

Date: August 19, 2008

To Town Hall Study Committee

From: Michael L. Niden

Subject: Parking on Friday and Saturday Nights

Attached is an informal study which the Citizens Committee performed over several week-ends in late March.

We drove to all the public lots with in close proximity to the Town Hall. All were town owned lots. They include: MBTA, Emery Grover, Chapel Street Lots, Town Hall Rear, Chestnut Buddy Lots, Dedham Ave and several street space areas.

We visited these lots between 7:00 PM and 8:00 PM. There were 433 spaces counted. Not including the full Chestnut Street main lot.

Over several week-ends we found a high of 351 open spaces and a low of 298 open spaces

Events planners use a factor of 2.5 people per car. Base on that factor, a 350 seat venue would require 140 spaces.

Lastly, you will see several shots of private lots. We did not include these in the numbers.;Bergsons, Needham Bank, Kinko's/Caldwel Banker, and Walgreens.

MBTA Lot -72 of 78 spots

Emery Grover Front 8 of 8 spots open

Emery Grover rear 58 of 60 spots open

Highland Ave 25 of 37 spot open

Chapel Street 6 of 8 spots open below Lewandos

Chapel Street Lot 40 spots open out of 90

Town Hall Rear Lot 26 spots open out of 27

Dedham Ave 52 spots open out of 70

Chestnut Buddy A 15 open out of 15

Chestnut Buddy B 12 open out of 15

Chestnut 8 spaces

Chestnut Street Lot Space by Pho Pasture 8 out of 10

Chestnut to Great Plain 6 out of 7 spots open

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You should all receive your Town Hall April 10th invites no later than Monday

Parking

Public Spots

Michael Moran of Amazing Things stated yesterday; that at an event you can count on 2.5 attendees per car.

Based on the Saturday night I photographed parking lots, there were 355 spots open. These were PUBLIC, TOWN OWNED and close proximity to the town hall.

So if you take the maximum capacity of the Great Hall and the average number of attendees per vehicle, you total is 140 spots needed. I would say we have greatly exceeded the parking needs. Please tell if I am missing something or making a wrong assumption.

Photographed first are the public parking spots in close proximity to Town Hall .

Public Spots

Great Plain to Chapel 25 spots open



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Private Lots

Bergsons Lots



Needham Bank 1



Needham Bank 2



Walgreens



Lewandos



Kinkos

