



**Town of Hudson**  
**Internal Traffic Committee**  
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## Minutes of Meeting – September 22, 2017

A meeting of the Town of Hudson's Internal Traffic Committee (ITC) was held on Friday, September 22, 2017 at the Police Headquarters, 911 Municipal Drive. Jeff Wood, ITC Chair and Building Commissioner convened the meeting at 10:00 AM.

The following ITC voting members were in attendance:

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

The following non-voting ITC members were in attendance:

Jack Hunter, Director of Planning and Community Development  
Kristina Johnson, Asst. Director of Planning and Community Development

### **Potential Cherry Street Extension**

On behalf of the Economic Development Commission Chairman Don Garcia, Jack Hunter summarized the recent redevelopment activities on Cherry Street. Jack also noted that the EDC is revisiting the idea of connecting Cherry Street to Main Street, which was voted down at Town Meeting several years ago, and that Tim Doherty, an EDC member was discussing this plans with the neighborhood. Ultimately the original plan that was done will need to be resurveyed and re-engineered.

Chief Blood provided some historical perspective on why the proposed extension of Cherry Street failed at Town meeting. He noted that the neighborhood was extremely concerned that the extension would become used a cut through and increase the number of trucks in the vicinity. Chief Blood and Eric Ryder provided feedback on any proposed design for an extension, in particular that the design should skew the roadway alignment towards the west, or possibly reconfiguring the geometry at the Tower Street/Vila Do Porto intersection. Jack noted that a more detailed update on extension plans will occur at ITC in the spring. No vote was taken.

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#### NRT Transportation on Fox Road

Jack Hunter summarized the Planning Board's approval of the NRT's bus storage facility in 2004. Planning Board approved a site plan review waiver for 2 Fox road to allow for a bus terminal and storage. The applicant then went back the Planning Board and received a minor modification in 2015, as they widened the Fox Road without any approval. Said modification was approved. Very recently, it came to the attention of DPW personnel, that busses are being parked on Fox Road, and causing the pavement on Fox Road to deteriorate.

Eric Ryder underscored that the condition of the roadway is significantly deteriorated, as buses have been regularly parking on the side the roadway. He also noted that the Planning Board did not require the applicant to pave the roadway as a condition or have a delineated ingress and egress of the original site plan and its minor modification. Eric stated that the roadway, given its deteriorated condition, has been significantly narrowed for two-way traffic. Eric mentioned that there are two options to rectify the situation: 1) NRT pave their parking lot and repave the road; or 2) the DPW will install a berm and limit access to their driveway.

NRT Transportation stated their belief that the parking lot up to the edge of the roadway is fairly well-maintained. Both the ITC Board and NRT Transportation engaged in a dialogue about what is actually causing the issue. Eric Ryder concluded by stating the DPW has a systematic pavement management plan that he prefers to not carry out in an ad hoc fashion.

Eric Ryder moved to refer NRT's parking issue to be reviewed by the Planning Board before the Town considers re-paving the roadway. Seconded by Jeff Wood. 4-0-0. Unanimous.

#### Main Street/Lewis Street Intersection

Eric Ryder provided an update on the design of potential improvements at this location. He noted that he plans to re-engage with McMahon Associates to develop low-cost, safety improvements for that location. All potential design concepts will be presented to the ITC Board.

#### **Minutes**

Chief Blood moved to accept the minutes from the August 25, 2017 meeting. Second by Eric Ryder, vote 4-0-0. Unanimous