



Traffic Safety Committee Agenda

February 26, 2020

2:00 p.m.

City Hall Council Chambers

I. Minutes

- A. Review and Accept November 20th Meeting Minutes

II. Old Business

- A. Review of Parking Ordinance specific to “In-town” area

III. New Business

- A. Market Street Railroad Crossing
- B. Crosswalk Lighting

Next Meeting: March 18 at 2:00 pm

TRAFFIC SAFETY COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

November 20, 2019

Attendance

Captain Russell Timmons, Chairman
Robert Belmore, City Manager
Ken Vincent, City Councilor Representative
Mike Bobinsky, Public Works Director
Keith Hoyle, Fire Chief
Shanna Saunders, Director Development Services
Robert Gadowski, School Superintendent
Paul Robidas, Member at large

Absent

Jenne Holmes, Member at Large
Gary Lemay, City Engineer

Other in Attendance

Mike Williams, COAST Bus Representative
Bill Berndtson, Trio Investment
Councilor Ed LeVasseur

The Chairman called the Meeting to order at 2:00 pm.

Review and Accept October 16, 2019 Meeting Minutes

Paul Robidas motioned to approve meeting minutes, seconded by Keith Hoyle. Meeting minutes passed.

City Manager (CM) Bob Belmore asked the Chair to proceed with the meeting starting with COAST and then with Trio so they do not have to stay for the entire meeting.

New Business

- C. COAST Bus Stop Relocation Request.** COAST submitted a letter to the City requesting to move some of their stops. Mike Williams stated that the new Route assignments will go into effect June 29th. Some of the stops are moving from one side of the street to the opposite side. A new stop will be added at Green St and Washington St. The stop in front of Stein Park (soon to be Veterans Park) is being removed. Councilor Vincent inquired as to the reason for the changes and asked about COAST making enhancement to some of the stops? Mike Williams said that COAST is driving through downtown differently now and at present COAST has no funds to enhance any of the stops. Mike Bobinsky asked about the locations of the COAST signs and to make sure that roads and sidewalks were not disturbed. Mike Williams said they use Dig Safe and sign will not be in the Streets. Shanna Saunders asked if the shelter that is currently at Stein Park could be moved to another COAST stop. Mike Williams said it can be moved to any stop we like but COAST cannot pay for the concrete pad that is needed. Shanna Saunders said that COAST has been looking at this redesign for over a year and the changes are what COAST has taken from the public request and she motioned the Committee approve this request. Paul Robidas seconded this with the stipulation that COAST goes through the City when removing /adding any posts. **All in favor, motioned passed.**

Mike Bobinsky asked about timing. Mike Williams said early June with new service stops starting June 29.

A. Trio Investment. The Hall at Great Falls. Shanna Saunders said her concern was the safety and people jay walking vs. the proper use of a crosswalk. CM Belmore stated that the map presented to the Committee was introduced by Councilor Dave Witham at the Public Works & Environment Committee. Some design of an illuminated cross sign was suggested. Capt. Timmons feels that signage can run from \$2500 - \$5000 or more. There are considerations to consider between design, solar vs hard wired. Mike Bobinski said that he has quotes running about \$2000 including shipping. Capt. Timmons instructed the committee to first determine a need and not get concerned with the cost and asked "Do we support this recommendation"? Paul Robidas stated that this has been on the Agenda before and feels that now if we are pushing parking for Great Falls to the Downtown then we need to be concerned about people crossing, I'm not sure though I want a continued flashing light in downtown. Councilor Vincent said he likes the idea of signage, but not sure who would pay.

CM Belmore questioned whether people will leave the Hall all at the same time. Maybe split cost 50/50 (City/Hall), but where do we put it? Capt. Timmons suggested the middle crosswalk (by Beacon St) on map is the best. Councilor LeVassuer feels pedestrian improvements are needed. He is speaking for the people who live here. He does not feel the middle crosswalk is a good idea. He is also afraid about light pollution from a Flashing Light. First we need to add a crosswalk, second we need more ADA parking spots. Capt. Timmons said the problem with adding a crosswalk too close to Market St intersection you change from 2 travel directions to 3 directions to navigate crossing the street and he is not comfortable with this.

CM Belmore said he finds this all interesting and mentioned several years ago we had Engineering work done for the current crosswalks placements. He does not feel switching crosswalks is a good idea.

Paul Robidas said The Hall is presenting to the Planning Board (PB) tonight 11/20. Paul offered a motion that this Committee support the endeavor on some sort of signage and let the Planning Board discuss the matter further. Keith Hoyle seconded. All in favor, motioned passed. Bob Gadomski thinks we need to take into consideration what signage is most appropriate, not sure if it is a Flashing Light in downtown. Councilor Vincent stated we need to explore more options with signage. Shanna Saunders was authorized to bring our determination to the Planning board Meeting.

B. Removal of Flashing Light at Green Street and Franklin Street. Capt. Timmons said the Light is showing its age, and questioned, is it really necessary? CM Belmore stated that the apartment complex is doing upgrades and Eversource has been involved with electrical improvements and wants us to move the beacon traffic light up higher in the intersection. The current beacon light is not to Code. Paul Robidas said I don't recall there being a lot of accidents at this intersection. Capt. Timmons stated in 5 years there have been 7 accidents and one of them was a deer struck. Shanna Saunders said that this light was put there many years ago when there were more businesses there. Mike Bobinsky is in support of removing the light. Bob Gadomski motioned to remove The Flashing Light, Shanna Saunders seconded, All were in favor, motioned passed.

We had received a communication from Councilman Austin expressing his feelings that the light should remain.

In addition to the beacon light matter Councilman Witham submitted in writing a concern. He expressed a line of sight issue at the west side of the intersection. There are currently two ordinances in place prohibiting parking on either side of Franklin St between Green St and Silver St. It may be an enforcement issue. Motion by Vincent to table, Second Robidas all in favor, motion passed. Some members wanted time to visit the intersection before making a recommendation. The matter is Tabled.

Superintendent Bob Gadomski left the meeting at 3:05

Old Business

- A. Review Parking Ordinance Specific to "In-town" 2 hour Areas. Paul Robidas stated that the Committee needs to walk this area before we make Ordinance changes. Shanna said these changes are based on Development in the City and it makes sense to look at this. Paul Robidas said this is going to impact the Businesses and motioned to Table this until we do a site walk. Keith Hoyle seconded. All in favor to Table.

*Paul Robidas motioned to adjourn, seconded by Keith Hoyle
Motion to adjourn at 3:20 p.m.*

Respectfully Submitted:
Brenda Ann Breda, Executive Assistant
to the City Manager



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Chapter 13 11

3. Two Hour

Elm St. on the westerly side from #45 (Correct to #67) Elm St. to Church Ct.

Fayette Street on the Northerly side between Main Street and Elm Street

High Street on the westerly side from Highland Street to Prospect Street

High Street on the easterly side from Constitutional Way to Market Street

Main Street both sides from Washington Street to the crosswalk entering Aclara formally know as General Electric. (130 Main Street)

Main Street on the easterly side between 192 Main Street and 163 Main Street

Main Street Westerly side between Fair Court and Fayette Street

Market Street on the easterly side between Canal Street and 20 Market Street.

Washington Street northerly side between Constitutional Way and Main Street
Replaced Elm Street with Main Street

Station Street on the northerly side between Government Way and Main Street

3. Two Hour

When signs are erected giving notice thereof, it shall be unlawful for any person having custody or control of any vehicle to park or cause same to be parked on any day except Saturdays, Sundays or on public holidays within the districts or upon any of the streets, or parts of streets, as listed below for more than two hours between ~~6:00 a.m. and 9:00 p.m.~~: add: 8:00 AM and 8:00PM

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8. All Day

Main Street easterly side between 163 Main Street and the crosswalk entering 130 Main Street

F. Time Limited Parking

1. Five Hour

When signs are erected giving notice thereof, it shall be unlawful for any person having custody or control of any vehicle to park or cause same to be parked on any day except Saturdays, Sundays, or on public holidays within the districts or upon any of the streets, or parts of streets, as listed below for more than five hours between 6:00 a.m. and 9:00 p.m.:

Washington St. on the southerly side between High St. and Green St. except the westerly 100 feet.

(Added 01/07/2019)

2. Three Hour

When signs are erected giving notice thereof, it shall be unlawful for any person having custody or control of any vehicle to park or cause same to be parked on any day except Saturdays, Sundays, or on public holidays within the districts or upon any of the streets, or parts of streets, as listed below for more than three hours between 6:00 a.m. and 9:00 p.m.:

Plaza Parking Lot: In those areas of the Plaza Parking Lot which are designated for parking purposes by white lanes only.

Green St. on the easterly side from Fayette St. to Washington St. (Passed 07/17/1989.)

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~~Fayette St. on the northerly side between Main and Elm St. (Passed 11/13/1989.)~~

3. Two Hour

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When signs are erected giving notice thereof, it shall be unlawful for any person having custody or control of any vehicle to park or cause same to be parked on any day except Saturdays, Sundays or on public holidays within the districts or upon any of the streets, or parts of streets, as listed below for more than two hours between 8:00 a.m. and 8:00 p.m., notwithstanding any other restrictions on those spaces.

Elm St. on the westerly side from 45 Elm St. to Church Ct.

Fayette St. on the southerly side from Main St. to East Alley. (Passed 02/04/1991.)

Fayette St. on the southerly side from West Alley to Green St. (Passed 02/04/1991.)

Fayette Street on the northerly side between Main and Elm Street.

~~Green St. on both sides north on Green St. from the intersection of Green and Franklin Sts., three spaces.~~

Grove St. on the northerly side from Grand St. westerly to the telephone pole (NET&T CO 7 PSNN 35/6). (Amended 08/13/2018.)

~~High St. on the westerly side from Highland St. to 25 High St. (Passed 01/21/1991).~~

High Street on the westerly side from Highland Street to Prospect Street.

~~High St. on the easterly side between Constitutional Way and Station St. (Amended 01/05/2009.)~~

High Street on the easterly side from Constitutional Way to Main Street.

Main St. on the westerly side from Parsons Dr. to Station St. (Passed 01/21/1991.) (Amended 01/05/2009.)

Main St. on the westerly side from 209 Main St. to Spring St.

~~Main St. on the easterly side from a point at the southerly side of the building at 46 Main St. to the crosswalk leading to the Boston & Maine Railroad Station.~~

Main St. the easterly side two (2) spaces in front of 20 Main St.

Main St. on the easterly side from a point at the northerly end of the property at 192 Main St. ten (10) spaces northerly. (Passed 07/21/1997.)

Market St. on the westerly side from Winter St. to 31 Market St. (Amended 02/07/2000.)

Union St. on the westerly side from Franklin St. to 3 Union St.

Washington St. on the northerly side between Elm St. and Constitutional Way.

(Amended 04/06/2015.)

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~~High St. on the westerly side from Highland St. to Government Way.~~

~~High St. on the easterly side between Constitutional Way and Government Way.~~

~~High St. on the westerly side between Beacon St. and Prospect St.~~

John Parsons Dr. both sides of the street between Government Way and Main St.

Main St. on the westerly side between John Parsons Dr. and High St.

Main St. on the easterly side between John Parsons Dr. and Station St.

~~Main St. both sides between Washington St. and Fair Ct.~~

Main Street both sides from Washington Street to the crosswalk entering Aclara, formerly know as General Electric.

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~~Main St. on the easterly side between Canal St. and the Berwick Bridge.~~

Market Street on the easterly side between Canal Street and 20 Market Street

Washington St. northerly side between Constitutional Way and ~~Elm St~~ Main Street.

Station Street on the northerly side between Government Way and Main Street.

When signs are erected giving notice thereof, it shall be unlawful for any person having custody or control of any vehicle to be parked or cause the same to be parked on any day except Saturday, Sunday, or public holidays, within the districts or upon any of the streets or parts of streets as listed below, for more than thirty (30) minutes between 6:00 a.m. and 6:00 p.m.:
(Amended 05/20/2002.)

When signs are erected giving notice thereof, it shall be unlawful for any person having custody or control of any vehicle to park within the districts or upon any of the streets or parts of streets listed below for more than 30 minutes:
(Amended 05/20/2002.)

Note: Left open for future additions. (Added 09/03/2002.)

6. 20 Minute

When signs are erected giving notice thereof, it shall be unlawful for any person having custody or control of any vehicle to park within the districts or upon any of the streets or parts of streets listed below for more than 20 minutes between 7:00 a.m. and 7:00 p.m. daily:

(Deleted 04/06/2015.)

6.A

~~When signs are erected giving notice thereof, it shall be unlawful for any person having custody or control of any vehicle to park or cause the same to be parked for more than 20 minutes, between the hours of 11:00 a.m. and 8:00 p.m., on Sunday, Tuesday through Saturday, in the listed areas:~~

~~Green Street, on the easterly side, two (2) parallel spaces adjacent to 102 Green Street. (Passed 01/05/2015.)~~

7. 15 Minute

When signs are erected giving notice thereof, it shall be unlawful for any person having custody or control of any vehicle to park or cause the same to be parked on any day except Saturdays, Sundays, or public holidays within the districts or upon any of the streets or parts of streets, as listed below, for more than 15 minutes, between 6:00 a.m. and 6:00 p.m.:

Government St. on the easterly side at U.S. Post Office. (Amended 05/20/2002.)

~~Green St. on the easterly side two (2) parallel spaces at 112-114 Green St.~~

Green St. on the easterly side one parallel space in front of Charpentier Apartments north of and adjacent to the painted curb for the fire hydrant buffer area. (Passed 05/07/2001.)

Green St. on the easterly side from the fire hydrant buffer north to the intersection of Franklin St.

(Passed 09/07/2004.)

~~Main St. on the westerly side in front of premises known as 199-203 Main St.~~

Market Street on the westerly side one (1) parallel space at 45 Market Street. Any day except

Saturday, Sundays or Public Holidays, between the hours of 7:00 a.m. and 8:00 p.m. (Passed 6/20/2016)

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Walnut St. on the southerly side from Main St. to the driveway exit of the Strafford Learning Center property. (Passed 02/22/2000.)

(Amended 04/06/2015.)

8. All Day

Constitutional Way westerly side from High St. to Washington St. (Added 04/06/2015.)

~~High St. both sides between Beacon St. and Government Way. (Added 04/06/2015.)~~

Highland St. on the north side between High St. and Grand St. (Passed 09/03/2013.)

Main St. both sides from Washington St. to John Parsons Dr. (Added 04/06/2015.)

~~Station St. northerly side from Government Way to Main St. (Added 04/06/2015.)~~

~~Washington St. northerly side from Elm St. to Main St. (Added 04/06/2015.)~~