

MPL Parking Review

History & Next Steps



Introductions

- James Potter, Chair of the Library Trustees
- Kristine Hodlin, Chair of the Trustees' Buildings & Grounds Comm. (online)
- Cheryl Tougias, Master Plan Implementation Committee
- Will Adamczyk, Library Director

Leading up to Today

- The Library needs additional parking; the Library has needed additional parking since the addition opened in 2009
- The Library began exploring options in 2015
- The Town Center has changed in recent years and there is a need for additional staff and resident parking
- The Library Trustees have worked with the Town and the MPIC to research many options for parking
- The options were presented to the Select Board in March 2024, where we received unanimous support to further research the development on Canton Ave.

Why Does the Library Need Parking

Primary concerns:

- Safety - within the lot & in the Canton Avenue corridor
- Capacity & Convenience - access for seniors and families
- Growth - programming and room usage limited by current space allocation
- Green - Provide charging units for electric vehicles

Previous Parking Improvements

- Based on consultation with the Traffic Commission, the Library reversed the direction of traffic flow in the current lot
- The Library created a turnaround within the current lot
- The Library worked with the Traffic Commission to add spaces on Canton Avenue

Outreach

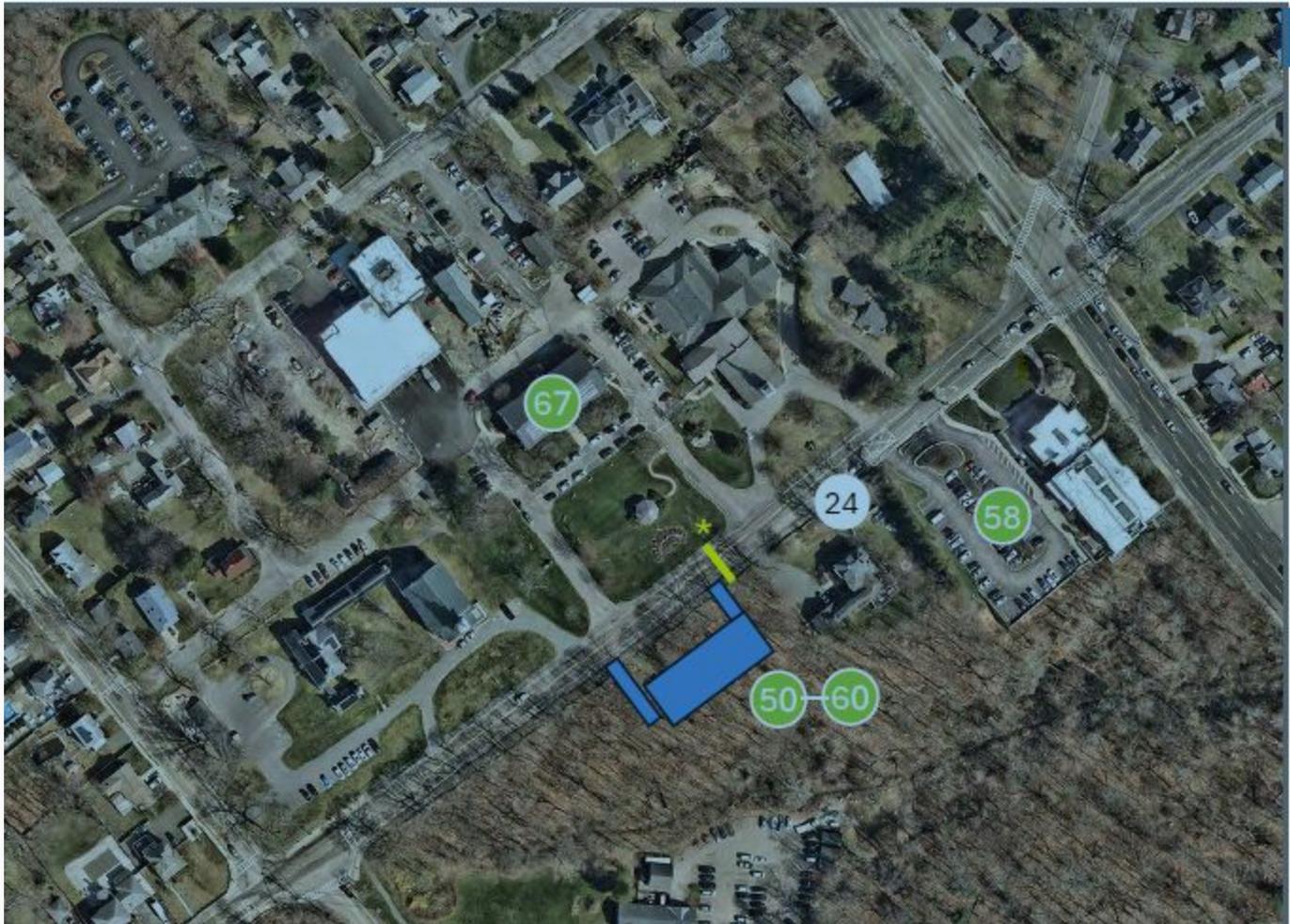
- Town planners & engineers
- The Conservation Committee
- The Traffic Commission
- The Master Plan Implementation Committee
- The Select Board
- BID-Milton Hospital
- United Congregational Church / The Centre School
- First Parish Church
- Townwide Forum

MPIC & Trustees Efforts

- Have been meeting together for two years
 - Parking Study undertaken by Planning Dept.
 - Engineering work, including site plans and models
 - Exhaustive search for possible locations
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- **Canton Avenue is the only location that meets the Library's needs**

Options to Consider

- Library parking only
- Parking with a structure - office space, cafe, etc.
- Parking with a structure - housing



OPTIONS EXPLORED

New parking at Canton Ave. Town-owned property: options

Parking only (2 levels)
– 60 spaces

Parking with a café
– 50 spaces

Parking with upper floors of municipal use, such as teen center, meeting space, offices.
– 50 spaces

Parking with upper floors of affordable housing.

**New Crosswalk being added at Canton Ave. - DPW*

Trustees' Recommendation & Request

1. That the Select Board support a feasibility study/RFP for parking/building solutions funded jointly by the Town and the Library Trustees.
2. That the Select Board and Library Trustees form a joint Task Force to guide the RFP process and to make a recommendation to the Select Board and Library Trustees
 - a. Potential members
 - i. Nick Connors, ex-officio
 - ii. Will Adamczyk, ex-officio
 - iii. Kristine Hodlin
 - iv. Cheryl Tougias
 - v. Select Board member
 - vi. 2 residents with real estate development, planning, architectural experience

Thank You