



Town of Hudson

Internal Traffic Committee

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Minutes of Meeting 3-22--2019

A meeting of the Town of Hudson's Internal Traffic Committee (ITC) was held on Friday, *March 22, 2019 at Hudson Town Hall, 2nd Floor Conference Room*. Jeffrey Wood, Chair convened the meeting at 10:00 AM.

The following ITC voting members were in attendance:

Jeff Wood, Chairman, Building Commissioner

Michael Burks, Police Chief

Mike Parker, Deputy Fire Chief

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, AICP, Asst. Director of Planning and Community Development

Other Attendees: Joseph Piasaeki, Paramount Television

Tiffany Kinder, Olive Avenue Productions

Rebecca Weksner, resident, Fort Meadow Neighborhood

Diane Maillet, resident, Fort Meadow Neighborhood

Paramount Television- Discussion of TV filming

Mr. Joseph Piasecki, Assistant Location Manager for Paramount Television presented a schedule scheduled for on-location television shoot in Downtown Hudson Monday, April 1st. Mr. Piasecki presented a traffic management plan to accommodate the on-location television shoot. Members of the ITC did not express any concerns about the proposed traffic management plan. The Police Chief did request, however, that the roadway closure planned on School Street be coordinated with the school bus schedule, and that Mr. Piasecki schedule the police details in advance. All information about the on-location shoot will be posted on the Town of Hudson website and the posted on the Department of Housing and Community Development Facebook page, and Mr. Piasecki mentioned that the adjacent neighborhood would be flyered.

Further, Mr. Piasecki provided an overview of the parking for catering trucks and the actor's trailers, which will staged at the Elk's Club, Mr. Piasecki will be requesting a variance from the Town of Hudson quiet hours of 11:00 PM to 7:00 AM (Section 33 of the General By-Laws). As stated in his email, Mr. Piasecki anticipates the catering trucks will arrive at or about 2:30 AM-3:00AM and actor trailers/work truck will arrive at about 3:30 AM to 4:00 AM. All crew members will park at the Portuguese Club and will be shuttled to the Elk's. He anticipates crew departure from the Town around 11PM.

Eric Ryder moved to approve the use of Town Property and the traffic management plan for Paramount Television for the on-location television shoot on Monday, April 1, 2019. Seconded by Chief Burks. 4-0-0. Unanimous .

Olive Avenue Productions- Discussion of on-location Television Shoot

Tiffany Kinder, the on-location production manager provided an overview of an upcoming on-location television shoot to take place on Warner Street on Tuesday, March 26, 2019 and Wednesday, March 27, 2019 during the evening hours. Ms. Kinder discussed how a residence at 43 Warner Street would be the location for filming, and that the family of said residence has been relocated. Ms. Kinder also presented a proposed traffic management plan and discussed proposed roadway closures. After considerable questioning, the ITC Board agreed on a traffic management plan, roadway closure plan, and police detail plan.

It was noted that a variance to waive the quiet hours would need to be obtained from the Board of Selectmen.

Chief Burks moved to approve the traffic management plan for the on-location movie shoot for the dates discussed above. Secoded by Eric Ryder. 4-0-0. Unanimous .

Washington Street/School Street/Park Street Intersection

Intersection blocking continues to occur and pose a safety issue at this location. Signs stating "do not block intersection" are installed at approaches to the intersection, but vehicles are still stopping in the middle of the intersection.

Eric Ryder noted that the traffic signal has been retimed a number of times and during the Washington Street Bridge replacement project, he recommended to MassDOT's design consultants about striping the intersection with hatching. MassDOT 's consultant did not support this idea.

Kristina Johnson noted that other municipalities, such as the City of Framingham, have this striping in the middle of the intersection with an accompanying sign do not block the intersection and a \$150 fine. Ms. Johnson stated she would investigate the enabling state statute for blocking the intersection and the associated fine.

No further action was taken on this issue.

Fort Meadow Neighborhood Traffic Safety Issues- Follow Up

Rebecca Weksner and Diane Maillet of the Fort Meadow neighborhood followed up on a signage plan and signed petition to address the speeding throughout the neighborhood. Both individuals continued to express concerns that speeding throughout the neighborhood has caused unsafe pedestrian conditions, and as a result, are fearful about having children playing in the front yard. The acknowledged that the

Building Commissioner has sent out enforcement notices regarding overgrown landscaping.

Eric Ryder underscored that is not going to be possible to install speed humps and/or signage at every intersection. He noted that some of the locations identified for stop signs would require geometric realignment, and that some locations may not warrant a stop sign. Chief indicated that the Police Department will continue with enforcement.

The ITC Board stated that they will follow up with any recommendations at a future ITC meeting, and will take the following actions in the interim:

- 1) The DPW will conduct field reconnaissance;
- 2) Police Department will continue to conduct targeted enforcement.

River Road- Request to Lower the Speed Limit

A resident of River Road expressed concerns that the speed limit of 35 MPH is too high for the neighborhood and should be lowered by the Town.

Kristina Johnson explained that the MassDOT controls speed zoning in the Commonwealth, and that the power to change the speed limit does not rest with the local municipality. Ms. Johnson further clarified that the 35 MPH speed limit on River Road is a “posted speed limit,” which would require the approval of MassDOT based on engineering studies completed and paid for by the Town. The recent change to state law as part of the municipal modernization act relates to “statutory speed limits,” which are different than posted speed limits.

Eric Ryder recommended the installation of a “slow curve” at the roadway curvature after the River Road/Port Street. Chief Burks stated that the Police Department would continue to conduct targeted enforcement in this neighborhood.

Chairman Wood moved to approve the installation of “slow curve sign” on River Road. Seconded by Chief Burks. 4-0-0. Unanimous

Minutes

Chairman Wood moved to approve the minutes from January 25, 2019 and February 22, 2019. Seconded by Chief Burks. 4-0-0. Unanimous

Adjournment

Chairman Wood moved to adjourn the meeting at 11:30 AM. Seconded by Eric Ryder 4-0-0. Unanimous.