Minutes of Meeting 8-23-2019

A meeting of the Town of Hudson’s Internal Traffic Committee (ITC) was held on Friday, August 23, 2019 at Hudson Town Hall, 2nd Floor Conference Room. Jeffrey Wood, Chair convened the meeting at 10:00 AM.

The following ITC voting members were in attendance:
Jeff Wood, Chairman, Building Commissioner
Richard DiPersio Police Captain
Brian Johannes, Acting Fire Chief
Eric Ryder, Director of Public Works

The following non-voting ITC members were in attendance:
Jack Hunter, Director of Planning and Community Development

Other Attendees: Mary McCormick, Library Trustee

**Discussion about Public Parking Lot Designations**
Chairman Wood and Eric Ryder expressed concerns that parking spaces in two public parking lots—specifically the lot behind 111 Main Street and the lot behind 39 Main Street—are designated spaces for private businesses. Moreover, both ITC members expressed their concerns about the tenants of those properties having dumpsters located on public property with no agreement with the Town.

Eric Ryder seconded by Chief Johannes moved to direct the Department of Planning and Community Development Department to send letters to the respective property owners and businesses about the designated parking spaces being located on public property. 4-0-0. Unanimous.

**Other Transportation and/or Public Safety issues**

**Pleasant Street Parking Signs**
Eric Ryder brought to ITC’s attention that the existing no parking signs located on the southerly side of Pleasant Street from Lincoln Street to Church Street need to be relocated to the Southerly side per the Traffic Rules and Regulations.

Eric Ryder seconded by Chief Johannes moved to have the Department of Public Works relocated to the correct side of Pleasant Street in accordance with the Traffic Rules and Regulations. 4-0-0. Unanimous
**Library Parking**
Chairman Wood and Chief Johannes inquired about the consistency of the library parking signage with the regulations in the Traffic Rules and Orders.

Eric Ryder seconded by Chief Johannes to have the Planning Department review the Traffic Rules and Orders to ensure that signage are consistency with the regulations. 4-0-0. Unanimous

**Speeding at the Downtown Rotary at the Library**
Mary McCormick, Library Trustee expressed concerns about the safety of pedestrians using the crosswalk to get to the library, and the speeding that occurs at that location. She indicated that many library patrons using the crosswalks have had near misses. She inquired whether the Department of Public Works could deploy the sandwich signs in the middle of the crosswalk to warn motorists of pedestrians crossing. Eric Ryder expressed concerns about the cost and the safety issues posed when vehicle strike them.

Members of the ITC noted this incident and also concurred that speeding occurs regularly at this approach to the Downtown Rotary; however, Jack Hunter presented an overview of the Downtown Rotary re-design, which contains traffic calming measures to address this issue.

No action was taken relative to this issue.

**Minutes**
Eric Ryder seconded by Chairman Wood moved to approve the ITC minutes from July, 26, 2019. 4-0-0 Unanimous

**Adjournment**
Eric Ryder moved to adjourn the meeting at 10:45 AM. Seconded by Chairman Wood 4-0-0. Unanimous.