



Town of Hudson

Internal Traffic Committee

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Minutes of Meeting 11-16--2018

A meeting of the Town of Hudson's Internal Traffic Committee (ITC) was held on Friday, *November 16, 2018 at Hudson Town Hall, 2nd Floor Conference Room.* Stephen Geldart Fire Chief, convened the meeting at 10:00 AM.

The following ITC voting members were in attendance:

Michael Burks, Police Chief
Stephen Geldart, Fire Chief
Max Kamel, Assistant Director of Public Works

The following non-voting ITC members were in attendance:

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

Follow Up Discussion- On-street parking on Old North Road

Back in August 2018, Kristina Johnson, Assistant Planning Director presented the traffic and safety concerns on behalf of Andy Horowitz, a resident of Old North Road. Mr. Horowitz is concerned since the recent repaving that there have been several accidents and close calls on Old North Road between Blueberry and Forest Avenue. He requested that the ITC entertain the idea of prohibiting on-street parking on this roadway segment.

ITC discussed the issue but did not want to make any decision without further field reconnaissance and crash data analysis. Members expressed their concern about setting a precedent for future request prohibiting on-street parking on other roadways throughout the Town. The matter was table until the next ITC meeting so further analysis could be completed.

An officer from the Police Department conducted field reconnaissance to evaluate the traffic and safety conditions along Old North Road. Chief Burks presented the results of the Officer's report, which indicated that there were no safety and/or speeding issues evident along Old North Road. Based on the information contained in the report, Chief Burks recommended that no action would be needed.

Chief Burks recommended that ITC not prohibit on-street parking on Old North Road between Blueberry and Forest Avenue. Seconded by Max Kamel. 3-0-0. Unanimous

Library Parking Spaces

Jack Hunter, Planning Director reminded the Board of the request from the Business Improvement District (BID) to re-designate the use of the five western most parking spaces currently designated for Library Employees. Since September, Jack Hunter followed up with Debbie Backman to further clarify the exact number of spaces needed for library employees.

Chief Geldart move to make the following amendment to Section 11 (Library /Fire Station Parking) of the Town of Hudson Traffic Rules and Orders:

Delete the following paragraph:

- B. The ten (10) spaces in the northwest corner of the lot; five (5) which face the Fire Station, and five (5) of which face the western driveway entrance shall be restricted to employees of the Town of Hudson, twenty-four (24) hours per day, seven (7) days per week. Restricted for departmental use shall be the two (2) spaces running parallel to the east side of the Fire Station.⁷⁶
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And replace with the following:

B. The eleven (11) spaces in the northwest corner of the lot; the six (6) spaces that face the Fire Station and the two (2) spaces running parallel to the east side of the Fire Station shall be restricted to Fire Department employees 24 hours per day and seven (7) days per week; the five (5) spaces which face the western driveway entrance shall be restricted to Library employees from 8:00 AM to 9:00 PM Monday through Friday and 8:00 AM to 5:00 PM on Saturdays, excluding legal holidays.

Seconded by Max Kamel. 3-0-0. Unanimous

Signal timing/phasing at the Washington Street/School Street intersection.

Kristina Johnson presented the recent concerns of residents that the signal timing and phasing at the aforementioned intersection is penalizing drivers on the minor approaches and causing a severe wait time. Max Kamel noted that the traffic signal at this location has been tweaked several times by MassDOT and the Town of Hudson pre and post Washington Street Bridge reconstruction. He also reiterated that the priority movement at this intersection is Washington Street.

Max Kamel moved to take no further action on this issue. Seconded by Chief Burks. 3-0-0. Unanimous.

Chief Geldart moved to adjourn the meeting at 11:00 AM. Seconded by Max Kamel. 3-0-0. Unanimous.