

From: Kathleen Ramsay [mailto:KRamsay@TownOfMiddlebury.org]
Sent: Friday, November 22, 2019 2:21 PM
To: Thomas Hanley
Subject: FW: Question

Hi Tom,

Given Bert Sargent's inquiry about handicap parking in front of the Star Mill, is this something that the Public Safety Committee will review? Or would you like me to have her submit a request to the Selectboard?

Thanks,
Kathleen

From: David Wetmore
Sent: Friday, November 22, 2019 2:16 PM
To: Kathleen Ramsay <KRamsay@TownOfMiddlebury.org>
Subject: FW: Question

Hi Kathleen,

Below is the email I sent to Jeff Olson.

Dave

From: David Wetmore
Sent: Thursday, October 17, 2019 1:21 PM
To: 'jeff@acrevt.com' <jeff@acrevt.com>
Cc: Jennifer Murray <JMurray@TownOfMiddlebury.org>; 'Thomas Hanley' <THanley@middleburypolice.org>
Subject: FW: Question

Hi Jeff,

I have looked into this question before and discussed options with Chief Hanley. We concluded that it would be difficult to site a legal handicap space in front of the Star Mill Building without losing several existing parking spaces. Additionally, stormwater and winter maintenance makes it even more difficult. ADA requires 9 handicapped spaces for between 450-500 parking spaces. There are currently 9 handicap spaces downtown with far less than 450 spaces. If the parking area in front of Star Mill were to be considered a "small lot" (4 cars or less) there is no requirement to mark a handicap space, however, there still must be a 5' accessibility aisle, which would be a loss of at least one parking space. A petition to designate a new handicap space should be directed to the Selectboard. The board would likely refer the issue to the Public Safety Committee (Chief Hanley is the chair) which will make their recommendation to the board.

Reluctantly, I recently approved the zoning permit for Jessica Rouse and her partners medical practice. In my discussion with Ms. Rouse, I expressed my concerns related to handicap accessibility. It is my

opinion that she understood the accessibility limitations of the space they were proposing to lease and that the Town would not likely approve a new handicap space. One of the conditions of their zoning permit approval was that they would not request a handicap space. For accessibility reasons alone, it is becoming clear to me, that this type of professional office use may not be a good fit for the Star Mill complex. I hope that the owners of the other medical/health related practices considered the access limitations of this area before locating their business. There are handicap spaces at the top of Park Street (1), behind the Library and Town Office (5) and several others spread around Town. Parking in Town at certain times of the day is at a premium. The additional loss of parking spaces may not be received well.

Hope this information helps,

Dave Wetmore, AZA

From: jeff@acrevt.com [mailto:jeff@acrevt.com]
Sent: Thursday, October 17, 2019 9:08 AM
To: Jennifer Murray <JMurray@TownOfMiddlebury.org>
Subject: Question

Hi Jen!

I am the property manager for the Star Mill, and some of the practitioners were wondering about how to get a designated handicap space in front of the building. Is there a policy or procedure? Or is this something another department or agency handles?

Thanks,

Jeff
