

# Police Department

In April, the Board of Selectmen asked the Land Use, Planning, Police and Public Works Departments to look into ways to help expand parking for the downtown area in conjunction with the plan to revitalize the Village area.

This was done by looking at current parking, the Town, shop owner and visitor's needs as well as future demand for parking.

The Town has several parking areas in the village area and currently there are 44 available parking spaces in the Village area. Of those, 2 are handicapped, 7 are permanently assigned to the Town, and 6 spaces are restricted leaving a total of 29 parking spaces available to the public at all times.

After discussion and studying property lines, needs and current plans for future growth, the Board of Selectmen approved the addition for current and future expansion of parking at the following places:

- **Mill Street– Add 8 spaces for a total of 12** - The Board added 4 additional spaces on Mill Street and then added an additional 4 spots on Mill Street before Center Street in front of the Mill. There is unrestricted parking in the Mill parking lot for people to use when they visit the Mill, the Library, the Memorial or in the future, the Pavilion.
- **Main Street Municipal Lot – Add 15 additional spaces for a total of 31 plus 1 handicapped space.** Some of these spaces will be made immediately; others will be added at a later time. 6 of these spaces will be restricted 1 hour parking 7:00 a.m. – 7:00 p.m., Monday – Saturday. One of the spaces is designated for handicap parking only and the 1 hour parking restriction applies to this.
- **Main Street Parking – Restrict parking time to 1 hour** – There are a total of 7 spots, 1 in front of the Town Hall and 6 spots in front of 141 Main Street designed to help our businesses as well as people who come downtown to use the Library and Town Hall. This applies only to the Town portion of Main Street and the 1 hour parking is from 7:00 a.m. – 7:00 p.m. The 1 spot in front of the Town Hall is designated for handicap parking only.
- **Lower Fuller Street – Added 1 more space for a total of 4** – This parking is restricted for 1 hour, from 7:00 a.m. – 7:00 p.m., Monday – Friday. This area is between 141 Main Street and the Town Hall.
- **Nelson Court – 10 spaces behind 141 Main Street**

There are 10 spaces designated for 7:00 a.m. – 7:00 p.m., Monday – Friday. This will allow us to remove employees from the Main Street Public Lot and in conjunction with the Upper Fuller Street Parking Lot, allow all of the Town Hall and Library employees to park in a more central spot maximizing downtown parking. This will also allow people to park in this lot, as in the Upper Fuller Street Lot, on weekends and between 5 p.m. and 7 a.m. Monday through Friday.

- **Upper Fuller Street – Parking spaces between the Town Hall and Corner Meetinghouse**

There are 6 spaces for town business/employee parking Monday through Friday, 7 a.m. – 7 p.m. This will stay as is, due to overflow parking for night meetings at the Corner Meetinghouse.

While the Town of Belmont also offers parking spaces for commuters at the Belmont Ride-Share, all parking spaces that do not have time restrictions, the ordinance doesn't allow anyone to park a vehicle on Town property in excess of 72 hours.

The enforcement of this ordinance as well as all other Town ordinances and State laws lie within the jurisdiction of the Belmont Police Department. A copy of the fines for violating the Town Traffic Ordinance can be found at:

<http://www.belmontnh.org/docs/ords&apps/TrafficOrdinance.pdf>