



Town of Hudson

Internal Traffic Committee

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Minutes of Meeting – April 28, 2017

A meeting of the Town of Hudson's Internal Traffic Committee (ITC) was held on Friday, February 24, 2017. Jeff Wood, Chair convened the meeting at 10:00 AM.

The following ITC voting members were in attendance:

Jeffrey Wood, Building Commissioner, Chair
Johns Blood, Fire Chief
Michael Burks, Police Chief
Eric Ryder, Director, Public Works

The following Ex-Officio ITC members were in attendance:

Kristina Johnson, Asst. Director of Planning and Community Development
Jack Hunter, Director of Planning and Community Development

The following individuals were also present:

Stratton Road- Traffic Control Signage

Arlington Street/Franklin Street Intersection- no parking

Electric Vehicle Parking- Enforcement Mechanism

Main Street Speed Limits

Kristina Johnson first mentioned that this request came from the Town Administrator, on behalf of the Chair of the Board of Selectmen. Essentially, they were inquiring as to why the speed limit changes significantly as you drive the length of Main Street; and, Ms. Johnson asked the ITC Board to discuss their institutional knowledge as to how the speed limits were set on Main Street.

Chief Burk and Jeff Wood discussed that the reduced speed limits could be in place due to the roadway geometry and the intersection with the Rail Trail. Jeff Wood wanted a little more clarity as to the intent of the request. Ms. Johnson stated that she believes that the point of the inquiry was to get an understanding of the appropriateness of the speed limits, and hear from the Town's professionals on the issue. She further stated that she could get some clarity on the request from the Town Administrator. All ITC members agreed that speed limits are set appropriately.

No vote was taken.

Traffic Signal Timing at Main Street/Broad Street/Manning Street Intersection

Concerns have continued to be expressed about the traffic signal timing at the Broad Street/Manning Street intersection. Prior to the meeting, Eric Ryder followed up with the Town's traffic signal consultant, Ocean

State Signals to inquire further. Both Ocean State Signal and Eric Ryder believe that the traffic signal is operating as originally designed. Eric provided an overview of the timing and the phases of the traffic signal. Jeff Wood questioned whether the traffic signal at Broad Street/Main Street are synchronized in any fashion with the signal at Main Street and Vila De Porto, as he noted that when one signal provides a green, while the other turns red.

Eric Ryder noted that there are difficulties with synchronizing the two intersections together, as the Main Street/Broad Street/Manning Street intersection is controlled by video detection and the Main Street/Vilo De Porto intersection is controlled by loop detectors—two entirely different systems. Considerable discussion ensued about acquiring the funding to pay for the upgrade of the Vilo De Porto intersection to video detection. Chief Blood also provided his experience with the traffic signal timing and phasing at the Main Street/Broad Street intersection.

Eric Ryder suggested that upgrading the intersection Main Street/Vilo De Porto intersection could be a mitigation measure for the proposed drive through donut shop at the 181 Main Street. All members agreed that this would be more than appropriate to ask of the applicant for 181 Main Street; and as such, Eric agreed to get a quotation from Ocean State signals prior to the next Planning Board meeting.

No vote was taken.

Minutes

Eric Ryder moved to approve the minutes from January 27, 2017. Seconded by Chief Blood, vote 3-0-0.

Adjournment

Jeff Wood moved to adjourn the meeting, second by Chief Blood vote 3-0-0.