

## Detailed Descriptions of the Design for Main Street: Depot Street, Shaw's Parking Lot and Back Lot Parking Examples:

Development of shared parking facilities for business employees is purely a volunteer private endeavor for Poultney. However, the town can serve as facilitator to the process. There are numerous locations where combining access drives and “dissolving” lot lines with shared parking can be a win-win for businesses and apartment residents on Main Street. Areas are shown as examples of how this could be achieved.

### Design features:

- In many cases businesses that are lacking in parking only need look out their back or side door to see the solution. Almost every business in Downtown Poultney has available land for back lot parking, yet a number of businesses appear to have done little to actually define or improve that resource.
- Back lot parking should be emphasized for employees and residents of upstairs apartments.
- Parking should be located in side and rear lots only, demolition of Main Street buildings should be discouraged if not prevented at all costs.
- Define areas where parking can be efficiently organized and accessed.
- Multiple property owners should be encouraged to work together and the town should provide assistance and incentives to develop off - street parking, such as tax stabilization for improvements, or low interest loans. The town should also create a standards lease agreement with boilerplate maintenance and liability clauses to assist landowners in developing the needed legal documents for shared parking.
- Shared parking includes shared driveways such that the number of driveways on Main Street can be reduced, and should also include clearly defined pedestrian paths or sidewalks to connect from parking to businesses.
- The areas shown outlined in the plan below give a suggestion as to how several lots could be combined for shared off -street parking. This is not meant to be a final proposal but more an indication of the possibilities that exist for improving parking for Downtown Poultney.

