



Town of Hudson

Internal Traffic Committee

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Minutes of 3-25-2022

A meeting of the Town of Hudson's Internal Traffic Committee (ITC) was held on Friday, March 25, 2022 via Zoom. Chief Johannes convened the meeting at 10:00 AM.

The following ITC voting members were in attendance:

Richard DiPersio, Police Chief
Bryan Johannes Fire Chief
Eric Ryder, Director of Public Works
Max Kamel, Assistant Director of Public Works

The following non-voting ITC members were in attendance:

Kristina Johnson, AICP, Director of Planning and Community Development
Joan Wordell, Town Clerk

The following guests were in attendance:

Paul Leonardo, Ordway Road
Mercedes Murphy
Charles Randall

Election Parking at Town Hall

Joan Wordell, Town Clerk discussed her request to reserve voter parking in the vicinity of Town Hall during this election season. She noted that there is no date for early voting as the dates are still being debated in the State Legislative.

Eric Ryder, seconded by Chief Johannes moved to designate temporary election parking on both sides of Church Street from the corner of Main Street to northerly to the Town Hall driveway on westerly side and to the Metrowest Boys & Girls Club driveway on easterly side for the Town Election on May 9, 2022, State Primary on September 6, 2022, and State Election on November 8, 2022. 4-0-0. Unanimous

Eric Ryder seconded by Chief Johannes moved to designate temporary Early/Absentee Voter parking on both sides of Church Street from the corner of Main Street to northerly to the Town Hall driveway on westerly side and to the Metrowest Boys & Girls Club driveway on easterly side on August 22, 2022 through September 2, 2022 and October 24, 2022 through November 4, 2022, Monday-Friday 8AM-4:30PM. 4-0-0. Unanimous

Discussion of Chapin Street Improvements

Mr. Ryder presented a cost estimate for adding sidewalks along Chapin Road, which could range between \$45,000 and \$55,000 with the design to be completed in-house. He noted the following: material costs are variable and may be affected by inflation, there is no funding

source to construct the improvements, and the work will not fit into this calendar year. Mr. Ryder noted that this Department dealing with completing emergency repairs on the Chestnut Street collapsed culvert.

Paul Leonardo, resident of Ordway Road asked if this location would be added to list of improvements. Mr. Ryder stated that it is difficult to add locations to a short-term priority list without an identified funding source. Another resident in attendance (name was not given) inquired about having the Chapin Road/Brigham Street intersection made safer. Mr. Ryder stated that he would investigate adding signage as appropriate and warranted, and Chief DiPersio stated that he would make the traffic unit aware of the safety and speeding concerns at this location.

No further action was taken relative to this item.

Winter Parking Policy

Mr. Ryder opened a discussion about revamping the existing winter parking policy, which currently bans all on-street parking and parking in the municipal lots from November 15th through April 1st. He presented the idea of instituting a practice of declaring “snow emergencies” rather than having all on-street municipal lot parking banned outright between November 15th through April 1st. Chief Johannes and Mr. Ryder noted that with the new “code red” system soon to be operational, it will be easy to get messaging out to residents and businesses ahead of the impending weather event. Mr. Ryder noted that he has discussed this idea with Chief DiPersio, and that he will be evaluating how other municipalities handle parking bans during snow events. A formal proposal will be brought forward to ITC to discuss and ultimately a recommendation will be formulated for the Select Board to consider.

Downtown Arts Festival

Mercedes Murphy presented an overview of the proposed arts festival that she is planning in conjunction with the HBA, Chamber of Commerce, and the Downtown BID . She noted that this event will be held on September 17, 2022 from 12PM to 5PM and that arts festival is part of a larger celebratory even being planned that day in Downtown. She informed ITC that Town Hall has been reserved and that she is looking to have Church Street closed to vehicular traffic. Ms. Murphy inquired about the number of police details that would be required.

Chief Johannes noted that an EMT detail would be required in addition to the police details. Chief Johannes (with the other members of the ITC in agreement) that a more detailed plan should be presented so that the public safety and public works can review and make recommendations. Furthermore, members of the ITC Board stated that the plans for the entire event should be presented, as Main Street will be reduced to one lane for the culvert repair project. Chuck Randall noted that these plans are preliminary and that the plans for the event are still being put together

No further action was taken relative to this item.

Approval of Minutes

Eric Ryder seconded by Chief DiPersio moved to approve the January 2022 ITC meeting minutes. 4-0-0. Unanimous

Adjournment

Jeff Wood seconded by Chief DiPersio moved to adjourn the meeting at 10:50 AM. 4-0-0. Unanimous