



# **Town of Hudson**

## **Internal Traffic Committee**

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## **Minutes of Meeting – August 25, 2017**

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A meeting of the Town of Hudson's Internal Traffic Committee (ITC) was held on Friday, *August 25, 2017*. Jeff Wood, ITC Chair and Building Commissioner convened the meeting at *10:11 AM*.

The following ITC voting members were in attendance:

John M. Blood, Fire Chief  
Michael D. Burks, Sr., Police Chief  
Eric Ryder, Director of Public Works  
Jeff Wood, Building Commissioner

The following non-voting ITC members were in attendance:

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

### **No-Parking Signs at 1-3 Meadowbrook Road**

Kristina Johnson summarized the request of Colleen Thomas of 3 MeadowBrook Road to have the posted no-parking signs removed. Ms. Thomas indicated that when she held a housewarming party, several of her visitors were ticketed because of the no-parking signs. Ms. Thomas contacted Planning Department staff and inquired why those signs were in place. Ms. Johnson reviewed the Hudson Traffic Rules and Orders and found that there was no reference to no-parking on that section of Meadowbrook Road, despite the fact that signs had been erected at some point in time.

Chief Burks indicated that the signs had been erected in order to keep the roadway clear of parked cars when the Portuguese Club would hold a large event. Chief Burks stated that Department has not an issue recently with the overflow parking associated with the Portuguese Club. Chairman Wood followed up and asked if the Town had posted temporary No-Parking signs on the telephone poles.

Ms. Johnson reiterated that there is no reference in the Traffic Rules and Orders to MeadowBrook Road in the listing of street sections with no-parking. She then inquired whether the Board desired an amendment to the Rules and Orders to keep the signs posted as is, to which the Board said no. The Board agreed that if the Portuguese Club

holds large-scale events in the future the Town could erect temporary no –parking signs.

Chief Blood moved to remove the no-parking signs at 1-3 Meadowbrook Road. Seconded by Eric Ryder. 4-0-0. Unanimous

### **Crosswalk at Broad Street/South Street/Villa Do Porto**

Jack Hunter summarized the request of Michael Szabo who contacted the Planning staff to express his concerns about the unsafe pedestrian crossing at this location. Chief Blood acknowledged that this location poses a safety issue for pedestrians. Eric Ryder noted that the complex roadway geometry contributes to the safety issues. Further, Mr. Ryder pointed out that there are adequate crosswalks, but that there is not a direct pedestrian crossing from point a to point b.

Eric Ryder reiterated that there are adequate signalized crossings already in existence, and reminded the Board that when a pedestrian actuates the walk button it doesn't automatically stop traffic, it puts the pedestrians in the queue.

Chairman Wood moved to take no action on the time. Seconded by Eric Ryder. 4-0-0. Unanimous

### **Update: Green Street/Linden Street Intersection- blocking of driveway**

Kristina Johnson summarized what was discussed at the July ITC meeting. The Board at the July meeting indicated that measurements would be taken and change to the regulations would be proposed, as necessary. Chief Blood and Chief Burks, although they feel bad for the resident, there is no action to be taken on this issue.

Chairman Wood moved to take no action on the above issue. Seconded by Chief Blood. 4-0-0 Unanimous

### **Minutes**

Chief Blood moved to accept the minutes from the June 28, 2017 meeting. Second by Chief Burks, vote 4-0-0. Unanimous

### **Main Street/Chestnut Street**

Chief Blood referenced a fatal car crash that occurred at this location earlier in the week. He stated that in good conscience it would be prudent if ITC continued discussing potential solutions to address the vehicular safety issues at that location and at Lewis Street. Eric Ryder provided an update on McMahon Associates' engineering work on Main Street and Lewis Street, and noted that he will make this work a priority. All agreed to continue the dialogue as to implementing safety improvements at that location.