



VILLAGE OF COLD SPRING

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Board of Trustees Workshop Meeting Minutes Wednesday, February 7, 2024 @ 6:15 PM

The Board of Trustees of the Village of Cold Spring held a Workshop Meeting on Wednesday, February 7, 2024 at Village Hall. Present were Mayor Kathleen E. Foley, Trustees Laura Bozzi, Eliza Starbuck and Aaron Freimark. Trustee Tweeps Philips Woods was absent. Village Attorney John Furst was also in attendance. The meeting was called to order at 6:15 pm by Mayor Foley.

Closed Session/Executive Session

K. Foley made a motion to enter Closed Session to seek advice of counsel, discuss the proposed lease of real property where disclosure would substantially affect value, and discuss the employment history of an individual. E. Starbuck seconded the motion, and it passed by a vote of 4-0-0-1 (T. Woods absent).

K. Foley made a motion to exit Closed/Executive Session at 6:59 pm, seconded by L. Bozzi. The motion passed by a vote of 4-0-0-1 (T. Woods absent). No action was taken during the Closed/Executive Session.

Mayor Foley made a motion to take public comment on agenda items. E. Starbuck seconded the motion, and it passed by a vote of 4-0-0-1 (T. Woods absent).

Announcements

K. Foley announced the following:

- Locust Ridge and Railroad Avenue will become one-way streets effective Tuesday, February 20, 2024 at 8:00 am.
- After consultation with NYS Parks, the Roadways & Facilities Crew Chief determined the ground at Dockside Park is too soft for the heavy equipment needed to clear storm debris from the park. As such, large scale clean up will have to wait until the ground hardens. In the meantime, a local group, Protect the Highlands, is organizing a volunteer clean up day for garbage on Sunday, February 11th at Dockside Park.

L. Bozzi announced that the Cold Spring Climate Smart Task Force and Philipstown Climate Smart Task Force will be holding a webinar on 2/8 @ 6pm. The webinar will focus on converting to clean heating and cooling.

Opportunity to Add/Modify Agenda Items

K. Foley made a motion to add an item to the agenda - Hiring of a Laborer for the Roadways & Facilities Department. E. Starbuck seconded the motion, and it passed by a

vote of 4-0-0-1 (T. Woods absent)

Board Business

Forwarding the List of Unpaid Taxes to Putnam County for Collection

E. Starbuck made a motion to approve forwarding the list of unpaid Village Property Taxes to Putnam County for collection. L. Bozzi seconded the motion, and it passed by a vote of 4-0-0-1 (T. Woods absent)

IMA With Putnam County for use of CAD System

E. Starbuck made a motion to authorize the mayor to sign an Intermunicipal Agreement with Putnam County for use of the CAD system. A. Freimark seconded the motion, and it passed by a vote of 4-0-0-1 (T. Woods absent).

Letter to NYSERDA for \$5,000 Action Grant

L. Bozzi made a motion authorizing the mayor to sign a \$5,000 grant submission letter to NYSERDA. A. Freimark seconded the motion, and it passed by a vote of 4-0-0-1 (T. Woods absent).

Letter of Commitment to Undertake a Community Climate Action Plan

L. Bozzi made a motion to authorize the mayor to sign a letter of commitment to Hudson Valley Regional Council that the Village of Cold Spring will undertake the process of preparing a Community Climate Action Plan. E. Starbuck seconded the motion, and it passed by a vote of 4-0-0-1 (T. Woods absent).

Hiring of Laborer for Roadways & Facilities Department

K. Foley made a motion to hire Jeff Phillips, Jr. as a Laborer with the Roadways & Facilities Department at a rate of \$20/hour effective 2/8/24. E. Starbuck seconded the motion, and it passed by a vote of 4-0-0-1 (T. Woods absent).

Approval of Minutes

K. Foley made a motion to approve the minutes of the 11/29/23 meeting as submitted. E. Starbuck seconded the motion, and it passed by a vote of 3-0-1-1 (A. Freimark abstained; T. Woods absent).

Approval of Bills

E. Starbuck made a motion to approve Batch # 7221 in the amount of \$106,022.37. A. Freimark seconded the motion, and it passed by a vote of 4-0-0-1 (T. Woods absent).

Public Information Session – Residential Parking Program

E. Starbuck presented an overview of the Residential Parking Program (attached). Some key points covered included:

- Streets included in the program
- Eligibility and application process
- Enforcement
- Permit fees
- Metered parking

Public Comment

Doug Price, 54 Main Street (proprietor of Doug's Pretty Good Pub)

- Any consideration given for merchant employee parking?
 - K. Foley responded that the free spots on each block, area surrounding the former Marathon Battery site and Metro-North Parking Lot (weekends) are available. If someone has safety concerns, they can call the Cold Spring Police for an escort.

Ethan Timm, 50 Main Street (proprietor Bijou Galleries)

- \$4/hour for Main Street meters seems high and prohibitive
- What if someone moves in mid-year?
 - E. Starbuck responded that in such cases people can still get a permit at a pro-rated cost and by providing proof of residency.

Barry Gaugin, 50 Fair Street

- Expressed displeasure that residents of Springbrook Condominiums are excluded from obtaining a parking permit.
 - K. Foley responded that while originally thought to be excluded, the Board reviewed the local legislation and determined it has sufficient flexibility to include Springbrook residents. This was communicated to the Condo association, which agreed to inform residents.

Teresa Lagerman, 8 Stone Street

- Believes \$4/hour for meters is too high.
- Feels the \$50 fee for a permit is just another tax on residents and asked what is the justification for charging this fee?
 - E. Starbuck responded that the fee covers administrative costs for the program and compared it to the Village water system whereby a resident has to pay a fee/rent to use the system plus a fee for the amount of water used.
 - K. Foley agreed, noting the fairness to those paying to park in much the same way each household pays for water according to use. She added that public streets are an asset that the Village has to maintain, and the permit fees help to maintain them.

- L. Bozzi added that residents should attend the upcoming budget workshops to get a better understanding of the village's finances.
- A. Freimark asked how the Board came up with \$4/hour for the meters?
 - E. Starbuck and K. Foley responded that it was based on need and looking at the rates charged by other communities in the region (Hastings, Irvington, Nyack plus others) with similar tourism issues.

Rebecca Ramirez, 13 Church Street

- Agreed that \$4/hour meters on Main Street seems high and asked the Board to monitor closely to see if this cost becomes a prohibiting factor for visitation to the village.
- The original iteration of the Parking Committee urged merchants to have employees utilize the MTA lot on weekends.

Barry Gaugin, 50 Fair Street

- Asked if parking along Mayor's Park will be allowed anytime soon?
 - K. Foley responded that the area suffered damage during July storms. The damage is being assessed by Village engineers and FEMA to determine best course of action and funding eligibility.

Chris Gaugin, 50 Fair Street

- Asked if everyone has to get a Residential Parking Permit, even if they have a spot at Springbrook?
 - K. Foley noted that visitors to Springbrook already have to look for street parking regardless of the Residential Parking Program as residents are limited to one parking spot per unit.
 - A. Freimark added that nobody needs or is forced to get a parking permit but instead that it is an option for residents within the district who need street parking. Everyone has the option to utilize their driveway, park in one of the 74 non-permit spots or park outside the district.

Teresa Lagerman, 8 Stone Street

- Commented that with only 74 non-permit spots available residents will be forced to get permits if they want the convenience of on-street parking close to their residence.
 - K. Foley noted that the program does not guarantee parking in front of residences but instead reduces competition from non-residents for spaces around the district.

Ethan Timm, 50 Main Street (proprietor Bijou Galleries)

- Asked if demand pricing for metered parking areas is an option?

- K. Foley noted that any changes to the fees need to be incorporated into the Fee Schedule, which requires a vote and approval by the Board in a public meeting.
- E. Starbuck added that the system we are using does not have the flexibility to program rates “on demand” and a lead time of at least a week would be needed to update rates.

Adjournment

K. Foley made a motion to adjourn the meeting. E. Starbuck seconded the motion and it passed unanimously. Meeting adjourned at 8:10pm.

Submitted by: Jeff Vidakovich

Jeff Vidakovich, Village Clerk

Date



PARKING PROGRAM PUBLIC INFO SESSION

February 7, 2024

Residential Parking Permits & Main Street Meters

**VILLAGERS HAVE BEEN
WORKING TOWARD
IMPLEMENTING A
RESIDENTIAL PARKING
PLAN FOR OVER 15 YEARS.**

This plan was researched and created by committed residents and enacted by the board with the approval of code Ch. 126 & 127 amendments.

It addresses growing shortages of parking for residents on residential streets around Main Street.

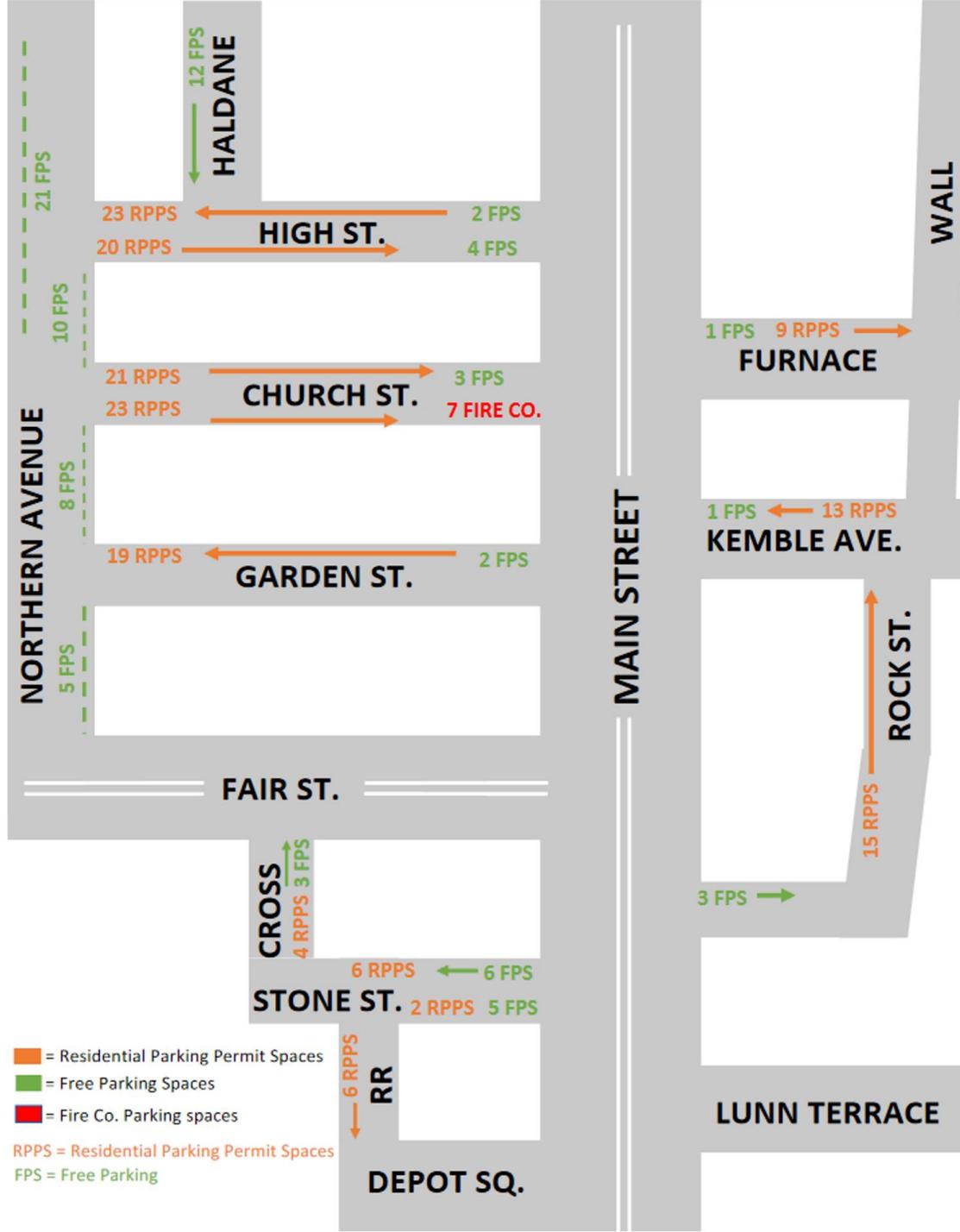
And it ensures that parking on Main Street turns over regularly while earning much-needed revenue from tourism.





**RESIDENT PARKING PERMITS:
BEGIN IN MARCH**

RESIDENTIAL PARKING PERMIT PLAN DESIGNED BY PARKING COMMITTEE



PARKING AREAS FEATURED:

- Resident Permit Parking Areas (orange)
- Free Public Parking Areas (green)
- Fire Co. Parking Area (red)

RESIDENT PERMIT PARKING



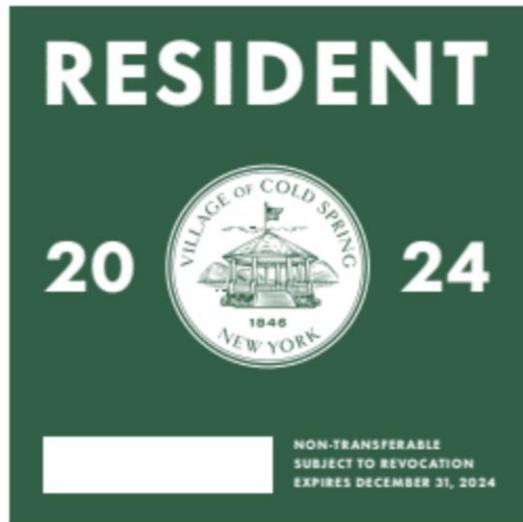
AREAS WHERE RESIDENTIAL PARKING PERMITS WILL BE REQUIRED:

- Church St
- Cross St
- Furnace St
- Garden St
- High St
- Kemble Ave (from Rock to Main)
- Railroad Ave
- Rock St
- Stone St

NOTE:

1. Permit holders are not restricted to their own streets but may park in any of the RPP areas listed above where there is signage.
2. Permits will be available to residents of the areas above and of certain other streets. See ch. 127 proposal for details about which residents will be included.

WHO IS ELIGIBLE FOR RESIDENT PARKING PERMITS?



RESIDENTS OF THESE STREETS
MAY APPLY FOR UP TO 2 RPP
PERMITS:

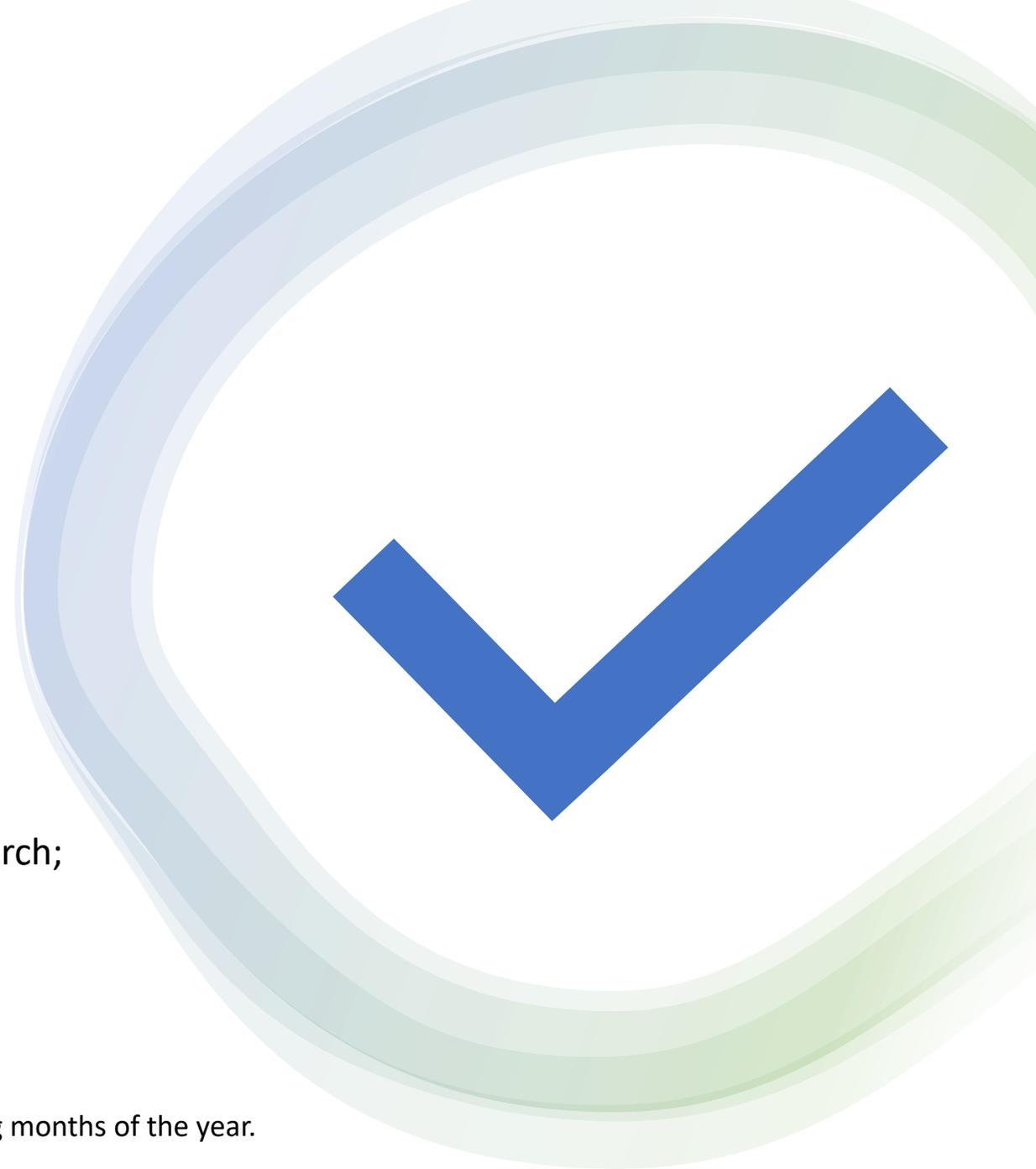
- Church St
- Cross St
- Fair St
- Fish St
- Furnace St
- Garden St
- Haldane St
- High St
- Kemble Ave (from Rock to Main)
- Main St (from the river to 9D)
- Market St
- New St
- Northern Ave
- North St
- Railroad Ave
- Rock St
- Stone St
- West St

PERMIT APPLICATION & RENEWAL PROCESS

APPLICANTS MUST PROVIDE:

- Valid driver's license & registration for each permit
- 2 Documents with proof of residence for each permit
- Permit fees (\$50/ permit*)
- Valid for 1 year starting in January (in 2024 it begins in March; fees will be prorated at \$41.70 before March)
- Renew in December

*For applicants who apply later in the year, fees are pro-rated for the remaining months of the year.



WHERE TO
AFFIX YOUR
PERMIT

**Parking Permits should be placed
on the inside of the driver's side
rear window**



PLEASE HANG ON REARVIEW MIRROR
FACING FORWARD



PARKING PERMIT

Expires:

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TEMPORARY PARKING PERMITS AVAILABLE FROM THE VILLAGE CLERK FOR:

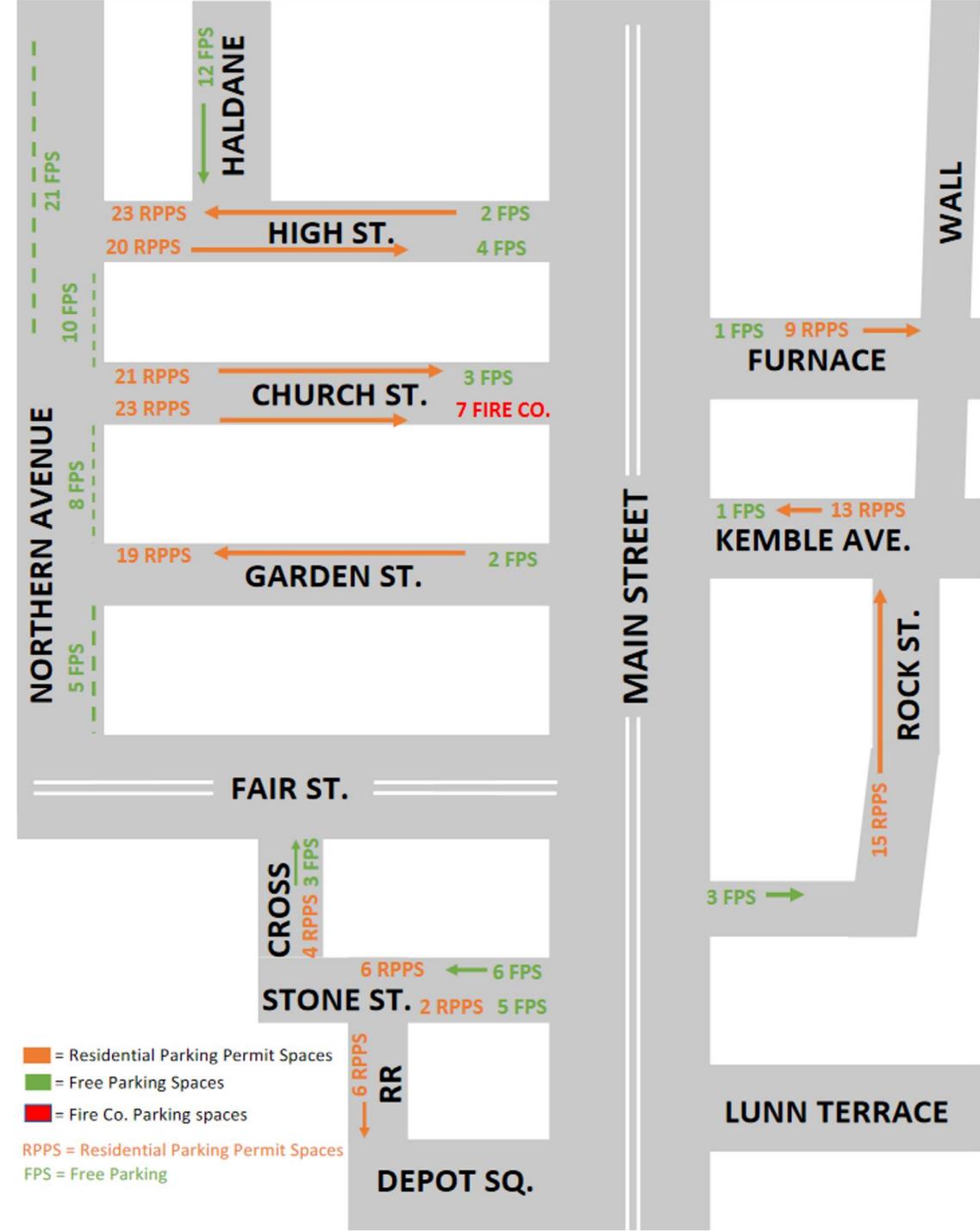
- Contractors, plumbers, electricians, etc.
- Home aides
- Guests

Provide the Clerk with the specific dates that you will need the permit for, and we will issue them as needed.

FAQs

Q: What if I live in the Resident Permit Parking Area, have more than two cars, and need more parking?

A: The permit program is an effort to distribute a scarce public resource in a way that satisfies most residents' needs. For those who need a greater allotment, many public parking spaces will remain in the RPP area. By state law, 20% of the spaces in the RPP area (amounting to about 74 spaces) must be kept available for parking without a permit. Every street in the area is within a block of some of these public spaces.



ENFORCEMENT OF THE RESIDENT PERMIT PARKING PROGRAM
WILL BEGIN MARCH 1.

LOOK FOR THESE SIGNS.



KNOW WHERE TO PARK AND GET YOUR PERMITS BEFORE MARCH.



**MAIN STREET PARKING METERS:
BEGIN IN APRIL**

PARKING METERS ON MAIN STREET TURN ON APRIL 1

- Meters will be in effect weekends & holidays 10 AM – 6 PM.
- At other times parking on Main St is free.
- Parking rate: \$4/hour
- Park for up to 3 hours at a time



WAYS TO PAY BY CREDIT CARD

METER KIOSKS:

1. IN FRONT OF VILLAGE HALL
2. AT MAIN ST AND CHURCH ST



PARKMOBILE APP:

DOWNLOAD IT AT YOUR SMART PHONE APP STORE



DIAL UP BY PHONE PAYMENTS:

CALL THE AUTOMATED PAYMENT NUMBER LISTED ON PARKMOBILE SIGNS





PARKING TIME ON MAIN STREET WILL BE REDUCED FROM 4 HOURS TO 3, TO INCREASE TURNOVER.

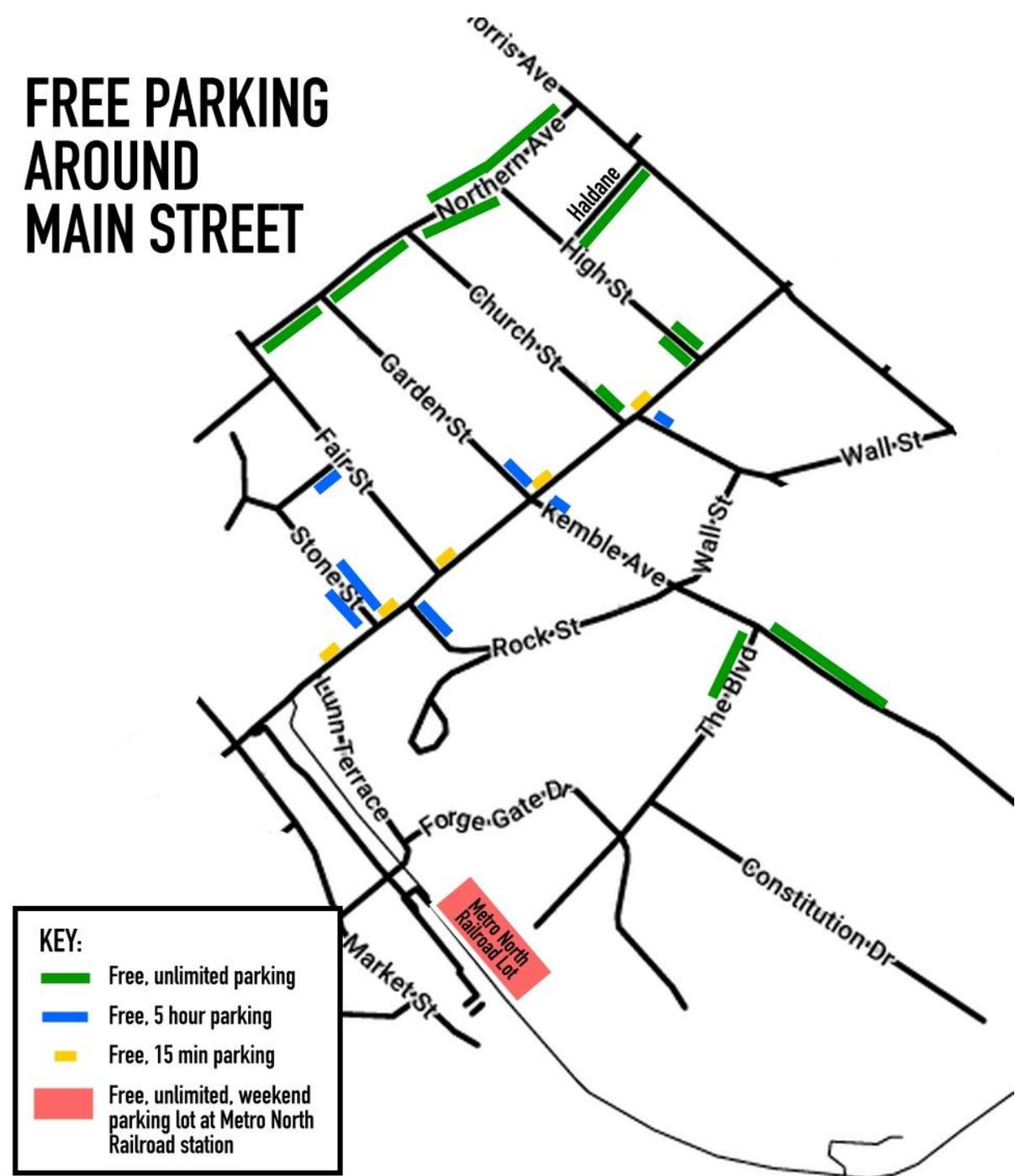


MORE FREE 15 MIN PARKING SPACES ON MAIN STREET

For quick-stop shopping, you will find them at the northeast corner of every Main Street intersection from Depot Square to Church Street. They will be unmetered and available all week long.

Free parking solutions for when meters are in action.

FREE PARKING AROUND MAIN STREET



INCREASING ADA PARKING ACCESS

- Complying with NY State laws at the Municipal Lot
- Increasing locations on Main Street
- Improving street marking

NOTE:

By NY State law, all ADA permitted vehicles may also park in the Residential Permit Parking.



IMPROVED ENFORCEMENT

- CLEARER ENFORCEMENT DIRECTIVES
- INCREASED FINES FOR PARKING VIOLATIONS
- IMPROVED VIOLATION TRACKING SYSTEM



FAQs

Q: I live outside the Resident Parking Permit Area. Won't this plan push more cars to park on my street?

A: The current measures are a first step in an evolving strategy to address parking in the entire village. After the current measures are implemented, the trustees will assess the effects and propose modifications to the public. The Trustees encourage feedback from community members to guide future planning.



LET'S SEE HOW IT GOES.

THIS IS OUR FIRST MAJOR EFFORT TO MANAGE
TOURISM CONGESTION IN OUR VILLAGE.

WE LOOK FORWARD TO HEARING YOUR FEEDBACK.
WE CAN MAKE ADJUSTMENTS ONCE IT IS IN PLACE.

