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# Acton Police Department

## InterDepartmental Memo

**From:** Frank J. Widmayer, Chief of Police

**Date:** June 18, 2003

**To:** Don Johnson, Town Manager

**Subj:** Quarry Road Parking complaints

I have attached two memos to this report along with letters of complaint from Bettina Norton. One report is from Lt. Rogers and the other from Safety Officer Cowan. They both have been working with the Nortons over the past few months. The memos agree in overall strategy towards solving the problem however you may be a little confused in the descriptions used in their recommendations, north, south, etc. Let me assure you that they are both recommending the same solution and that is to post the left side of Quarry Road as you drive north and allow parking on the right side.

The town engineer and recreation director may have other ideas but this is the consensus of the police department.



Frank J. Widmayer  
Chief of Police

6/20/03

FRANK -

I AM HAVING SOME DIFFICULTY WITH THIS AND NEED YOUR FURTHER COMMENT PRIOR TO THE SELECTMEN'S MEETING NEXT MONDAY. QUESTIONS INCLUDE HOW FREQUENTLY THIS OCCURS, WHY "RESIDENT ONLY" RESTRICTIONS ARE NOT WORKING AND WHERE WE EXPECT THE PARKING TO GO.



TOWN OF ACTON POLICE DEPARTMENT  
INTER-DEPARTMENTAL COMMUNICATION

TO: Chief Frank Widmayer  
FROM: Lieutenant Thomas Rogers  
SUBJ: Norton complaint / parking on Quarry Road  
DATE: June 14, 2003

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I met with John and Bettina Norton 115 Quarry Road on June 14, 2003. The thrust of their concern centers around cars parking on both sides of Quarry Road during events at NARA. When this occurs, it is impossible for emergency vehicles to get through to their home and further delays result for Quarry Road residents who have to wait for opposite direction traffic to clear the road before they can proceed.

The solution to this problem is relatively simple and is as follows:

1. Removal of the resident only parking signs on the south side of Quarry Road.
2. Installation of "NO PARKING ANYTIME, VIOLATORS WILL BE TOWED" signs on the south side of Quarry Road, spaced every fifty to seventy five feet from the intersection of Quarry Road and Granite Road to the Town of Acton Highway Department Entrance.

This configuration would allow over flow parking (a routine condition) on the north side of Quarry Road for NARA visitors. Strict police enforcement of the south side restriction would guarantee relief to Quarry Road residents.

It is my opinion that the current restricted parking configuration is unworkable and serves to exasperate the present parking dilemma.

  
Lieutenant T. Rogers  
Patrol Division Commander

June 9, 2003  
To: Chief Frank Widmayer  
Re: NARA parking

Hi! I am disturbed by the continual problem with parking on Quarry Road for large NARA events. The "Temporary" signs are not working. Do you have any suggestions re: what can be done?

Please call me at 617-803-2652, or, better, come up and visit - and see first-hand the scope of the problem.

Thank you -

Bettina A. Norton  
(Bettina A. Norton)  
115 Quarry Rd.

June 9, 2003

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CALLED 6-12-03  
ADVISED REGARDING  
NO PARKING REPORT.

to: Det. Robert Cowan, Actm P. D.

Re: Parking at NARA - on Quarry Rd.

The problem is not getting any better. The "temporary" signs are half gone, and I could NOT get in until cars passed through the "lane" between cars parked ON BOTH SIDES last Saturday.

I am requesting permanent no parking signs on the left side going in, ALL THE WAY to the turn-off to the town gravel pit, (which is not now posted at all from the Nagog Rd. intersection) and one or two signs "Unauthorized vehicles will be towed."

Please see what you can do about

this - a real safety issue!

Thanks -

Bettina A. Norton  
115 Quarry Rd.  
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