



# **Town of Hudson**

## **Internal Traffic Committee**

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## **Minutes of Meeting 11-22-2019**

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

The following ITC voting members were in attendance:

Brian Johannes 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, AICP, Assistant Director of Planning and Community Development

### **Temescal Wellness- draft circulation and traffic management plan**

Linda Katz, Chief Operating Officer for Temescal Wellness and Christian Strauss of LAZ Parking presented a summary of the parking circulation and traffic management plan. Since their opening, Temescal has been operating a remote shuttle service from Broad Street for customers. Ms. Katz described the two-phase approach for eliminating the remote parking facility. The proposed first phase would allow on-site parking for those customers who had pre-ordered their products, but still have all other customers park in the remote parking lot on Broad Street. Ms. Katz expressed Temescal's desire to eventually have all customers parking on-site in the near term, as the volume of daily customers has been declining due to increased local competition. She also indicated that Temescal paved and restriped and the parking lot at 252 Coolidge Street.

Jack Hunter mentioned that the Department has been working closely with Temescal and the Police Chief on the parking situation for Temescal. Jack indicated that the Police Chief expressed concerns that the parking schematic submitted may not have been drawn to scale and/or designed to engineering standards. Jack also indicated that the proposed parking and traffic management plan was presented to the Planning Board Chair, who recommended that ITC review and discuss the plan prior to any Planning Board action.

Captain DiPersio underscored that the Police Chief is not trying to tie the hands of Temescal with respect to parking; however, the design of the parking lot needs to be designed in accordance with legitimate, engineering standards.

Ms. Katz indicated that McMahon Associates will be engineering the parking management plan; and once finished, will present the plan to the Police Chief and ITC for further vetting.

No action was taken by ITC on this matter.

**One Cabot Road- proposed driveway configuration and geometry**

Matthew Zaroli from Samoites Consultants presented a proposed site plan for a one way entrance driveway configuration at One Cabot Road and Technology Drive. Mr. Zaroli indicated that with this proposed driveway configuration would alleviate the need to cut into Technology Drive, which is under a paving moratorium.

Chief Johannes expressed concerns about the proposed driveway, as vehicles are speeding traveling at a high rate of speed down Technology Drive. Chief Johannes wondered if the location of the driveway would potentially cause traffic accidents. Mr. Zaroli noted that the design and location of the driveway was engineered in order to minimize the occurrence of collisions.

Chief Johannes moved to approve the proposed driveway configuration for One Cabot Drive. Seconded by Eric Ryder. 3-0-0. Unanimous. It was noted that a driveway opening permit will need to be pulled with the DPW.

**Brigham Street/Reardon Road- request for ITC to evaluate a crosswalk**

Kristina Johnson that this issue was referred to the Planning Department for ITC consideration by the Department of Public Works Administrative staff. A resident of Reardon Road was extremely concerned about pedestrian safety for the walkers to the High School, and a lack of a sidewalk on Reardon Road.

Eric Ryder expressed concerns about installing a crosswalk from Brigham Street to Reardon Road, which has no sidewalk system. He noted that installing a crosswalk to a roadway without a sidewalk system does not meet engineering design standards and could pose an additional safety issues. Other members of the Board noted that there are a number of other crossings along Brigham Street that can be accessed. ITC recognizes that it's not ideal, but felt installing a crosswalk at this location would cause more of a safety hazard

ITC did not take any further action on this issue.

**Parking Regulations- 2-hour parking limit on Main Street (past Broad Street)**

Jack Hunter explained that the Manager of the Dentist on Main Street across from Rite Aid expressed concerns about the 2-hour parking limit and looking for a crosswalk between the dentist and Rite Aid. Since the stepped up parking enforcement, Dentist Office Staff has been parking in the Rite Aid parking per an agreement between the two businesses.

Eric Ryder noted that a crosswalk could be installed, but at least one parking space would be lost. Mr. Ryder further noted that even if a crosswalk were installed no one would use it, and folks are constantly darting out across the street.

Chief Johannes moved to pass over this request and refer the matter to the Board of Selectmen. Seconded by Eric Ryder. 3-0-0. Unanimous

**Adjournment**

Eric Ryder moved to adjourn the meeting at 11:50 AM. Seconded by Chief Johannes 3-0-0. Unanimous.