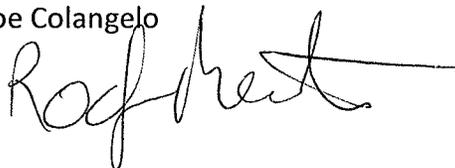


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Memo

To: Selectboard, Joe Colangelo
From: Rocky Martin 
Date: June 10, 2013
Re: Sidewalk, VTrans opposition to on street parking

For the sidewalk project from Charlotte Rd to HCS, we had planned from the very beginning to install on street parking, 4 spaces on the west side of 116. Vtrans approved the conceptual plans 2 years ago showing this but now new staff in District 5 and Utilities Division is objecting to on street parking shown in the construction plans which we submitted for a permit. Plans show 2 spots in front of Grillo apartment building/Grateful Dog, 1 in front of Goldsmith and 1 in front of former Bird barber shop now apartment building.

Our engineer, Chris Lathrop of Dubois and King, and I met with Shaun Corbett of VTrans Utilities and Randy Snelling of District 5 June 4. We reviewed the other on street parking previously permitted on 116 (3 spots at town hall in 2007, 12 spots at Kinney 2010 and 3 spots at Public House last year)- basically they hate it and said it was approved by previous VTrans staff. We reminded them that the conceptual plans included on street parking and was approved by VTrans- basically they don't care. They just said no and said they would not issue permit with on street parking included.

We negotiated easements with property owners showing on street parking. Property owners were very concerned about parking in general and on street parking was an important element. It is also an important element of the streetscape we're trying to create. On street parking is not something we can easily give up for this project. I recommend a letter from the Selectboard be sent immediately to Brian Searles, Secretary of Transportation with copies to all sorts of other VTrans officials to get this decision reversed. If that doesn't work, I'd recommend contacting our area legislators to see if they could help.