



# Town of Hudson

## Internal Traffic Committee

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## Minutes of 4-29-2022

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*A meeting of the Town of Hudson's Internal Traffic Committee (ITC) was held on Friday, April 29, 2022 in-person at 78 Main Street, Town Hall. Chairman Wood convened the meeting at 12:30 PM.*

The following ITC voting members were in attendance:

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

The following non-voting ITC members were in attendance:

Kristina Johnson, AICP, Director of Planning and Community Development  
Shawn Sadowski, Select Board Member  
Charles Randall, Hudson BID, Downtown Property Owner

### **Request to relocate the existing handicap parking spot located in the South Street municipal lot located behind 29-37 Main Street**

Mr. Ryder noted that he reviewed the request and expressed his belief that it makes sense to have the sign relocated. He stated that the DPW will install the appropriate signage at the relocated space. The sign relocation is in line with the recommendation from the Commission on Disabilities.

Chief Johannes seconded by Eric Ryder moved to amend the Traffic Rules and Regulations Article IV, Stopping, Standing, and Parking, Section 13, Handicapped Parking, delete the following text ***Parking Space at the Northeastern most corner of the South Street Parking Lot (behind Kerdok Building, 29-37)*** and replace with the following text ***Parking Space at the Southwestern most corner of the South Street Parking Lot (behind Kerdok Building, 29-37)***. 4-0-0. Unanimous.

### **Request to create two-hour parking for all on-street spaces on South Street.**

Ms. Johnson noted that the Traffic Rules and Regulations do not have any regulations for the on-street spaces on South Street.

Mr. Sadowski respectfully requested that ITC recommend that the two-hour parking on South Street only extend as far as Houghton Street. Members of the ITC Board agreed with this suggestion.

Chief Johannes, seconded by Eric Ryder ITC moved to amend the Traffic Rules and Regulations Article IV, Stopping, Standing, and Parking, Section 12, Additional Limited Parking Duration Zones, add the following: **South Street both sides between Houghton Street and Washington Street**. 4-0-0. Unanimous

### **Discussion of traffic operations at the Vila Do Porto/Main Street Intersection**

A member of the Hudson Police Department's Traffic Operations unit presented an overview of his observations of traffic operations at the Vila Do Porto/Main Street intersection. The officer presented a photograph of the lane assignments on Main Street, Vila Do Porto, and Tower Street, and noted he observed that motorists typically do not abide by the posted stop at the right turn lane from Vila Do Porto onto Main Street eastbound.

Mr. Ryder recommended that a "stop ahead" be painted on the roadway and a "stop ahead" be posted on the right-hand side of Vila Do Porto to alert motorists about the upcoming stop sign. The Traffic Enforcement Officer concurred with this recommendation and stated that it could alleviate confusion with motorists about the stop sign posted ahead.

Chief DiPersio noted that a new traffic enforcement unit has been created to specifically focus on issues related to traffic operations and safety and speeding at intersection, and commended their efforts.

Mr. Ryder seconded by Chief Johannes moved to have DPW staff conduct field reconnaissance at this location and implement the recommendations if deemed feasible and warranted. 4-0-0. Unanimous.

### **Discussion of speeding on Walnut Street**

A resident of Walnut Street discussed her observations about excessive speeding on her street, noting that she believes that vehicles are traveling upwards of 50MPH. She expressed concern about the small children in her household, and how motorists speed by her house when she is with her son loading her car, etc., without any regard for safety. She requested that the Police Department conduct targeted enforcement on her street, or if the Town would consider installing speed bumps.

The Traffic Operations Officer discussed the operations unit's approach to enforcement in neighborhoods. He noted that they will conduct enforcement efforts for a period of time, and then return in the future to see if motorists have reduced their speed.

Mr. Ryder stated he would be amenable to installing a 30 MPH speed limit sign and recommended that it be installed near the Walnut Street/Broad Street intersection.

No further action was taken relative to this item.

### **Approval of Meeting Minutes from March 2022**

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

### **Adjournment**

Jeff Wood seconded by Chief DiPersio moved to adjourn the meeting at 10:45 AM. 4-0-0. Unanimous

