



Town of Hudson

Internal Traffic Committee

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Minutes of Meeting – October 28, 2016

A meeting of the Town of Hudson's Internal Traffic Committee (ITC) was held on Friday, October 28, 2016. John Blood, Fire Chief, convened the meeting at 10:00 AM.

The following ITC voting members were in attendance:

John Blood, Deputy Fire Chief
Michael Burks, Police Chief
Eric Ryder, Director, Public Works
Jeff Wood, Building Commissioner

The following non-voting ITC members were in attendance:

Jack Hunter, Director of Planning and Community Development

The following individuals were also present:

Steve Poole, Lakeview Engineering
Anthony Parrinello, Wellness Manna
Julia Germaine, Wellness Manna
Andy Grant, HLP
Robert Vorbach, Vorbach Architects
Chris Thule

SITE PLANS

10-12 Arlington Street (CONTINUED)

Robert Vorbach, Vorbach Architects introduced himself to the Board and introduced the proposed project, which will entail a second two family on an existing lot where a two family currently exists. He went on to describe the surrounding neighborhood as one with many multi-family units, even though it is zone single family. He reviewed the parking, setbacks, utilities and drainage to the Committee. He also noted that the proposed project will require approvals from the Planning Board (PB) and the Zoning Board of Appeals (ZBA).

ITC had questions regarding the driveway width; the proposed portico and whether it met the fire code; drainage and Mr. Vorbach suggested they may change the driveway from asphalt to stone dust to help with the drainage; utilities and how they are separated. Additionally, Mr. Vorbach mentioned that these proposed units will be rental, which changes the handicapped parking requirements. Considerable discussion ensued about the proposed stacked parking. Jeff requested that the stacked parking either be removed, or that the applicant will need to seek a variance since it does not comply with the zoning by-law.

ITC also noted the following site plan items that need to be addressed:

- Dumpster needs to be shown with screening; title block needs to be amended;
- dimensions of existing building need to be noted on the plans;
- dimensions of the proposed parking spaces need to meet the by law; and
- proposed lighting shown on the plan.

ITC voted unanimously to have the following items revised on the plans and for the applicant to come back to a future ITC meeting for final approval:

1. All ten proposed parking spaces need to be shown on the property
2. Parking spaces need to be 18'x9'
3. Stacked Parking must be either eliminated or noted that a variance will be sought through ZBA.
4. Handicapped parking consistent with ADA requirements must be shown
5. Driveway must be 30 feet wide
6. Run off (permeable surface) cannot exceed current rates.
7. "Portico" must be at minimum 14 feet high and meet all fire codes or eliminated.
8. Location of dumpster and screening must be shown.
9. Title Block must show existing Zoning and Assessors Map and Parcel numbers.
10. Dimensions of the existing building must be shown.
11. All proposed lighting must be shown along with a corresponding "cut sheet".

131 Coolidge Street

Steven Poole and Anthony Parrinello, Wellness Manna introduced the plan for 131 Coolidge. Mr. Parrinello described the proposal for a Medical Marijuana Facility. Mr. Poole went over the site, the parking and where and how the facility would be operated.

Manna Wellness mentioned that have met with the Police chief to go over security and in attendance were their security team to answer any questions ITC might have!

Chairman Wood moved to move the proposed site plans along to the Planning Board subject to the satisfactory resolution of internal and external traffic issues raised by the ITC Board. Seconded by Chief Blood. 4-0-0

OTHER BUSINESS

Hudson Light and Power- electric vehicle charging equipment on South Street.

Andy Grant from Hudson Light and Power discussed the placement of an electric vehicle charging station. HLP received a \$7500 grant for a Nissan Lynx and a charging station. The charger will take two standard size parking spots. Four possible locations were identified on South and Market Streets. The Committee preferred option 4, a location on South Street in an area that is currently mulch so that no current parking spots are lost. DPW will mark out and pave the new spots and will own the spots for future maintenance. It will be necessary to petition the Board of Selectmen to add the new spots to the Bylaw. A sign will be posted with parking limits and pricing. Suggested pricing is \$.10/kW for the first hour of charging and \$1.00/kW for the second hour with a 2 hour limit. This is consistent with the 2 hour limit on other parking in the area.

DPW Director Eric Ryder moved to accept the proposed location with a 2 hour limit and a parking sign with the necessary votes by the Board of Selectmen for Bylaw changes. Second by Chief Blood vote 4-0-0.

Route 85/Giasson Street Intersection- Signal Timing

The Board of Selectmen requested that this intersection be made safer for pedestrians using the Rail Trail. Cars turning from Giasson Street onto Washington Street can make a right turn on red, endangering people in the crosswalk who have a "walk" signal. Eric Ryder observed this site with a traffic engineer and suggested two alternatives. One is to completely eliminate right turn on red at this location. The second is to purchase an indicator sign to mount on the pole across the street that will flash "No Turn on Red" when the pedestrian button is pushed for the crosswalk. This will cost money but will enable a better traffic flow when there are no

pedestrians, which is most of the time. Eric thought the cost would be under \$2000. It was suggested that there may be Rail Trail money available to finance the sign purchase.

Chief Blood moved to refer the matter to DPW. Second by Chief Burks. vote 4-0-0.

Main Street Crosswalk

DPW Director Eric Ryder and Police Chief Michael Burks proposed to put a crosswalk in front of Town Hall. There used to be a crosswalk from Church Street to the hair salon across Main Street. Many people have been complaining about the lack of a crosswalk at this location. It is a public safety concern – in addition to Town Hall, many children and elderly people cross for the Boys and Girls Center and Senior Center. However it will result in the loss of a parking spot, making it controversial. There was a discussion about putting it in front of the alleyway next to the cleaners or putting it back in the original location. The Board of Selectmen will need to approve the loss of a parking spot.

Eric Ryder moved to construct the crosswalk at its original location and to open it up for consideration to the Selectmen. Second by Chief Blood. vote 4-0-0

Signal timing Brigham Street/Washington Street Intersection

No one was present for this agenda item. The Committee agreed to continue the discussion to the next meeting due to lack of information.

Causeway Street- continued discussion from 7/29/16

There has been a request for truck exclusion on Causeway Street. Chief Burks said that cruisers have been at the location 42 times between 6/14 and 8/26 with radar guns. Eric Ryder said that DPW has invested in new signage saying “SLOW”, “CHILDREN”, and “RADAR STRICTLY ENFORCED”. Chief Blood said that the request would need to be submitted in person or in writing and moved to pass over this item. Second by Eric Ryder, vote 4-0-0.

Minutes

Chief Blood moved to approve the minutes from August 26, 2016. Second by Jeff Wood, vote 4-0-0.

Adjournment

Eric Ryder moved to adjourn the meeting, second by Chief Burks, vote 4-0-0.