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Kent Street Parking Permit

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Paul,

Your kind letter has been received. Dan and I have discussed our remembrances of the parking permit and miraculously they are very similar! And, we do happen to know the answers to all your questions.

Here is what I can tell you about the provenance of the parking permit. The permit was obtained by myself after moving into our 8 Kent Street home in July of 1993. I believe it was necessary to go to the Clerk's Office at City Hall to register and obtain the permit. We received two parking permits and were told to be sure they were visible in the windshield of any vehicle parked on the Street.

The regulation had been in effect for some time when we moved onto Kent Street. Although Vermont College began waning after 1993, parking permits were still required for on street parking. About ten years later, I contacted City Hall to obtain another parking permit after a guest had driven off with one of the permits. I recall being told that although the regulation was still in effect, it was not really being enforced. The person at the Clerk's Office indicated the parking problem in our area had declined significantly with the changes that had occurred at Vermont College. It took some persuading to obtain a replacement parking permit. The parking permit sent to the Montpelier Historical Society was the remaining original permit obtained in 1993.

As for the signage, I do believe there are still "resident parking only" signs on Kent Street. At least they were still there when we moved in August. What I do not know is if the regulation is still in effect.

Where we live now is very rural. The changes we made to the family home have made all the difference and we will be able to comfortably age in place here. We are settling in, but miss our friends and living in a neighborhood.

Hope you get enough snow to get in some cross country skiing this winter.

Best regards,

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