



Town of Hudson

Internal Traffic Committee

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Minutes of 11-16-2022

A meeting of the Town of Hudson's Internal Traffic Committee (ITC) was held on November 16, 2022 fully in-person in the 2nd floor conference room Town Hall. Jeff Wood convened the meeting at 10:00 AM.

The following ITC voting members were in attendance:

Jeff Wood, Building Commissioner (Chair)
Richard DiPersio, Police Chief
Bryan Johannes, Fire Chief
Eric Ryder, Director of Public Works

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

Kristina Johnson, AICP, Director of Planning and Community Development

Discussion of Wheeler Road Directionality

Mr. Ryder continued the discussion and noted that this item was put on the agenda at his request. He stated that with the recent paving of Wheeler Road, it was his recommendation that this roadway be made one-way from Forest Avenue to Broad Street. Mr. Ryder expressed concerns that with the narrow roadway and the recent paving, high speeds with two-way traffic poses a safety issue. He noted that Wheeler Road was a one-way roadway in the past.

Brian Keener, Wheeler Road stated there has been speeding vehicles and truck traffic in the past and noted that the former DPW Director installed signage for speed limits and a truck exclusion, but that the former Police Chief said it was unenforceable because Wheeler Road is a private roadway. Mr. Keener expressed his concerns about making Wheeler Road as one-way Street, as the Main Street culvert is under construction and the peak hour backups at the rotary. Mr. Keener recommended that the directionality the one-way should be in the opposite direction. Mr. Ryder confirmed that Wheeler Road is a private roadway that is maintained by the Town of Hudson.

Mr. Ryder seconded by Chairman Wood moved to seek a legal opinion regarding establishing a one-way direction on a private roadway. 4-0-0. Unanimous.

Request to install "must yield to pedestrians and cyclists" at Giasson Street/Washington Street and Broad Street at South Street Extension and Vila do Porto Boulevard

Tom Green presented an overview of his request to have "watch for turning vehicles" signage installed at the above locations for cyclists traveling on the Rail Trail. Chairman Wood stated that cyclists need to be aware of their surroundings at these locations and not assume that the crosswalk is a safe haven.

Mr. Ryder agreed to install the signs, but first strongly encouraged Mr. Green to reach out to Steven Santos regarding installing signage on the Rail Trail, and to investigate what the size and color of the signs. No further action was taken relative to this item.

Request to stripe 2 1/2 foot shoulders on Causeway Street

Tom Green discussed the 2014 MAPC Bicycle Feasible Study which recommends striping shoulders on roadways that are currently used as connectors by cyclists to access activity centers. Sasha Wood of Causeway Street inquired why the striping for the original shoulder was not restored after the resurfacing project. Mr. Ryder stated that for some reason the shoulder on Causeway Street got removed from the restriping list; however, Mr. Ryder stated that he was not opposed to putting it back and investigate potential funding sources.

No further action was taken on relative to this item.

2023 Meeting Dates

Ms. Johnson asked the ITC Board if they would prefer to set a regular meeting schedule or to meet "as needed." The ITC Board agreed to that there would be no set monthly meeting date and would be meet as needed.

Adjournment

Mr. Ryder seconded by Chairman Wood moved to adjourn the meeting at 11:15 AM. 4-0-0. Unanimous