



**Town of Meredith, New Hampshire
Selectboard Agenda Report
For the Meeting of December 8, 2025**

From: Judie Milner, Town Manager

Subject: Parking Committee Recommendations

Suggested Motion:

No Motion – Workshop Only

Recommendation:

I recommend a second year of PILOT program with changes as recommended by the committee and staff. For phase II implementation, I recommend the Selectboard assign staff to come up with 3-4 scenarios for the community. I further recommend either a well advertised community forum workshop to review and discuss scenarios or a more diverse group of committee participants so that all interests are represented.

Background/Discussion:

In 2024, the selectboard formed a Meredith Neck Parking Committee to advise the Board on the best way to address parking issues experienced on the neck. The committee issued a report in late 2024 with recommendations for a PILOT parking program which was implemented for summer 2025. The committee was extended to 12/31/25 so that data from the PILOT program could be analyzed and recommendations could be made to the board regarding the parking solution. Additional phase II work, as identified in the initial report to the board, was to be completed as well.

The Committee has reviewed the data collected during the PILOT program. The board was given a copy of this data in your 9/8 board packets. After careful consideration, the committee recommends extending the PILOT program to 2026 summer season with the following recommendations on changes/additions:

PILOT Program Recommended Changes

Cattle Landing Lot:

- Reduce the number of disability parking spaces at Cattle Landing to the amount required in the building code regulations.
- Add additional boulders as a safety measure along the front of the lot to keep cars from driving down the embankment.

Patricia Drive:

- Add “No Parking” signage at the top of the circle to allow sufficient space for emergency vehicle turn-around.

Lovejoy Sands Upper Lot:

- Eliminate the 72-hour vehicle parking time restriction in the Upper Lot to be consistent with the Lower Lot and Cattle Landing. Longer term parkers, currently in the Lower Lot, will have the option to relocate to the Upper Lot.
- Limit trailer parking to 72 hours to eliminate long-term trailer storage in the lot.
- Add trailer parking signage in the trailer parking area, including informational mapping and usage restrictions to improve parking efficiency and enhance safety,
- Post trailer parking dates for the Upper Lot, commencing May 15th through October 15th since the Lower Lot restricts trailer parking beginning May 15th.

Lovejoy Sands Lower Lot:

- Improve visibility and clarity of wayfinding signage at the Lower Lovejoy Lot to make traffic flow and boat launch usage safer and more orderly.
- DPW and Police will consider street parking allowance on Lovejoy Sands Rd. adding 5-6 parking spaces.

Administrative and Enforcement:

- Extend the parking permit use of facility stickers and guest hang tags through October 15, 2026.
- Increase the parking violation fine from **\$75 to \$150** per day to deter violators.
- Continue data collection through 2026 to monitor program results.

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Regarding the phase II work, the committee was having a difficult time differentiating between recommending solutions and implementation of solutions, often getting “stuck in the weeds” of implementation issues which are the burden of staff. This led to a kind of impasse on providing recommendations for phase II. My recommendation to the board is to direct staff to come up with a few scenarios and vet those scenarios, environmental, private/public partnerships, etc. for presentation to the public sometime in mid 2026.

Alternatives:

Extend the PILOT program as is.

Extend PILOT program with changes as recommended by the committee.

Codify the PILOT program.

Make no changes to the parking at Meredith Neck.

Develop another Committee with more representation to tackle Phase II.

Task staff with coming up with viable Phase II scenarios for public input or committee input at a later date.

Attachments/Exhibits:

2024 Parking Committee Report Link <https://www.meredithnh.gov/335/Studies>

Approved Minutes of 2025 Parking Committee Link
<https://www.meredithnh.gov/AgendaCenter>