



Town of Hudson

Internal Traffic Committee

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Minutes of Meeting – December 22, 2017

A meeting of the Town of Hudson's Internal Traffic Committee (ITC) was held on Friday, December 22, 2017 at Hudson Town Hall 2nd floor conference room. John Blood, Fire Chief convened the meeting at 10:00 AM.

The following ITC voting members were in attendance:

John Blood, Fire Chief
Richard DiPersio, Police Captain
Eric Ryder, Director of Public Works

The following non-voting ITC members were in attendance:

Jack Hunter, Director of Planning and Community Development
Kristina Johnson, Assistant Director of Planning and Community Development

Update on Cherry Street Extension

Jack Hunter provided an update to the ITC Board on the proposed extension of Cheery Street. He introduced Tim Doherty, business owner on Cherry Street, who has been working with the Town and the Economic Development Commission to develop a viable solution to extending Cherry Street. At the September ITC meeting, Eric Ryder supported investigating the feasibility of bringing the extension parallel to the rail trail, terminating at the Rail Trail Parking lot. This idea was discussed at the November Economic Development Commission (EDC), and Jim Downing a property owner who abuts the Rail Trail, expressed his concern that there would be insufficient width between his building and the proposed extension. Jack noted that EDC is looking to support a viable alternative, notwithstanding the need to find the funding for engineering and construction.

Tom Doherty reiterated Jim Downing's concern about that proposed design alternative, and inquired about whether Eric Ryder has reviewed the previously designed plan. Eric stated that he had, but expressed his concerns for having two traffic signals placed closely together. Considerable discussion ensued amongst the ITC Board, staff, and Tim Doherty about potential design solutions and the engineering constraints associated with each design solution.

Kristina Johnson and Jack Hunter stated that next steps will be to further discuss design options with the Economic Development Commission and discuss the possibility of sponsoring a warrant article to fund the engineering.

No vote was taken.

CHAPS Building/ Forest Avenue/John Robinson Drive Intersection

Kristina Johnson provided an overview of emails from a resident who expressed concerns about broken lighting and inadequate lighting at various locations. Kristina indicated that she passed on the link for Hudson Light and Power's online street light outage report form, and also forwarded the email thread to Hudson Light and Power to make them aware of the lighting concerns raised by the resident. Kristina noted, however, that within the email thread about inadequate street lighting a request was made for ITC to investigate installing a flashing beacon at the CHAPS Building—Forest Avenue/John Robinson Drive intersection. Eric Ryder noted the significant expense of purchasing a flashing beacon, and, once installed at this location, a flashing beacon would need to be considered at all school crossing locations. Chief Blood inquired if there were any recent incidents involving pedestrians at the location, to which Captain DiPersio said that he could not recall off the top of his head. Captain DiPersio offered to do a little research on incident data at this location, and follow up with the ITC Board.

No vote was taken.

Winter Parking Restrictions – Highland Park

Eric Ryder discussed a snow clearance issue on Highland Park between Coolidge Street and Teresa Road. He noted that cars from the adjacent dealership park on the easterly side of this roadway segment and become an impediment for snow and ice removal operations.

the easterly side of Highland Park—between Coolidge Street and Theresa Road—from November 15th through April 1st. It was noted by ITC members that parking on this portion of Highland Park becomes an impediment for snow and ice removal operations. Chief Blood moved to request that the Board of Selectmen consider and approve the following amendment to the Town of Hudson's Traffic Rules and Orders:

Article IV – Stopping, Standing, and Parking
Section 2- No Parking Zones

Insert the following language in Section 2 No Parking Zones under High Street and above Houghton Street:

Highland Park

On the easterly side from Coolidge Street to Teresa Road from November 15th through April 1st.

Seconded by Eric Ryder. 3-0-0 Unanimous

Minutes

No minutes were considered for approval.