

**South Berwick Town Council
Public Hearing
Chapter 130 Traffic & Vehicles
December 12, 2023**

Chair Mallory Cook opened the hearing at 6:00pm. Councilors present included John James and Melissa Costella. Mr. Minihan participated by Zoom. Town Manager Tim Pellerin and Assistant Town Manager Jennifer Janelle were also in attendance. Ms. Cyr was not present.

The purpose of the hearing was to receive public comment on the proposed changes to Section 33 of Chapter 130 Vehicles and Traffic. As suggested by the Police Chief, the proposed changes are being made to clarify parking fines and the process the Town takes if the fines are not paid. The proposed changes will strengthen the Town's position if any get as far as the court system.

-Tamre Steinhauer, Hill Dr, questioned whether the Town gets to keep the money. Yes, the Town keeps the money from parking fines, but not from moving violations such as speeding.

-Sam Flinkstrom, Main St, stated that he is in favor of the changes. He commented that some clarification should be added: calendar days vs. working days, is timeframe from 1st offense to 2nd concurrent with the 1st or after it has lapsed, the word 'refusal' is ambiguous, and should state why we will contact the BMV. He also commented that section B is inconsistent with section A.

Mr. Flinkstrom added that the winter parking ban should be re-evaluated.

No one on zoom wished to comment.

The hearing was closed at 6:11pm.

Attest:

Barbara Bennett, CCM