



Town of Hudson

Internal Traffic Committee

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Minutes of Meeting 2-22--2019

A meeting of the Town of Hudson's Internal Traffic Committee (ITC) was held on Friday, *February 22, 2019 at Hudson Town Hall, 2nd Floor Conference Room*. Stephen Geldart Fire Chief, convened the meeting at 10:00 AM.

The following ITC voting members were in attendance:

Jeff Wood, Chairman, Building Commissioner
Richard DiPersio, Police Captain
Max Kamel, Assistant 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:

Karim El-Gamal, Co-Owner, Rail Trail Flatbread Company
Jason Kleinerman, Co-Owner, Rail Trail Flatbread Company
Diane Maillet, Resident of Fort Meadow Neighborhood
Andy Massa, Resident of Fort Meadow Neighborhood
Charles Randall, Randall Properties
Rebecca Weksner, Resident of Fort Meadow Neighborhood

Overnight Parking Spaces- South Street Parking Lot

At its meeting on the February 11, 2019, the Board of Selectmen (BOS) approved the addition of six spaces in the South Street parking lot for overnight parking.

Chairman Wood moved to make any necessary amendments to the Traffic Rules and Orders and have the BOS finalize the amendments (if necessary) at its next meeting. Seconded by Max Kamel. 3-0-0.

Fort Meadow Neighborhood Traffic Safety Issues

Rebecca Weksner and Diane Maillet of the Fort Meadow neighborhood presented a signed petition and proposed signage plan to address excessive speeding throughout the neighborhood. Both individuals expressed 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.

Captain DiPersio inquired as to what streets they believe have the worst speeding, to which the residents replied Cayuga, Champlain, and Superior. Eric Ryder expressed concerns that having too many signs posted may cause sign pollution and not draw attention from the motorists.

No Vote was taken. The ITC Board stated that they will follow up with any recommendations at the March ITC meeting, and will take the following actions in the interim:

- 1) The DPW will conduct field reconnaissance;
- 2) Police Department to conduct targeted enforcement; and
- 3) The Building Commissioner will inspect the landscaping on lots abutting intersection to ensure vehicle site lines are not blocked.

Brigham Street- Pedestrian Safety and Speeding Issues

Kristina Johnson discussed follow-up emails from residents and parents of high school students that stated speeding and pedestrian crossings at Park Street. Eric Ryder indicated that the pedestrian crossing signs are being ordered and will be installed at the Brigham Street/Park Street intersection, and he and DPW staff will evaluate additional locations to install safety signs.

Chairman Wood moved to take no further action. Seconded by Max Kamel. 3-0-0. Unanimous

Rail Trail Flatbread Company- Proposed Valet Parking Service

Karim El-Gamal and Jason Kleinerman, Co-Owners of the Rail Trail Flatbread presented a proposal to have 3 spots on Main Street be utilized for a valet parking service to operate on Friday and Saturday evenings from 4:00PM to 11:00PM. Mr. El-Gamal, Mr. Kleinerman, and Infinity Valet Company explained how this operation would work, and that cars would be parked in remote lots. By offering this service, they believe that more spots will open up on Main Street during the peak hours, which will have a positive on other businesses on Main Street. They underscored that the Rail Trail Flatbread Company wants to offer this service as a parking management measure, not as a measure to increase additional patronage, and Mr. El-Gamal and Mr. Kleinerman cited the 2015 Downtown Parking Study.

Members of the ITC Board posed numerous questions regarding the operation of the service, and the optics of having spaces set aside solely for the Rail Trail Flatbread Company. Jack Hunter recommended that Mr. El-Gamal and Mr. Kleinerman have a meeting in the near future with the Police Chief and the DPW Director, as they were not in attendance at this meeting.

No Action was taken.

Adjournment

Chairman Wood moved to adjourn the meeting at 11:15 AM. Seconded by Max Kamel. 3-0-0. Unanimous.