

Good morning, Mr. Manzi and Mr. Khan.

I have heard that the next Board of Selectmen meeting will include a discussion around beach parking. I am a Seabrook resident that lives at the beach (Woodstock St) and I wanted to share my brief thoughts/opinion for consideration as this topic is discussed.

I am in favor of reinstating the parking placard system that was in use prior to last season.

I don't believe the placard restriction last year significantly reduced the volume of people at the beach, and instead, treated part-time (mostly elderly) residents unfairly as they were not able to park near the beach.

Covid restrictions are lifting, people are being vaccinated, and the outdoors is the best way to maintain physical distance when needed and still socialize. By Memorial Day, when the parking restrictions typically begin, I suspect that majority of folks that want the vaccine will have been able to get it or get an appointment. The rationale to restrict parking due to the covid virus should not apply this season.

In the years prior to last year, the placard system with parking enforcement seemed to be working as a means to allow part-time residents, and town of Seabrook guests (either renters, or guests of homeowners), an opportunity to park, enjoy the beach, and visit with family/friends who live at the beach.

I am typically not able to attend the BOS meetings as they happen, but do try to watch the replays when I can. I appreciate you considering my opinion on the beach parking agenda item, among the other opinions you will hear and discuss.

Thank you,

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