



Town of Hudson

Internal Traffic Committee

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Minutes of Meeting – July 28, 2017

A meeting of the Town of Hudson's Internal Traffic Committee (ITC) was held on Friday, *July 28, 2017*. Jeff Wood, ITC Chair and Building Commissioner convened the meeting at 10:11 AM.

The following ITC voting members were in attendance:

John M. Blood, Fire Chief
Michael D. Burks, Sr., Police Chief
Max Kamel, Assistant Director of Public Works
Jeff Wood, Building Commissioner

The following non-voting ITC members were in attendance:

Kristina Johnson, Asst. Director of Planning and Community Development

Speeding and safety concerns at Fort Meadow Drive/Marlborough Street

Kristina Johnson received a request from a resident to lower the speed limit. Chief Burks reported that there has been enforcement at that location. Chief Blood said they will look into further solutions.

Green Street/Linden Street Intersection- blocking of driveway

The resident was present. He reported that cars park along Green Street near his house and he cannot get into his driveway. Kristina Johnson reported that Green Street is listed in the Hudson Parking Regulations as "no parking" and then later the Regulations list specific sections of Green Street, not including the Linden Street area, as "no parking". Chief Blood said that they can take some measurements and propose a change to the regulations. Discussion will be continued at the next meeting.

Minutes

Chief Blood moved to accept the minutes from the June 23, 2017 meeting. Second by Chief Burks, vote 4-0-0.

Route 85 Rotary – request for sign

Kristina Johnson reported that Arthur Redding has requested a sign at the Route 85 roundabout stating that Robinsons Hardware and Hudson House are open during bridge

construction. Chief Blood said that the Committee cannot vote unless they receive a detailed written request. However, it is not a safety concern so it is not the jurisdiction of the ITC. The appropriate way to put a sign on town property is to fill out an application for the use of town property. The ITC cannot approve promoting specific businesses. Chief Burks said that the state has already put a sign that says “all businesses open”. Jeff Wood moved to table all discussion until an official request is received. Vote 4-0-0.

Cox Street and Old Stow Road – dangerous intersection

Chief Blood reported that he and Eric Ryder looked at the intersection and feel that the only way to slow down traffic is a four-way stop sign. Chief Burks reported that there have only been 9 accidents reported there since 2002. Chief Blood said that most of the accidents are high speed and pretty severe and he doesn't want to wait until someone gets killed to fix it. He suggests making a one way street and putting a four way stop. Kristina Johnson suggested conducting an engineering signal warrant study to determine if this is the proper solution. Jeff Woods suggested trying the four-way stop and seeing if it helps – maybe with the use of jersey barriers. Max Kamel said that in the past, people have hit jersey barriers, resulting in accidents. Chief Blood expressed concern that conducting a study would put off implementing a solution. Jeff Woods moved to table the discussion until Eric Ryder returns from vacation. Vote 4-0-0.

Cox Street and Lake Street – dangerous crosswalk

Chief Blood reported incidents of cars speeding around the corner and near misses of pedestrians in the crosswalk. There have been fatalities there in the past. The solution isn't clear, but Chief Blood wanted to note it is an ongoing problem.

Houghton Street – driveway blockage

Kristina Johnson reported a complaint from the resident at 51 Houghton Street of driveway blockage due to traffic from the Washington Street Bridge detour. The resident has a long wait to make a left turn into her driveway. The Committee said that she will have to be patient. Kristina Johnson will put out a social media request for people to be considerate and not block driveways.

Houghton and South Streets – request for four-way stop

Max Kamel reported a call requesting a 4-way stop at Houghton and South Streets. Chief Burks said there is a police detail there at rush hour. Jeff Wood reported witnessing people ignoring the existing stop sign. The Committee reiterated that people have to be patient and careful during bridge construction.