

MINUTES – Alfred Village Board of Trustees Public Hearing #3

November 12, 2013

Present: Mayor Grigg; Trustees Prophet, Bowden, Rasmussen, McDowell; Clerk-Treasurer Koegel; Police Chief O’Grady; approximately 12 members of the public; 2 members of the Planning Board; and 1 member of the press

1. **Meeting Opening** – Mayor Grigg opened the public hearing at 7:25 p.m.
2. **Local Law 2013-6: Parking of Motor Vehicles on Public Places** – Mayor Grigg summarized the proposed law and explained that with the changes proposed for parking on private property this proposed law prevents public parking patterns that would obstruct access for emergency vehicles.
3. **Questions & Comments** –
 - a. **Q.** Is Section Two: Limited Parking, new?
 - i. **A.** No.
 - b. **Statement:** There is a section of Sayles Street where there is a bend and shouldn’t be parking at all due to visibility.
 - i. **Comment:** We may proceed with this law and then fine-tune with the placement of signs.
 - c. **Q.** Would there be discussion with homeowners about the placement of signs?
 - i. **A.** It may be somewhat dictated by law, but we could ask the streets department crew to consult with homeowners.
 - d. **Q.** Why no parking on the west side of High street? In reality, people will park partially on the lawn and won’t be cited.
 - i. **A.** The sides were chosen based on judgment on what side would be more dangerous for parking as well as consistency. The history of this law shows that residents on both sides of the street will have some protest, whether due to the cars on their side of the street or the placement of signs on their side of the street.
 - e. **Q.** What is the cost of signage to the village?
 - i. **A.** Not yet calculated, but there may be some in inventory.
 - f. **Statement.** High Street may be more narrow than other streets in the village, and there is resident concern about tenant parking overflowing to other areas of the street.
 - i. **Comment:** This is a consequence of single-family housing being converted to rental housing in the R-1 zone.
 - g. **Q.** Could the board table the decision to its next meeting on December 10th? It could leave some time to come up with solutions.
 - i. **A.** The board will make that determination during the board meeting.
4. **Adjournment** – The public hearing was adjourned at 7:50 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Kathryn L. Koegel, Clerk-Treasurer