



# **Town of Hudson**

## **Internal Traffic Committee**

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### *Minutes of 7-29-2022*

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*A meeting of the Town of Hudson's Internal Traffic Committee (ITC) was held on Monday July 29, 2022 in a hybrid fashion—in-person in the 2<sup>nd</sup> floor conference room Town Hall and via Zoom. Jeff Wood convened the meeting at 10:10 AM.*

The following ITC voting members were in attendance:

Chad Perry, Police Captain

Bryan Johannes, Fire Chief

Eric Ryder, Director of Public Works (acting as Chair)

Absent: Jeff Wood, Building Commissioner

The following non-voting ITC members /guests were in attendance:

Kristina Johnson, AICP, Director of Planning and Community Development

Steven Santos, Director of Parks and Recreation

#### **34 Green Street- Driveway Blocking**

Jose and Maria Monteiro expressed concerns about commercial vehicles blocking the entrance of their driveway at 34 Green Street on regular basis. Mr. Monteiro inquired if the Town could install a "do not block driveway" sign. Captain Perry stated that patrol officers notice blocking of the driveway that the subject vehicles would be ticketed. Mr. Ryder stated that he would monitor the situation during the winter snow removal operations and take note of any illegally parked vehicles. And the Building Commissioner stated that he would check in on the business at 40 Green Street to make sure that all commercial vehicles are to the greatest extent feasible parked on site.

No further action was taken relative to this item.

#### **Discussion of Centennial Beach Parking**

Residents of the Fort Meadow neighborhood expressed concerns about the newly enacted parking regulations for Centennial Beach that were put into place in 2021.

#### **Jeanne Kittridge- Fort Meadow Drive**

Ms. Kittridge inquired about the neighborhood placard program, specifically asking if there could be temporary placards issued for those neighborhood residents who are having guests at their residences for parties and celebrations. She also inquired if the 475 feet could be extended zone be extended by a few houses each way, as she expressed concerns that this distance would not incentive beachgoers to buy a parking pass.

### **Carolyn Lanigan- Fort Meadow Drive**

Ms. Lanigan also expressed concerns about how it is difficult to have guests with the current placard program as designed. She further noted the following: the constant parking along the street is blocking the roadway, people she does not know who are parking along the street in front of her residence, and that beachgoers are leaving their trash behind within the neighborhood. Ms. Lanigan requested a that the no parking zone be moved up Fort Meadow Drive past the existing 475 feet.

### **Diane Maillet-Cayuga Drive**

Ms. Maillet expressed concerns that the neighborhood was not duly notified when the news signs were installed, and that the signs were installed too late after the beach commenced operations. Ms. Maillet requested that the Police should take more notice of those vehicles violating the Fort Meadow parking regulations

### **Mary Wallace- Fort Meadow Drive**

Ms. Wallace expressed concerns about enforcement of the parking regulations for the neighborhood.

Captain Perry stated the Police Department has stepped up enforcement since the beach was opened for the season, and that area is appropriately patrolled. Chief Johannes stated that there is plenty of parking within the Centennial Beach parking lot and expressed concerns about extending the 475 feet. Mr. Ryder stated that the feedback received will help to revisit the regulations for next seasons, as there is not enough time to make regulatory adjustments for this season. Steven Santos, Director of Recreation concurred with Mr. Ryder and stated that the parking regulations can be revisited in January for the 2023 beach season.

No further action was taken relative to this item.

### **Discussion of Fort Meadow Drive/Marlboro Street intersection**

Nancy Rodgers of Michigan Drive presented a powerpoint presentation to the ITC Board that summarized the concerns about speeding and safety issues in the Fort Meadow Neighborhood. Her presentation included videos of speeding vehicles navigating the poor sight lines and narrow turning radii on Marlboro Street, and a summary of the accident data for that roadway and the Fort Meadow neighborhood. Ms. Rodgers requested the installation of dynamic speed limit signs, traffic calming devices, and other appropriate safety signage. Matthew Avery of Marlboro Street re-iterated the same concerns and noted that the Fort Meadow Drive/Marlboro Street intersection was the site of a fatal accident. David Provencher of Marlboro Street expressed concerns about safety at the Fort Meadow Drive/Marlboro Street intersection.

Captain Perry recommended safety and warning signage as appropriate, and would look into having the mobile speed warning sign deployed in the neighborhood.

Chief Johannes noted that Marlboro Street had been recently repaved, which could be contributing to the speeding. He further noted that there is a cost for dynamic speed signs, and emphasized that traffic calming devices can significantly slow the response times for emergency vehicles.

Mr. Ryder stated the existing signs will be relocated to a more strategic location and that the Town is discussing potential mitigation strategies relative to the Intel Redevelopment project. He expressed concerns about traffic calming devices, as they get ruined during winter snow removal operations.

No further action was taken relative to this item.

#### **Discussion of speeding and parking issues on Lakeshore Drive**

Richard Mangus and Robert Jones of Lakeshore Drive expressed the following concerns on Lakeshore Drive:

- Fire hydrants are consistently blocked;
- Jurisdictional issues about Memorial Beach in Marlborough and the location of municipal boundary between Hudson and Marlborough;
- Overflow parking from Centennial Beach;
- Illicit activity occurring in vehicles parking on the roadway who do not live on the private street; and
- Vehicles are parking on the residents' properties.

Mr. Ryder stated that Lakeshore Drive is a private roadway developed before local subdivision control regulations were adopted. He noted that the Town can maintain the roadway to ensure emergency access is maintained. Mr. Ryder stated that pursuant to Section 266 120D vehicles parked on a private roadway can be removed provided there is appropriate signage indicating that the roadway is private and vehicles are subject to towing. Mr. Ryder recommended that ITC seek a legal opinion on about enforcement on private streets.

No further action was taken relative to this item.

#### **Discussion of safety protections for Rotary outside dining locations**

This item was passed over.

#### **Discussion of speeding on Zina Road**

This item was passed over.

#### **Discussion of lane widths and roadway shoulder striping**

Tom Green of the Ad Hoc bicycle and pedestrian committee discussed the recommendation of an MAPC Report from 2014 to reduce lane widths and stripe shoulders, which could be used for bicycle travel. Mr. Green asked if the Town would consider striping on Causeway

Street. Sasha Wood of Causeway Street noted that shoulder striping was present on Causeway Street, and requested that it be restriped. Mr. Ryder concurred that Causeway Street had a striped shoulder prior to the resurfacing, and would investigate getting the shoulder restriped, but expressed general safety concerns about striping shoulders for bicycle travel.

**Approval of Minutes from April 29, 2022 and June 17, 2022 meetings**

Chief Johannes seconded by Mr. Ryder moved to approve meeting minutes from April 29, 2022 and June 17, 2022. 3-0-0.

**Adjournment**

Mr. Ryder seconded by Chief Johannes moved to adjourn the meeting at 12:30 PM. 3-0-0.  
Unanimous