower the speed limit and we followed the process. We then presented it to the County, then the County forwards it to the State, and we are now waiting for their response.

We are not required by law to have a Public Hearing but we felt we wanted to inform everyone in that area and to get everyone's opinion.

Patti Sweet: I totally agree with the speed limit. But it's going to hurt a lot of people. I live 2 miles away from my 10 foot permit and boat. Where will I park?

Ray Hatch: I am not affected by the speed limit or the parking on the street. My question is, has anyone on the Board contacted the Sheriff's Department or called the State Police and emphasized the situation to them to come on the weekend when people park illegally on the road and ticket them? I realize those are the only two entities we can call because we have no local Police over there?

Supervisor Kemper: I personally have contacted them. Unfortunately, any of us here don't know when there is a big issue because we don't live down there.

Ray Hatch: You know that it's an issue all day Saturday and Sunday. You've had approximately ten people here telling you that people are parking illegally on the road.

Supervisor Kemper: We are hearing this now.

Ray Hatch: All of you people sitting at the desk on the Board know what the problem is. How much trouble is it going to take anyone of you to check out what these people are saying?

Councilman Ellsworth: This is the first I have learned of this because I don't go over there. I am just finding out there is a problem with parking on the pavement and everything else. I've already made notes about the enforcement. The board should certainly contact the Sheriff's Department and the Troopers and ask them to patrol on weekends to help cure that problem. I knew there was a problem with parking along the side of the road but not of the parking in the street. I believe, if we get them off the pavement we can improve the situation.

Ray Hatch: I realize you don't live in that area. I understand that. All these people live in that area and unless somebody on the Board or the Supervisor hound the authorities to get up there. I would think that after a few tickets are issued, and it usually is the same people who park on that road, and they park on the pavement. If you ticket them they are not going to park there. Emphasize to the Police that there is a dangerous situation down there **on the weekend**. Don't get the Police up here on Monday thru Thursday because they would say they don't see a problem.

Supervisor Kemper: I am just hearing of these things now as I am sure the rest of us are. I wasn't aware that there was a problem with golf carts. We just heard that. Has anyone called when you've seen a lot of problems with people parking on the pavement because this seems more of the issue? Has anyone called and reported it because none of us are down there all the time.

Chris Schlegel: Numerous times. We've called the State Police, ENCON, and the Sheriff.

Supervisor Kemper: And what has happened?

Chris Schlegel: All they say is nothing is posted, there's nothing that we're going to do and they drive away. I've had people park in front of my property and block both driveway entrances with their vehicles and go shopping. I can't even get out of my own yard.

90% of the businesses within vision my property is a walk in from the Campsite. So, parking isn't the issue. The big point is the campers that are trying to save money. It's not Northampton customers. It's not Mr. DeMeo's customers. The road gets lined with people that want to save money getting into the park. So nobody is targeting businesses here.

Supervisor Kemper: Mrs. Sweet, to get to your 10 feet is there enough room for you to park entirely off the road?

Patti Sweet: I'm totally off the pavement.

Supervisor Kemper: That's not the issue here. I'm seeing the issue as golf carts, the parking on the pavement, and the parking and going into the Campsite. I don't know what kind of control we can do there.

Chris Schlegel: That's why I suggested Friday, Saturday and Sunday parking regulations and no overnight parking. That would eliminate 95% of everyone here problem.

James Tribley: "No parking on pavement". It's not so much about the parking itself. It's because the cars are out into the pavement and out onto the road. Greg Simonds among others park completely off the road. It's a "non issue". But the other people who come in there they park right on the road. I've see two tires and as many as four tires on the road. We all know the road is about 24 feet wide. If you've got a 10 foot car parked on the road there's not going to be much room left over, times that by two on the weekend. You can't get down there.

Supervisor Kemper: they issue tickets in the Park for parking on the pavement. I've seen them do it.

Chris Schlegel: It should be no parking on at least one side of the road.

Rob Tribley: It's a dangerous situation. I hate to reiterate it but it is getting more and more dangerous because you can't get around the turn. Call the Volunteer Fire Department and ask them how much room they need to get their emergency vehicles through. The road is only 18 feet wide there and you cut that down to 8 feet. You can't get an emergency vehicle through it. There is State Law. Maybe you should get in with the State and ask how many feet it is off the pavement that they have to be. Not two wheels on the pavement, two feet out on the pavement but how far they should be off the pavement.

Ed Eksterowicz: It isn't a problem of parking. It's of people parking on the road. If they move their car over properly off the road there wouldn't be a problem.

Discussion ensued between residents.

Nancy Eksterowicz: If the Police are not coming for you guys and you're calling and complaining that they are parking on the road and the Police are not coming for that. You put up all these signs, people are going to park. Who's going to come along and take care of that problem? You still have the same situation because the Police are not coming over and getting them off the road. So who's going to come over and get them if they're parking on the side of the road? I don't see it happening. The Police are not concerned about a car that is parked on the side of the road and another vehicle can't get by. Then what's going to make them to go over there for "no parking"?

Chris Schlegel: Hopefully us.

Supervisor Kemper: Any one else who would like to address the Board on the "No Parking" on the both sides of the road?

I thank you for all of your input. You've certainly enlightened us on narrowing down on what the real situation is down there. Board members, do you have any questions or clarifications you need after what you have heard?

Councilman Gritsavage: I don't have any questions. A couple of points that I would make is. I have to admit that I was not aware there were problems with people that were parking on the pavement.

1. I think that is different from what I had heard and what I understood in the petition. I think that makes a difference if there is no enforcement over there. Maybe if we had known before this before we could have done something about that. I think we will do something about that and I will see to it that we do something about that. Whether the Police come up there, I don't know.

2. I'm not impressed with the argument that there has never been an accident there and nobody has ever been hurt. That argument doesn't impress me particularly with the interest that we have here where people are stressing the safety issue. Just because there hasn't been an accident and nobody has been hurt that doesn't mean that can't still happen. Maybe we can't prevent it 100% but we want to prevent it as much as we can.

3. I was wondering about banning over night parking. It seems to me that one of the big issues that I have heard prior to this Public Hearing was that there were people that were parking there and walking into the Campsite. I wonder if we put "no overnight parking" over there with some other type of restriction where we can get ECON to come up and bring some of their Officers and write some tickets for us. I don't know.

4. I wonder if there are some areas where we can maybe limit the parking to one or two hours. I'm not sure if that is a good idea or not.

5. Maybe there is some way we can make an alternate "no parking". Apparently, if there is parking on both sides of the road there is going to be a problem. But, I think that is something we have to look into and I do think that we do need something there, as far as, restrictions.

Obviously, there is a problem with no restrictions and with no enforcement.

Ed Eksterowicz: Is it possible when you are talking with the authorities that can put white stripes down on either side of the road? That can give you a boundary marker on the side of the road.

Chris Schlegel: They already tried that.

Supervisor Kemper: The Street is not wide enough.
Discussion ensued

Councilman Gritsavage: The information that you have given me an idea of what to look for. I been down there and I think we should talk with our highway guy and see what he thinks.

Nancy Eksterowicz: Come down on a weekend though. Noon time on Saturday is when it's real busy.

Councilman Gritsavage: We certainly don't want to hurt the businesses.

Chris Schlegel: We're only talking about approximately 20 vehicles that are causing the problem. Northampton has 30 or 40 parking spots that are perfectly legal and safe. In that bottle neck we are not saying you have 1,000 customers, you need to get rid of 900 of them.

We're talking about 15 to 20 cars that are causing a major safety issue. It's not going to affect anybody other than the ones that ride their bikes, people walking and walk our dogs safe. If you drive down there you'll see we are not talking about 300 boats and so you'll see 300 cars. Most of it is not Northampton's fault. We are not pointing fingers.

Councilman Gritsavage: What is the Board suggestion? The problem is the Police. Chris Schlegel: what we need is something to enforce.

Supervisor Kemper: Obviously, enforcement is a huge issue.

Councilman Gritsavage: The advantage in the Village is, the Village has its own Police Force.

Richard Logan: Their Officer can't patrol?

Councilman Gritsavage: They have no jurisdiction.

Supervisor Kemper: The Sheriff has jurisdiction.

Chris Schlegel: I've seen the Northville Police write a ticket in front of my house.

Councilman Gritsavage: The might have been a back up.

Dawn Moore: The Fulton Sheriff's Department was there. They are off duty from Fulton County but they are up here.

Supervisor Kemper: We've narrowed down what the issues are. It's not generic parking. There are a lot of other issues involved. Thank you for giving your input and letting us know what the issues are down there. None of us live down there and you have given us some good ideas. We'll have to take it from there and see what can work that won't harm our businesses, or our 10' permit holders.

Richard Logan: We've been at this for over a year now trying to get something done down there. So, do we wait another year, two years, a month or will you have a decision for us at the next Board meeting?

Supervisor Kemper: The Board has to discuss it. We wanted to hear the public input

Supervisor Kemper Closed the Public Comment at 7:35 p.m.
Discussion ensued.

Supervisor Kemper: Isn't it a Law "No parking on the pavement"?

Councilman Ellsworth: I will call the Sheriff's Office so we (Bill and Bob) can talk with them on Monday. We need to find out from the Sheriff what he can enforce and why he does come up here and do it.

Councilman Gritsavage: They probably have only two patrols in the whole County.

Councilman Ellsworth: We can also look into contracting with the Village.

Supervisor Kemper: I've seen a lot of boats on a Saturday down at the Campsite. But, we have had people at our last meeting admittedly stated that they park their own vehicles on the road to block it so that people can't park. I've seen it myself.
I have a picture of the street in that area on Sunday 4th of July weekend. I don't know where all the cars went but this is it on that Sunday.

Councilman Ellsworth: I would like to meet with the Sheriff to see what Laws are on the books that he can enforce. Find out why he is not responding when people call. I think we should talk

with the Village to see what they would charge. Have someone when they are on duty do an extra loop on Houseman Street. They might do it for free. They're pretty co-operative anyway. We can put warnings on the cars for two weekends and then just start writing tickets.

Supervisor Kemper: We could do "no overnight parking".

Councilman Roosa: Why not "one hour parking"?

Supervisor Kemper: People go on their boats and if the Marina is packed.

Councilman Roosa: We're talking about the fence.

Councilman Ellsworth: there's a chain link fence up to the picnic area site.

If that was one hour parking then no one park there except for Mark DeMeo's customers.

Councilman Roosa: It's the issue of the enforcement.

Councilman Gritsavage: I don't think it's a bad idea of combining the Northville Police Department and maybe the Town. You have a Village with 45% of the community of Northampton that is covered by Police protection. People pay for it and they don't have problems because of it. What would be wrong with having a Police Force that would cover the whole Town of Northampton? It would certainly help the people out in Fish House who have the problem with the fireworks every year.

Supervisor Kemper: There was so much going on between accidents and drugs that I don't think they had enough to any enforces to cover everything. When they had the accident on route 30 they had every available unit they could find. That took approximately three hours.

Councilman Gritsavage: For the meeting I make sure that we can sit down with the Mayor and find out what they can offer for enforcement. I will try to get with the Sheriff and Councilman Gritsavage for a meeting on Monday.

Supervisor Kemper: With the State this is an opportunity for revenues.

Carla Kolbe: If you left a note you can say that they are also affecting their community.

Councilman Gritsavage: This is the first time I heard that there was a problem with parking on the pavement.

Supervisor Kemper: Alls we've heard was "no parking" period. The one day that I did ride down there. There were kids riding golf carts right up the middle of the road.

Councilman Gritsavage: I'll get a hold of the DEC to ask them what they can do.
Discussion ensued.

Councilman Roosa: What about putting up "no parking" signs on both sides of the road up to the Campsite and then hope to get someone to enforce it.

Supervisor Kemper: The people have said that they don't want signs in their yard. Pretty much they demanded action tonight. It's not even reasonable because you have as many people that are saying that you are going to hurt the businesses.

Councilman Roosa: If you decide on “no parking on the pavement” signs you are going to have to decide where you are going to put them and notify the Sheriff’s Department that the signs are now up.

Councilman Ellsworth: I think the Village would help us enforce it.

Councilman Roosa: They’re down there anyway and their in the Park.

Discussion on golf carts, UTV and ATV.

Supervisor Kemper: Mark Yost has been down there last fall after the Campsite was closed. He went down there with his radar gun and he stated that he witnessed names of residents that are on that petition that were going way over the speed limit. He stated that the people that are petitioning need to be following the rules themselves.

This will be the third round we’ve submitted to try and change the speed limit on Houseman Street.

Councilman Roosa: I measured the pavement and it was 22 feet wide. I have to believe that it gets narrower as it goes up.

Supervisor Kemper: Not one person has come into the Town office and mentioned the other issues to me.

Discussion ensued on one hour parking and marking of tires, no overnight parking, and possibly two hour parking.

Supervisor Kemper: Definitely the Sheriff’s Department has jurisdiction down there and they should be doing the enforcement. They are called to the Campsite all the time.

ADJOURN: Not having any more business here before the board, Councilman Ellsworth motioned to adjourn the meeting at 7:50 p.m., seconded by Councilman Roosa, and passed by, 4-

Ayes: Kemper, Ellsworth, Roosa, and Gritsavage 0-Nays

Respectfully submitted,

Elaine Mihalik, RMC
Town Clerk