

Hi Kim: Thanks for sharing this with the relevant folks since I cannot be present at Selectmen meeting due to evening work hours.

For Police and Fire chiefs and Selectmen deciding how cars should be allowed to park on Everett Park and Williams St. now that the Barn is going year-round, from my own observations of parking issues and accidents during Barn events over 36 years:

1) cars on the Barn side of Everett Park block sight lines for cars turning off Williams St. This would argue for allowing parking only on the side furthest from the Barn for safety.

2) cars must *not* be permitted to park on both sides of Everett during Barn events, which will now be essentially year round. When the Barn has events, the road gets blocked and fire trucks cannot get through.

3) the side of Everett chosen for parking should be continuous along all blocks of the street. A zig-zag parking decision, that is, allowing parking on one side in one block and a different side on the other block, would be a security risk by causing confusion for all drivers, and more importantly, would slow down emergency vehicles.

4) no parking should be allowed on either side of Williams St. so that emergency vehicles can get through unobstructed. Traffic has moved much more safely during Barn events since No Parking signs appeared each summer during the Barn season. Now that the Barn will be year round and has the facilities for multiple activities at once, No Parking signs year round will be ever more important for safety.

I recommend that the Selectmen have a plan in place for temporary parking permission on one side of Williams as required by things such as Asplundh (tree pruning), tree removal, other utility trucks, etc. that will obviously need to be on Williams from time to time for public safety issues and repairs.

Thank you,
Donna Sparks