

CITY OF NEWTON

IN BOARD OF ALDERMEN

PUBLIC SAFETY & TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE REPORT

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 7, 2012

Present: Ald. Ciccone (Chair), Swiston, Yates, Fuller, Schwartz, Harney and Kalis

Absent: Ald. Johnson

Also Present: Ald. Blazar, Lappin, Fischman and Linsky

City Staff: David Koses, Transportation Planner; Bill Paille, Director of Transportation; Officer Rocco Marini, Captain Marc Gromada and Sgt. Jay Babcock, Newton Police Department

#338-12      DOROTHY W. DUNDAS, 15 Moreland Avenue, Newton Centre, MA 02459 requesting renewal of **one (1) public auto license** for Crystal Lake Express. [09/10/12 @ 8:50 AM]

**ACTION:**      **APPROVED 5-0, Ald. Yates and Kalis not voting**

#339-12      JERRY ROBBINS, 253 Riverview Avenue, Newton, MA 02466, requesting renewal of **four (4) public auto licenses** for Weldon Group Inc. [09/24/12 @ 9:35 AM]

**ACTION:**      **APPROVED 5-0, Ald. Yates and Kalis not voting**

#340-12      AHCENE TOURI, 31 Irving Street, #A-8, Watertown, MA 02472, requesting renewal of **one (1) taxi license** for Newton Metro Cab. [09/12/12 @ 11:56 AM]

**ACTION:**      **APPROVED 5-0, Ald. Yates and Kalis not voting**

#341-12      MOHAMED SAIDI, 77 Cedar Street, Boston, MA 02119, requesting renewal of **one (1) taxi license** for Newton Luxury Cab. [09/25/12 @ 1:11 PM]

**ACTION:**      **APPROVED 5-0, Ald. Yates and Kalis not voting**

#342-12      MICHAEL ANTONELIS, 224 Calvary Street, Waltham, MA 02453, requesting renewal of **four (4) public auto licenses, forty-nine (49) taxi licenses, and twelve (12) designated taxi stands** for VETERANS TAXI of NEWTON, LLC [09/27/12 @ 2:31 PM]

**ACTION:**      **APPROVED 5-0, Ald. Yates and Kalis not voting**

#344-12      GEORGE MARRY, 50 Union Street, Newton Centre, MA 02459 requesting renewal of **two (2) taxi licenses** for Newtonville Cab Co. Inc. [09/28/12 @ 4:03PM]

**ACTION:**      **APPROVED 5-0, Ald. Yates and Kalis not voting**

- #346-12      GEORGE MARRY, 50 Union Street, Newton Centre, MA 02459 requesting renewal of **three (3) taxi licenses and two (2) designated taxi stands** for Holden's Taxi Inc. [09/28/12 @ 4:03PM]  
**ACTION:**      **APPROVED 5-0, Ald. Yates and Kalis not voting**
- #347-12      YEKATERINA PORTNAYA, PO Box 42, 90 Oak Street, 4<sup>th</sup> floor, Newton, MA 02464 requesting renewal of **one (1) public auto license** for Beantown Carriage, LLC. [10/01/12 @ 10:13 AM]  
**ACTION:**      **APPROVED 5-0, Ald. Yates and Kalis not voting**
- #348-12      ANIS LAHIANI, 4 Cedar Street, Suite 405, Wellesley, MA 02481, requesting renewal of **one (1) taxi license** for Newton Town Taxi. [10/01/12 @ 2:04 PM]  
**ACTION:**      **APPROVED 5-0, Ald. Yates and Kalis not voting**
- #349-12      HAMDILILILI, 12 Appleton Street, Waltham, MA 02453, requesting renewal of **one (1) public auto license** for Newton Car Service. [10/02/12 @ 2:01 PM]  
**ACTION:**      **APPROVED 5-0, Ald. Yates and Kalis not voting**
- #350-12      DONALD LaPLANTE, 395 Lexington Street, Auburndale, MA 02466, requesting renewal of **(one) public auto license** for Don's Car Service. [10/03/12 @ 3:57 PM]  
**ACTION:**      **APPROVED 5-0, Ald. Yates and Kalis not voting**
- #351-12      DAVID NEWCOMB, 275 Grove Street, Suite 2-400, Auburndale, MA 02466 requesting renewal of **one (1) public auto license** for NEWTON COACH, INC. [10/10/12 @ 12:07 PM]  
**ACTION:**      **APPROVED 5-0, Ald. Yates and Kalis not voting**
- #352-12      ZAKARIA ATROUSSE, 9 Hazelwood Street, Malden, MA 02148, requesting renewal of **one (1) public auto license** for Boston City Limousine. [10/10/12 @ 1:10 PM]  
**ACTION:**      **APPROVED 5-0, Ald. Yates and Kalis not voting**
- #353-12      MEDHI HAOUANI, 72 Beaver Street, Waltham, MA 02453, requesting renewal of **three (3) taxi licenses** for NEWTON CAB. [10/11/12 @ 2:58 PM]  
**ACTION:**      **APPROVED 5-0, Ald. Yates and Kalis not voting**
- #354-12      ROBERT KEEFE, 266 Nevada Street, Newton 02460, requesting renewal of **one (1) public auto license** for Charter Rides, Inc. [10/16/12 @ 9:39 AM]  
**ACTION:**      **APPROVED 5-0, Ald. Yates and Kalis not voting**

**NOTE:**      Officer Rocco Marini joined the Committee for discussion on the above docket items. He reviewed with Committee members the taxi/public auto contact list dated November 2, 2012, attached to this report. He reported that all of the above listed vehicles passed annual inspection and recommends approval of the requested renewals for these public autos and taxi medallions.

The Committee voted in favor to approve these renewals 5-0, Ald. Yates and Kalis not voting.

#343-12      RICHARD E. JOHNSTON, 25 Border Street, West Newton, MA 02465 requesting renewal of **twenty (20) taxi licenses and two (2) designated taxi stands** for Newton Yellow Cab, Inc. [09/28/12 @ 3:32 PM]

**ACTION:**      **APPROVED 5-0, Ald. Yates and Kalis not voting**

**NOTE:**      Officer Marini reported that the cracked windshield on vehicle #41 has been replaced. Taxis #32, 43, and 47 will need to be replaced by January 1, 2013, as they will be ten years old. Mr. Johnston will inform Officer Marini when the three vehicles are replaced and ready for inspection. Officer Marini stated medallions would not be issued on these vehicles until they are replaced.

The Committee voted in favor to approve these renewals 5-0, Ald. Yates and Kalis not voting.

#345-12      GEORGE MARRY, 50 Union Street, Newton Centre, MA 02459 requesting renewal of **three (3) taxi licenses** for Newton Taxi Co. [09/28/12 @ 4:03PM]

**ACTION:**      **APPROVED 5-0, Ald. Yates and Kalis not voting**

**NOTE:**      Officer Marini reported taxi #57 would need to be replaced by January 1, 2013, as it will be ten years old. Mr. Marry will inform Officer Marini when the vehicle is replaced and ready for inspection. Officer Marini stated a medallion would not be issued on this vehicle until it is replaced.

The Committee voted in favor to approve these renewals 5-0, Ald. Yates and Kalis not voting.

**Regarding William Turner, Bill's Nice Ride, Inc. Public Auto Renewal:**

Officer Marini reported that Mr. Turner did not pay the application fee because his medallion (public auto #13) may become available. If available, his medallion would be issued to the next person on the Police Department's 'waiting list'.

Officer Marini said that currently there are 4-5 interested persons on the public auto license and 10 interested persons on the taxi license Police Department's 'waiting lists'. Newton's population determines the number of taxi and public auto medallions issued. Currently, there are 81 taxi licenses and 16 public auto licenses issued in the City. City Ordinance states the maximum number of medallions distributed shall not exceed one taxi license for each population unit of 1,000 and one public auto license for each population unit of 5,000. Ald. Fuller asked Officer Marini to compare the number of licenses in surrounding towns to determine if Newton is issuing an appropriate number of licenses. Officer Marini said that he would also compare the \$15.00 exclusive taxi stand fee.

#195-12 ALD. BLAZAR filing on behalf of Deborah & Marc Fogel, Michael Hamilton, and Deborah Lewis an appeal from TC50-11, which was approved 3-2 (Babcock, Ciccone opposed) by Traffic Council on May 31, 2012 to prohibit parking between the driveway at 51 Lake Avenue and south to the curve at Cronin's Cove, Crystal Lake. (Appeal filed 06/18/12).

**ACTION:** **APPEAL DENIED 5-0, Ald. Fuller and Yates not voting**

**NOTE:** Ald. Blazar, Mr. Paille, Sgt. Babcock and Mr. Koses joined the Committee for discussion on this item.

Mr. Paille provided Committee members with a PowerPoint presentation, attached to this report. He provided the various parking restrictions, various speed limits and the existing conditions. He said that Lake Avenue is 23' wide accommodating two travel lanes. A 30' width street can accommodate 2 travel lanes and an 8' parking stall.

Ald. Blazar said that he docketed this item for residents that are hopeful to have the two parking spaces reinstated that Traffic Council approved to remove in May 2012. Ms. Fogel clarified and stated the intent of this item is to request the re-instatement of one parking space, not two.

Chair Ciccone opened the discussion for public comment. Eight emails supporting denial of this appeal were received, attached to this report. Approximately six residents were present for this discussion. Residents stressed their concerns and suggestions.

#### Concerns

Residents stressed their concerns the increase in traffic due to drivers using Lake Avenue as a cut through street, site obstruction, tree obstruction, difficulty exiting driveways, people having the tendency to speed and drivers' parking at the corner of Lake Avenue. There have been near accidents due to drivers gazing at the lake. They agree cyclist and pedestrian safety are necessary. Winter and darkness exasperate the many issues. They then said that Lake Avenue is a busy street and not wide enough to accommodate two travel lanes. It is a dangerous situation, dangerous area. Some residents do not support re-instating the removed parking.

#### Suggestions

Residents suggested police enforcement and the installation of additional speed limit signs.

Sgt. Babcock said that since the Traffic Council meeting the bus stop has been relocated further west on Lake Avenue towards Laurel Street. He then said the Police Department recommends no parking, both sides at the curve to Beacon Street for pedestrian safety because it is a dangerous curve and street to allow parking to continue. It is necessary to eliminate parking to allow for safety and to see what is approaching you. All vehicles have the tendency to drive on or cross the double yellow line, heading into oncoming traffic in the opposite lane in order to pass parked cars. He reported in two years, there have been six minor crashes, mostly mirror damage because the street is too narrow, especially for buses, landscape and delivery trucks. He then said Lake Avenue is heavily traveled and used as a cut through street. Chair Ciccone stated an item would have to be docketed to remove all parking as the Police Department recommends.

Mr. Koses said that at the Traffic Council meeting he suggested removing two parking spaces (on the inside of the elbow) and add two parking spaces (on the outside elbow), in a much more

visible location. He then compared Waban Street to Lake Avenue and said that they are geographically similar because the streets are approximately 24' wide, a short stretch followed by a 90-degree turn, followed by a long stretch of road. Lake Avenue is not unique. He said most City streets are 24' wide allowing parking, if traffic volume is low on one or both sides. Parked cars have a calming effect on traffic speed.

Committee members expressed their concerns, suggestions and questions.

#### Concerns

Committee members agree safety is necessary and a top priority. They agreed that people speed and stated the blind curve is dangerous and concerning. Committee members feel it is unsafe to reinstate parking.

#### Suggestions

Committee members suggested other accommodations to assist drivers (mirror, traffic calming measures, bump-outs) rather than remove the parking spaces. They then suggested relocating parking to the opposite side of Lake Avenue.

#### Questions

Committee members asked what an appropriate distance to allow better visibility is. They asked if Lake Avenue was wider at the elbow. They asked why re-instating the parking space is important.

Ms. Fogel said that if parking remains eliminated it causes hardship for guests, residents and Cronin's Cove visitors. She feels the crash count provided by Sgt. Babcock is low.

Mr. Paille answered that there are vertical and horizontal site distance standards. He does not recommend the installation of a mirror. He suggested police enforcement and said that site distance needs to be increased to promote safety.

Ald. Kalis made the motion to deny this appeal, upholding Traffic Council's decision. Committee members agreed 5-0, Ald. Fuller and Yates not voting.

#311-12      ALD. CICCONE filing on 09/28/12 an appeal from TC5-12, which requested parking restrictions in the area of the blind curve on Winchester Street (Ward 8), approved by Traffic Council on September 27, 2012.

**ACTION: APPEAL APPROVED AS AMENDED 4-0-1, Ald. Fuller abstaining, Ald. Schwartz and Yates not voting**

**NOTE:** Ald. Lappin and Mr. Paille joined the Committee for discussion on this item.

Chair Ciccone stated he filed this appeal because in September 2012, Traffic Council inadvertently approved no parking, both sides, 100 feet north of the farm stand on Winchester Street to Wallace Street unaware they were restricting parking in front of four homes. This was not the intent.

Ald. Lappin said the restriction should begin 100 feet north of the farm stand (approximately 5 parking spaces) up to home #458 Winchester Street.

Mr. Paille provided Committee members with a brief PowerPoint presentation, attached to this report. He agreed this was an error and not Traffic Council's intent.

Ald. Swiston made the motion to approve the appeal as amended, 100' north of the farm stand up to home #458 Winchester Street. Committee members agreed 4-0-1, Ald. Fuller abstaining, Ald. Schwartz and Yates not voting. Ald. Fuller said that she abstained because she was absent for the discussion.

#337-12      ALD. LINSKY, CICCONE, ALBRIGHT & JOHNSON, requesting authorization for the installation of a bicycle corral adjacent to 321 Walnut Street, Newtonville.  
[10/11/12 @ 8:18 PM]

**ACTION:**      **HELD 6-0, Ald. Kalis not voting**

**NOTE:**      Ald. Linsky and Mr. Paille joined the Committee for discussion on this item.

Chair Ciccone stated this is an initial discussion to provide an overview of proposed bike corral locations that he recommends holding to allow residents the opportunity to attend a future meeting.

Mr. Paille provided Committee members with a PowerPoint presentation, attached to this report. He provided existing conditions and a location map including proposed areas for bike corral locations. He said that ideal locations for a bike corral include Washington Park at Walnut Place or Madison Avenue at Walnut Street, near the crosswalks. He then said that in July 2012, Traffic Council approved removal of two meters on Walnut Street to improve visibility and provide pedestrian safety with the intention of installing a bike corral.

Ald. Linsky said it is important to create alternative uses in areas where parking is removed. He suggested implementing a bike corral trial to determine if it would be beneficial. He agreed holding this item allowing the community the opportunity to discuss implementing a bike corral. Perhaps an ideal location would be in the area of Walnut Street at Madison Avenue where the Police Department has removed parking.

Committee members asked if bike corrals could be installed effectively on a street. Do they work with parallel parking and are they safe?

Mr. Koses provided Committee members with several bike corral options including estimated costs and revenue. In order to install a bike corral an 18' parking space is necessary.

Sgt. Babcock said that he has spoken with Rob Caruso, Commission on Disability asking him to review the location of the current handicap parking space and perhaps consider relocating the space to the opposite side of Walnut Street as suggested in Traffic Council in July 2012. Perhaps it could be an ideal location for a bike corral (a protected area). He suggested using the City's European barriers to create a temporary trial designating and creating a safe area to determine if a bike corral would benefit this area.

Without further discussion, Ald. Swiston made the motion to hold this item. Committee members agreed 6-0, Ald. Kalis not voting.

At approximately 9:40 pm, Ald. Yates made the motion to adjourn.

Respectfully submitted,

Allan Ciccone, Jr. Chairman

## Public Safety & Transportation Committee

City Hall  
Room 202  
Wednesday, November 7, 2012  
7:45 p.m.

#195-12

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## Location Map



Parking: **No Parking Any Time** | **2-Hr Limit, 7am-6pm, Mon-Fri**  
Speed Limit: **15 MPH** | **25 MPH**

## Existing Conditions



Lake Ave (south) – 23' Width



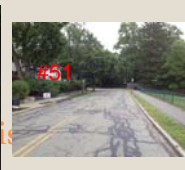
Lake Ave - looking south



Lake Ave - looking north



Lake Ave - looking west



Lake Ave - looking east



Lake Ave - looking west





## Location Map

Location No. 1



Location No. 2

## Existing Conditions



## Bike Corral Options



### Estimated Cost

Cycle Stall= \$2700  
S+H= \$300  
Total= \$3000

### Estimated Revenues

Reimb.= \$1000  
Short= \$2000



## Taxi/Public Auto List

(taxi license/public auto inspections)  
prepared by Officer Rocco Marini 11/02/12

<b>Docket #</b>	<b>Company</b>	<b>Contact</b>	<b>Medallion</b>	<b>Pass/Fail</b>
#338-12	<b>Crystal Lake Express</b> 15 Moreland Ave Newton, MA 02459	Dorothy Dundas 617-244-5833 617-510-0336	PA 6	<b>PASS</b>
#339-12	<b>Weldon Group, Inc.</b> 253 Riverview Ave Newton MA 02466	Jerald Robbins 617-828-4990 617-928-1888 978-535-0222	PA 4,5,9,10	<b>PASS</b>
#340-12	<b>Newton Metro Cab</b> 31 Irving St Apt A-8 Watertown, MA 02472	Ahcene Touri 617-947-2191 857-244-4959 617-332-8294	Medallion 52	<b>PASS</b>
#341-12	<b>Newton Luxury Cab</b> 77 Cedar St Boston, MA 02119	Mohamed Saidi 617-293-4300	Medallion 65	<b>PASS</b>
#342-12	<b>Veterans Taxi of Newton, LLC.</b> 224 Calvary Street Waltham, MA 02453	Michael Antonelis 617-527-0300	Medallions 1- 29,66-85(Total 49) PA 2,3,11,12 (Total 4)	<b>PASS</b>
#343-12	<b>Newton Yellow Cab, Inc.</b> 25 Border St Newton, MA 02465	Richard Johnston 617-332-7700 617-527-5555 617-244-2464	Medallions 30- 49 (Total 20)	<b>Replace #32 Replace #41 Cracked windshield #43 Replace #47</b>
#344-12	<b>Newtonville Cab Co., Inc.</b> 50 Union St Newton, MA 02459	George Marry 617-244-0404	Medallions 54, 55	<b>PASS</b>
#345-12	<b>Newton Taxi Co.</b> 50 Union St Newton, MA 02459	George Marry 617-244-0404	Medallions 56,57,58	<b>Has to Replace # 57</b>
#346-12	<b>Holden's Taxi, Inc.</b> 50 Union St Newton, MA 02459	George Marry 617-244-0404	Medallions 59, 60, 61	<b>PASS</b>
#347-12	<b>Beantown Carriage LLC</b> PO BOX 42 90 Oak St. 4 <sup>th</sup> floor Newton, MA 02464	Mark Belenkii Igor Portnoy 617-594-5995	PA 7	<b>PASS</b>

#348-12	<b>Newton Town Taxi</b> 4 Cedar St #405 Wellesley, MA 02481	Anis Lahiani 617-244-7444	Medallion 53	<b>PASS</b>
#349-12	<b>Newton Car Service</b> 12 Appleton Street Waltham, MA 02453	Hamdi Tlili 781-690-1477 617-244-9044	PA 8	<b>PASS</b>
#350-12	<b>Don's Car Service</b> 395 Lexington Street Auburndale, MA 02466	Donald LaPlante 617-962-4446	PA 14	<b>PASS</b>
#351-12	<b>Newton Coach, Inc.</b> 275 Grove Street, Suite 2-400, Auburndale, MA 02466	David Newcomb (617)816-9314 (857) 272-6224 (781) 647-8294	PA 16	<b>PASS</b>
#352-12	<b>Boston City Limousine</b> 9 Hazelwood Street Malden, MA 02148	Zakaria Atrousse 1-866-581-0347	PA 15	<b>PASS</b>
#353-12	<b>Newton Cab</b> 72 Beaver Street, Waltham, MA 02453	Medhi Haoulani (617)332-1322 (508)275-6198	Medallions 62, 63, 64	<b>PASS</b>
#354-12	<b>Charter Rides, Inc.</b> 266 Nevada Street Newton, MA 02460	Robert Keefe 617-999-9799	PA 1	<b>PASS</b>
#	<b>Bills Nice Ride, Inc.</b> 25 Curve St Newton, MA 02465	William Turner 617-312-3602	PA 13	<i>PASS (DID NOT PAY FEE) Medallion may be available.</i>

**Board of Aldermen**

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CITY OF NEWTON



**PUBLIC SAFETY & TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE MEETING NOTICE**

Dear Resident:

The Public Safety & Transportation Committee of the Board of Aldermen will be discussing the following items, which may be of interest to you, at its next meeting on Wednesday, November 7, 2012 at 7:45 pm in Room 202, Second Floor, City Hall. The meeting is open to the public and if you would like further information on the item, you are encouraged to attend.

- #195-12      ALD. BLAZAR filing on behalf of Deborah & Marc Fogel, Michael Hamilton, and Deborah Lewis an appeal from TC50-11, which was approved 3-2 (Babcock, Ciccone opposed) by Traffic Council on May 31, 2012 to prohibit parking between the driveway at 51 Lake Avenue and south to the curve at Cronin's Cove, Crystal Lake. (Appeal filed 6/18/12).
- #311-12      ALD. CICCONE filing on 09/28/12 an appeal from TC5-12, which requested parking restrictions in the area of the blind curve on Winchester Street (Ward 8), approved by Traffic Council on September 27, 2012.

If you are unable to attend this meeting but would like to offer comments in writing for consideration, please forward your comments to the Office of the Clerk of the Board, 1000 Commonwealth Avenue, Newton Centre, 02459 or e-mail to Danielle Delaney at [ddelaney@newtonma.gov](mailto:ddelaney@newtonma.gov) by November 1, 2012 reflecting the docket item number.

Sincerely,

Danielle Delaney  
Committee Clerk  
Public Safety & Transportation Committee

#195-12

TC 50-11

# Labels for Owner or Resident

Owner Name	Address	Unit		
LEWIS DEBORAH A	908 BEACON ST	NEWTON	MA	02459
HAMILTON MICHAEL E & KAREN G	21 LAKE AVE	NEWTON	MA	02459
SCHWARTZ ROBERT B	30 LAKE AVE	NEWTON	MA	02459
SHAMS JEFFREY	38 LAKE AVE	NEWTON	MA	02459
FOGEL MARC H & DEBORAH R TRS	51 LAKE AVE	NEWTON	MA	02459
COSTANZA MARY E	53 LAKE AVE	NEWTON	MA	02459
ANNAS GEORGE J	57 LAKE AVE	NEWTON	MA	02459
GOLDBERG CARL H	63 LAKE AVE	NEWTON	MA	02459
REISEN DIANA	77 LAKE AVE	NEWTON	MA	02459
LEUNG TINA TR	90 LAKE AVE	NEWTON	MA	02459
SHIH HONG DIN TR	96 LAKE AVE	NEWTON	MA	02459
KLOSEK JUSTIN T	97 LAKE AVE	NEWTON	MA	02459
ARNDT ANNE S	104 LAKE AVE	NEWTON	MA	02459
DAY MAX & ELVIRA TRS	108 LAKE AVE	NEWTON	MA	02459
STAMBLER MORRIS J L & ANN B	117 LAKE AVE	NEWTON	MA	02459
SMITH DONALD R	120 LAKE AVE	NEWTON	MA	02459
ROSENBLATT MICHAEL	130 LAKE AVE	NEWTON	MA	02459
BERWICK ANN	131 LAKE AVE	NEWTON	MA	02459
MILLER MICHAEL C & LEVINE ALISA	137 LAKE AVE	NEWTON	MA	02459
MUNROE JAMES S JR	11 LAKE TER	NEWTON	MA	02459
WEE JON O & ALICIA	3 MORELAND AVE	NEWTON	MA	02459

TC50-11 ALD. DANBERG, BLAZAR & SHAPIRO on behalf of Mary Costanza, 53 Lake Avenue, requesting no parking between the driveway at 51 Lake Avenue and south to the curve at Cronin's Cove, Crystal Lake; and examination of other potential traffic calming measures to make the Cronin's Cove area of Lake Avenue safer for pedestrians and those entering and exiting driveways. (Ward 6) [09/16/11 @ 11:42 AM]

**ACTION: APPROVED (3-2, Babcock, Ciccone)**  
**This item may be appealed through the close of business June 20, 2012.**

**NOTE:** Mr. Danila provided Council members with speed limits, parking restrictions, traffic and crash data counts. Lake Avenue is 23' wide looking south, 24' wide looking east. Mr. Danila said that the Department Public Works would install speed limit and curve warning signs on Lake Avenue.

Ms. Costanza provided Council members with photographs (on file). She said that this request was made because pedestrian safety is necessary. She is concerned with speeding vehicles, difficulty exiting and entering driveways, overgrown trees, site obstruction, boat launchers who have the tendency of blocking the road. Cars have the tendency to cross the yellow lines, heading into oncoming traffic in the opposite lane in order to pass parked cars.

Mr. Koses summarized the five emails received on this item (on file) and opened the discussion for public comment. Approximately six residents spoke concerning the request. The discussion stressed their concerns, advantages and questions.

Concerns

Residents stressed their concerns of the location of the public school bus stop located at 51 Lake Avenue, traffic issues, site obstruction, people having the tendency to speed and drivers park at the corner of Lake Avenue. There have been near accidents due to drivers gazing at the lake. They agree pedestrian safety is necessary.

Advantages

Residents present felt that removing the parking between the driveway at 51 Lake Avenue and south to the curve at Cronin's Cove would be beneficial and are hoping safety will increase.

Questions

Residents asked what could be accomplished to reduce speed.

Sgt. Babcock said that he will request the school bus stop be relocated further west on Lake Avenue.

Mr. Koses suggested removing two parking spaces (on the inside of the elbow) and add two parking spaces (on the outside elbow), in a much more visible location. Mr. Grafe agreed. Sgt. Babcock disagreed. He would prefer no parking, both sides at the curve to Beacon Street for pedestrian safety because it is a dangerous curve. The two houses affected have driveways. He then said that it is illegal for vehicles to cross a double yellow line unless obstructed. A parked vehicle is not an obstruction; a construction project is an obstruction. The fine to cross a double yellow line is \$100. Ald. Ciccone agreed with Sgt. Babcock. Mr. Danila supports removing both parking spaces.

Ald. Ciccone and Sgt. Babcock supported the removal of parking along the entire section of Lake Avenue from Beacon Street to the curve, due to cars crossing over the double yellow line.

Ald. Danberg said that she does not support adding parking spaces to the outside elbow because those parking spaces block the entrance to Cronin's Cove and would create dangerous situations.

Mr. Koses made the motion to remove two parking spaces (on the inside of the elbow) and add two parking spaces (on the outside of the elbow). The motion failed with a vote of 2-3 (Babcock, Ciccone and Danila opposed). Mr. Grafe asked if parking could be relocated to the lakefront where it is 24' wide.

Mr. Danila made the motion to approve this item as docketed. Council members agreed 3-2, (Babcock and Ciccone opposed). Mr. Koses said that this item may be appealed through the close of business June 20, 2012.

Mr. Danila said that he would collect additional data. The Department of Public Works would install speed limit and curve warning signs. If problems continue, an item could be docketed for consideration of traffic calming measures on Lake Avenue.



Existing unregulated parking near Forest



TC50-11

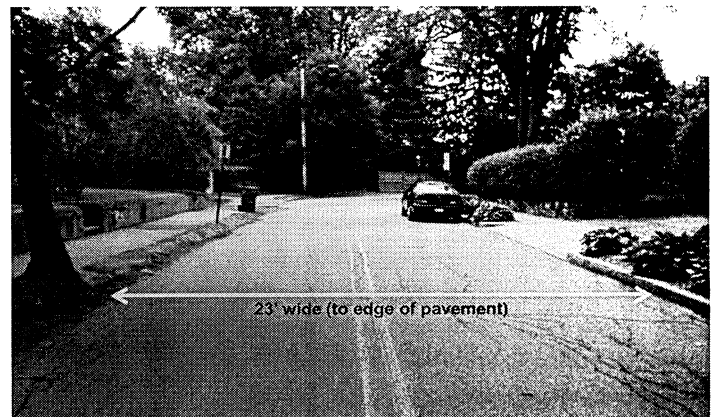
Requesting no parking between the driveway at 51 Lake Ave. and the curve at Cronin's Cove; and examination of other potential traffic calming measures on Lake Ave. (Ward 6)

Parking Restrictions and Speed Limits



Parking: No Parking Any Time | 2-Hr Limit, 7am-6pm, Mon-Fri  
Speed Limit: 15 MPH | 25 MPH

Looking south towards curve



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Looking east towards curve



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Traffic and Crash Data

- Average Daily Traffic: 1,175 vehicles per day.
  - Median Speed: 27 MPH.
  - 85<sup>th</sup> Percentile Speed: 32 MPH.
  - 1 reported crash from 2005 to 2009.
    - October 14, 2009; 3:00 p.m.
    - Single vehicle crash: collision with tree.
    - Property damage only; no injuries.
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Signage to be Added by DPW

- Speed Limit signs.
  - Curve Warning signs.
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**Danielle Delaney**

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*To:* ddelaney@newtonma.gov  
*Subject:* (Fwd) Memo re #195-12 Traffic Safety MTG Nov 7  
*Date sent:* Thu, 01 Nov 2012 09:00:41

----- Forwarded message follows -----

*Subject:* Memo re #195-12 Traffic Safety MTG Nov 7  
*From:* Mary Costanza  
*Date sent:* Wed, 31 Oct 2012 14:42:44 -0400  
*Copies to:* Vickie Danberg <vdanberg@gmail.com>, Vickie Danberg <vdanberg@newtonma.gov>  
*To:* ddelaney@newtonma.gov

Dear Daniel,

Please give copies to all members and include attached pictures of traffic problems.

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Mary Costanza

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**Danielle Delaney**

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*To:* ddelaney@newtonma.gov  
*Subject:* (Fwd) Cronin's Corner traffic problem  
*Date sent:* Tue, 30 Oct 2012 15:41:59

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*Subject:* Cronin's Corner traffic problem  
*From:* Dorothy Dundas <dorothy.dundas@gmail.com>  
*Date sent:* Tue, 30 Oct 2012 15:34:56 -0400  
*To:* "ddelaney@newtonma.gov" <ddelaney@newtonma.gov>

Dear Ms Delaney,

I sent in an email when this case first came up, and I strongly think that this appeal should not go forward. Having only one space taken away is not nearly enough to remedy the risk of injury from the many cars that go around that corner. In my livery business (Crystal Lake Express) I go around that corner many times a day and have witnessed many near accidents at that corner due to people opening car doors, children getting in and out of cars there.

I originally suggested taking away all of the parking spaces at that corner. I stand by that.

Sincerely,  
Dorothy Dundas  
15 Moreland Ave  
Newton 02459

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**Danielle Delaney**

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*To:* ddelaney@newtonma.gov  
*Subject:* (Fwd) Parking at Cronin Cove  
*Date sent:* Thu, 01 Nov 2012 10:53:13

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*Date sent:* Wed, 31 Oct 2012 10:47:15 -0700 (PDT)  
*From:* Groot Gregory  
*Send reply to:* Groot Gregory  
*Subject:* Parking at Cronin Cove  
*To:* "ddelaney@newtonma.gov" <ddelaney@newtonma.gov>  
*Copies to:* Mary Costanza <mecost@comcast.net>, "vdanberg@newtonma.gov" <vdanberg@newtonma.gov>

Hello Danielle Delaney,

I understand that an appeal item will be discussed at tonight Public Safety & Transportation meeting regarding the removal of two parking spaces on Lake Ave on the corner adjacent to Cronin's Cove.

I would like to ask that the original parking change, approved by the Traffic Council, removing the two spaces be adopted. I use Lake Ave to get to and from Newton Centre from my home at 296 Lake Ave and have frequently been surprised by oncoming cars rounding the turn from Beacon Street head-on in my lane. Perhaps it is mere luck that I and others have not been involved in head-on collisions but it was made very clear during the Traffic Council meeting that this span of Lake Ave is too narrow to allow a car to make this turn while simultaneously avoiding a parked car and remaining inside of the double yellow line. Since parked cars are not a legal excuse to cross these yellow lines to enter the oncoming lane we are in affect forcing motorists to violate traffic laws that are in place to increase public safety. Removing these two spaces will dramatically improve safety on this much used corridor between Newton Centre and Newton Highlands.

Thank you for your consideration.

G. Groot Gregory

**Danielle Delaney**

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To: ddelaney@newtonma.gov  
Subject: (Fwd) message regarding #195-12 Traffic Safety Meeting 7 November 12  
Date sent: Wed, 07 Nov 2012 10:27:16

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From: "Schuyler.larrabee"  
To: <ddelaney@newtonma.gov>  
Copies to: "Vicki Danberg" <vdanberg@gmail.com>  
Subject: message regarding #195-12 Traffic Safety Meeting 7 November 12  
Date sent: Tue, 06 Nov 2012 22:05:14 -0500

Regarding the consideration of the Traffic Council's decision, #TC 50-11, regarding the elimination of two parking spaces on Lake Avenue.

Please distribute this email to all members of the Public Safety and Transportation Committee members.

I supported the original petition to the Traffic Council to eliminate these two spaces. I did so because cars parked in these spaces present a clear danger to traffic, and to pedestrians, at this corner. I can attest to this from personal experience, having on more occasions than I care to remember had to avoid autos heading the other direction at this blind corner.

It doesn't matter which direction one is driving on Lake Avenue. If you are headed west, away from Beacon Street, and there are cars parked in these spaces, it is necessary to be well over the double yellow line into the other lane while rounding the corner. While driving in this direction, I have encountered many cars heading toward Beacon Street whose drivers are cutting the corner so they can avoid slowing down. If you are headed east, toward Beacon Street, even if you are well to the right as you navigate the corner, cars heading the other way are, again, over the double yellow line, and are often moving well above the speed limit.

A consideration, particularly during the summer months, is that the activities on the parkland at Cronin's Cove are a distraction. It's not hard to see drivers paying more attention to the lake and the people in the park than to the traffic.

One fact that the Traffic Council members established when they viewed the actual conditions at this corner was that the width of Lake Avenue, through the portion perpendicular to Beacon Street, is actually not of sufficient width to accommodate what it is signed for, that is, a lane of parked cars plus two travel lanes. It is not possible to travel westbound on the portion of Lake Avenue past cars parked in any part of this stretch of Lake Avenue without being across the double yellow line. This leads to eastbound cars being faced with westbound cars in their lane. Just this morning, on my way to vote at Mason Rice, I had to pull over opposite a vacant space to permit a westbound car to maneuver around a car parked near the corner with Beacon. There was not enough room for my car and the other car to pass adjacent to the parked car.

Another fact that needs to be taken into consideration is that during the Traffic Council's consideration of the petition, they established that there were a number of missing speed limit signs on Lake Avenue. Most of these have been replaced, but there has been (as far as I have been able to tell) no enforcement actions by the Newton police. The posted limit, eastbound,

along Crystal Lake/Cronin's Cove, is 15 MPH. I believe that there was also a missing sign for westbound traffic just off Beacon Street; however, it appears that this sign has not be reinstalled. Certainly, if both these signs were in place, and the limit enforced, then the danger presented by this badly designed corner would be mitigated, but not eliminated.

But even if the signs and the enforcement were in place, there remains the fact that this corner, and this stretch of Lake Avenue, do not meet the minimum dimensional requirements for safe roadway design. The two spaces at the corner should, in fact, be removed.

Schuyler Larrabee  
10 Laurel Street  
Newton Centre MA 02459

**Danielle Delaney**

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To: ddelaney@newtonma.gov  
Subject: (Fwd) The Nov. 7 meeting of the Public Safety and Transportation Committee re: Traffic Council #T  
Date sent: Wed, 07 Nov 2012 12:08:40

#195-12

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Date sent: Wed, 07 Nov 2012 12:04:26 -0500  
From: David Putnam  
To: ddelaney@newtonma.gov  
Subject: The Nov. 7 meeting of the Public Safety and Transportation Committee re: Traffic Council #TC 50-1

Good morning, Ms. Delaney -

I am scheduled to be away for business reasons this evening, and thus am not likely to be able to attend this evening's Meeting of the Public Safety and Transportation Committee. Thus I appreciate the opportunity to comment by this email message, and ask that you distribute it to the Members of that Committee, in the event my individual messages do not arrive.

I reside on Lake Avenue adjacent to the so-called Cronin's Cove', having lived there for at least part of every year since 1939, save when on military duty. At various times in my life I have lived at #s 90, 96, and 108 Lake Avenue.

Over the decades I have become familiar with the section of Lake Avenue which is the subject of topic #195-12 of tonight's meeting.

When in Newton I drive back and forth from my residence on Lake Avenue to my Company's Newton Center office at Langley Place, generally at least once each day, passing the sharp corner adjacent to #51 Lake Avenue (the Fogels' residence) from both directions.

The stretch of Lake Avenue between Laurel Street and Beacon Street has long been problematical for several reasons.

First, it is difficult for drivers to see around the corner at #51 Lake Avenue. This is especially true for those approaching from Beacon Street, who are disadvantaged by a more acute angle of view.

Second, some drivers approaching from Newton Highlands see a relatively long stretch of 'open road' after the laurel Street intersection, and 'open up', approaching the corner at #51 at a rate of speed significantly exceeding the posted speed limit (currently 15 mph). Because of the sharp corner, these drivers often cannot see approaching traffic from the Newton Center/Beacon Street direction until the 'last minute'. (This is especially problematical if the speeding drivers are D.U.I., or are not familiar with Lake Avenue, or if cars are parked on the corner, as in "Third" below.)

Third, if there are cars parked along Lake Avenue between Beacon Street and the corner at #51 (on the west or Newton Highlands side) the situation described in both the First and Second above is aggravated, because to drive past those parked cars requires drivers proceeding from the Beacon Street intersection to swing out into the middle of Lake Avenue beyond the solid center ('do not cross') line. In addition to being a violation of law and/or regulation, this puts them

directly in front of cars coming around the corner from the opposite (Newton Highlands) direction - some of whom travel too rapidly for adequate reaction time. The seriousness of this problem varies directly with the proximity of the parked cars to the corner.

Fourth, if there are cars parked in the presently lawful spaces between the Beacon Street - Lake Avenue intersection and the corner, and the lawful spaces are all filled, there is a tendency for other drivers to try to 'stretch' the lawful spaces by parking additional cars adjacent to those spaces - including on the corner itself - further aggravating the problem.

Earlier this week, as I approached the corner from the Beacon Street intersection, there was a large furniture truck parked partially in the last legal space and partially extending onto the corner itself, completely blocking my view around the corner. Had I not stopped and exercised extreme caution, I would have been hit by a car which happened to approach from the Newton Highlands direction at the same time. Fortunately it was not speeding.

At the summer meeting of the Traffic Council the Police representative recommended that, in the interest of public safety, there be no parking between the Beacon Street intersection and the corner at #51 Lake Avenue. Although it can be tempting to try to compromise issues, it is generally unwise, for those of us whose experience comes from areas other than law enforcement, to ignore or second-guess the Police, who have direct and extensive experience in matters concerning public safety. We expect our Police to protect us and maintain good order; our Aldermen should not deny our Police the tools which they say are necessary to enable them to fulfill that responsibility. To do so puts everyone in the City - including our Aldermen - at risk.

Thank you

David Putnam  
Lake Avenue

(Some time ago the City banned parking on Lake Avenue between Laurel Street and the corner at #51 for some of the same - but also additional - reasons as those involved in the stretch between Beacon and #51. Consequently, allowing parking in this area is not an easy answer to the different problems associated with the stretch between Beacon Street and the corner at #51 .)

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**Danielle Delaney**

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*To:* ddelaney@newtonma.gov  
*Subject:* (Fwd) tonight's Traffic Safety #195-12 November 7  
*Date sent:* Wed, 07 Nov 2012 13:22:48

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*From:* Joe Sanromá  
*To:* "Traffic Council Dist List" <trafficcouncil@newtonma.gov>  
*Subject:* tonight's Traffic Safety #195-12 November 7  
*Date sent:* Wed, 07 Nov 2012 13:16:44 -0500

Hi Danielle - Please distribute to all Public Safety & Transportation Committee members for tonight's meeting. Thank you.

Reference: TC 50-11 Elimination of two parking spaces at Lake Avenue curve appeal.

We support Transportation Committee's original order for the elimination of the referenced parking spaces. We say this for a number of reasons, among them;

- Sargeant Babcock's observation that the available right of way on Lake Avenue from Beacon Street to the curve, the length of Lake Ave containing the subject traffic spaces, is not wide enough to safely support two travel lanes and one parking lane due to vehicles crossing into oncoming travel lane.
- Line of sight is obscured by dense bushes formed as a hedge at the curve and line of sight is further hampered by parked cars and recently observed box trucks parked in subject parking spaces.
- Speed limit of 15mph is seldom observed by oncoming traffic further reducing reaction time when approaching curve.
- The subject roadway is popular for cyclists and sharing the roadway (SHARO) is not safely possible with automobiles/trucks in subject parking spaces.
- The petitioner appealing subject parking space elimination, TC 50-11, has a double width paved driveway easily accommodating four full size automobiles, excluding those parked in garage thereby negating hardship concerns.

In conclusion we ask for denial of appeal for parking space reinstatement on Lake Avenue.

Thank you,

Joseph and Christine Sanromá  
1000 Walnut Street

**Danielle Delaney**

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To: ddelaney@newtonma.gov  
Subject: (Fwd) Newton City Council (Matter 195-12) and Newton Traffic Council (Matter 50-11)  
Date sent: Thu, 01 Nov 2012 09:08:57

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Date sent: Wed, 31 Oct 2012 19:20:51 +0000 (UTC)  
From: veedernw  
To: ddelaney@newtonma.gov  
Copies to: vdanberg@newtonma.gov, Vdanberg@gmail.com  
Subject: Newton City Council (Matter 195-12) and Newton Traffic Council (Matter 50-11)

Dear Ms. Delaney: Please distribute this email to all Aldermen concerned with this issue. Thank you.

Dear Public Safety and Transportation Committee Members:

I am writing to strongly oppose the appeal of the Traffic Council's original decision that the parking spaces from the Fogel's driveway on 51 Lake Avenue to Cronin's Cove at Crystal Lake be removed.

I have had tremendous fears for imminent accidents at this corner, particularly due to the unnecessary and dangerous lack of vision for cars proceeding from both directions around this hazardous corner. I have an "eye and ear" proximity to this location, since I reside at 53 Lake Avenue, just around the corner in question, facing Cronin's Cove.

There is barely room for 2 opposite-direction passing cars, much less a 3 car passing mandate when 2 additional parked cars are blocking the perilous corner between Fogel's driveway and the beginning of Crystal Lake.

Quite frankly, I cannot see any reason for the City of Newton, now that it has been fully apprised of the extreme danger of injury, damage, and death posed by continuing to permit parking in this most dangerous Newton intersection.

I strongly urge you to uphold the original decision of the Newton Traffic Council to remove the parking spaces from the driveway at 51 Lake Avenue to Cronin's Cove at Crystal Lake.

Nancy W. Veeder

53 Lake Avenue.

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**Board of Aldermen**

2012-2013

CITY OF NEWTON



**PUBLIC SAFETY & TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE MEETING NOTICE**

Dear Resident:

The Public Safety & Transportation Committee of the Board of Aldermen will be discussing the following items, which may be of interest to you, at its next meeting on Wednesday, November 7, 2012 at 7:45 pm in Room 202, Second Floor, City Hall. The meeting is open to the public and if you would like further information on the item, you are encouraged to attend.

- #195-12      ALD. BLAZAR filing on behalf of Deborah & Marc Fogel, Michael Hamilton, and Deborah Lewis an appeal from TC50-11, which was approved 3-2 (Babcock, Ciccone opposed) by Traffic Council on May 31, 2012 to prohibit parking between the driveway at 51 Lake Avenue and south to the curve at Cronin's Cove, Crystal Lake. (Appeal filed 6/18/12).
- #311-12      ALD. CICCONE filing on 09/28/12 an appeal from TC5-12, which requested parking restrictions in the area of the blind curve on Winchester Street (Ward 8), approved by Traffic Council on September 27, 2012.

If you are unable to attend this meeting but would like to offer comments in writing for consideration, please forward your comments to the Office of the Clerk of the Board, 1000 Commonwealth Avenue, Newton Centre, 02459 or e-mail to Danielle Delaney at [ddelaney@newtonma.gov](mailto:ddelaney@newtonma.gov) by November 1, 2012 reflecting the docket item number.

Sincerely,

Danielle Delaney  
Committee Clerk  
Public Safety & Transportation Committee

#311-12

# Labels for Owner or Resident

TC5-12

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CITY OF NEWTON  
BOARD OF ALDERMEN  
TRAFFIC COUNCIL REPORT

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 27, 2012

Present: David Koses, Transportation Planner; Sgt. Jay Babcock, Newton Police Department; Ald. Ciccone, Jerome Grafe, Citizen Representative and Bill Paille, Director of Transportation  
Also Present: Ald. Lappin, Harney, Fischman, Linsky and Danberg

Mr. Koses provided a PowerPoint presentation on these items, attached to this report.

TC5-12      ALD. LAPPIN, FISCHMAN & KALIS, requesting parking restrictions in the area of the blind curve on Winchester Street. (Ward 8) [01/30/12 @ 1:57 PM]  
**ACTION:**    **APPROVE (5-0). No parking, both sides, 100 feet north of the farm stand to Wallace Street.**  
**This item may be appealed through the close of business October 17, 2012.**  
***NOTE: Traffic Council expects an appeal of this item due to the fact that four houses are located on Winchester Street just south of Wallace Street. The intent of this Traffic Council vote was not to eliminate parking in front of these homes.***

**NOTE:**      *On September 28, 2012, Ald. Ciccone appealed this item, to be discussed in the Public Safety & Transportation Committee.*

Mr. Koses said that there are no parking restrictions either side, on Winchester Street. The street width is 34', adequate width to allow two 12' travel lanes and one 9' parking area in the shoulder. He said that there is no need to restrict parking on the JCC side, (east side) and suggested Traffic Council members consider parking restrictions on the west side of Winchester Street.

Ald. Lappin and Fischman said that they docketed this item because of the large number of vehicles parking on Winchester Street while attending the JCC. They are concerned with the speed and over flow parking. The blind curve is a dangerous hazard and cars cross the yellow line. They suggest a trial since the fall and winter seasons are approaching. They asked if additional signage and direct patrols could be performed. Mr. Paille said that the blind curve is concerning and needs to be identified to make this area safer. He suggested restriping the edge line and the installation of curve ahead style signs to alert drivers what they are approaching. He then said that in 2011, the 85% speed was 40 mph; 10mph over the posted speed limit of 30 mph.

Mr. Koses opened the discussion for public comment. Approximately two residents spoke. The discussion stressed their concerns regarding the number of drivers who have the tendency to park on the blind curve, on the berm and on the curb. They feel that this area is a safety issue for pedestrians and bicyclists. They support a parking restriction and a sign informing drivers of

their speed. They do not feel that it is necessary to park on Winchester Street when the JCC parking lot has adequate parking.

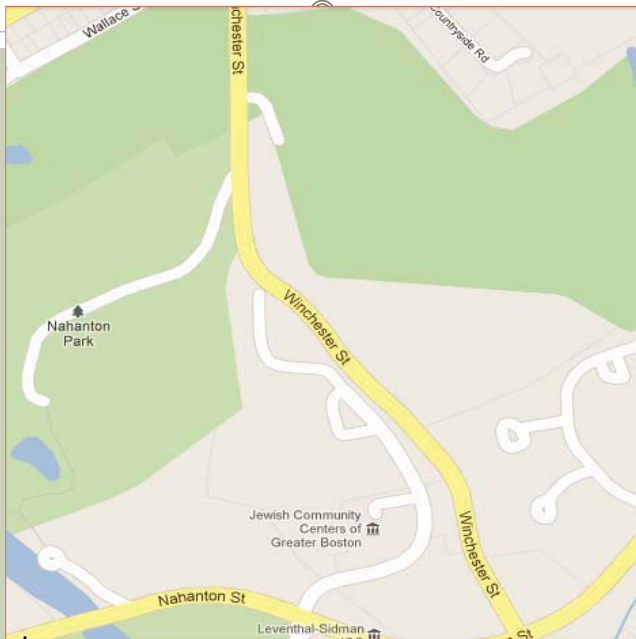
Council members agreed that the edge line should be restriped and the installation of a curve ahead sign. They also suggested repainting the centerline. Members agreed that a 34' width street allows adequate parking on both sides and feel that if they restrict parking, it may set a precedent if Traffic Council implements parking restrictions on a street with this width. Mr. Grafe suggested designating a parking and bike lanes making travel lane narrower and perhaps safer.

Sgt. Babcock said that the department observed the area for three days and many drivers were walking into the JCC, not the farm stand. Twenty-three parking tickets were issued over the past two months. Winchester Street is typically used as a bike path on Sundays as observed on eight Sundays (three morning hours). They observed over 100 bicyclists; it is difficult and challenging for bikers due to parked cars. He observed and agreed better signage and directed patrols are necessary. As requested, directed patrols were conducted for three weeks issuing three citations and six warnings for speed (under 10 miles per hour). He then suggested eliminating parking on the curve of Winchester Street to Nahanton Street (southern end) because it is dangerous for cars, bikers and pedestrians. He feels there is ample parking on the JCC property. Ald. Ciccone agreed and suggested docketing an item for consideration of bike lanes. Mr. Koses said that the northern end of the street would need bike lanes and asked if the median were moved towards the center would it allow for safer parking on the JCC side. Sgt. Babcock said that he is opposed to parking on the curve.

Ald. Lappin said that she is concerned if parking is restricted, drivers will park elsewhere. She said that the farm stand desires a crosswalk. Ald. Fischman said that he is concerned with moving the median and farm stand attendees. He suggested a parking restriction trial on Winchester Street particularly at the blind curve.

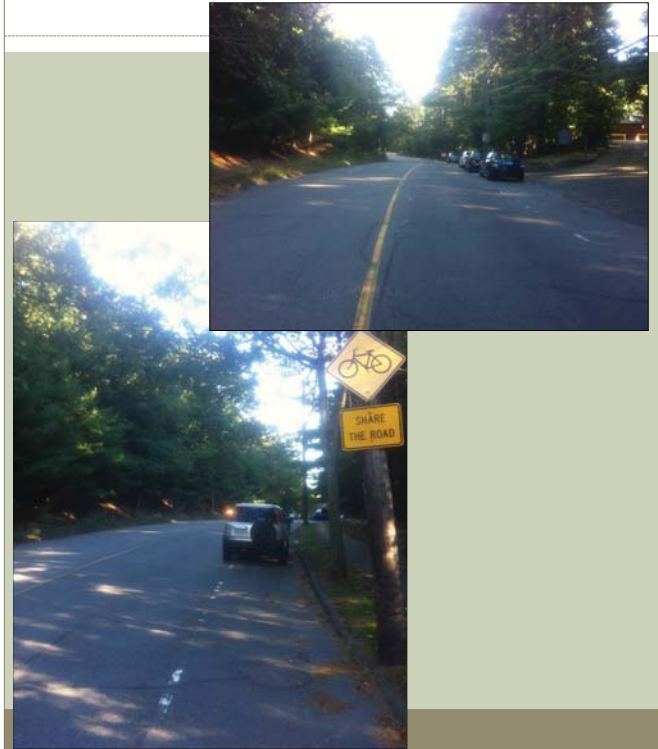
Sgt. Babcock made the motion to restrict parking, both sides, 100 feet north of the farm stand to Wallace Street. Council members agreed 5-0.

## Winchester Street Overview

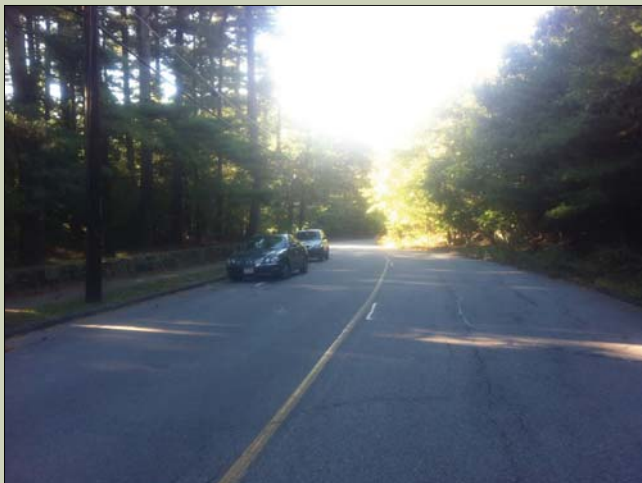


No current parking restrictions, either side

## Winchester Street Looking South



## Winchester Street Looking North



## Data and Recommendations

- Street Width = 34 feet
- Adequate width to allow two 12' travel lanes + one 9' parking area
- No need to restrict parking on the west (JCC) side
- Consider parking restriction on the east side?