

CITY OF NEWTON

IN CITY COUNCIL

TRAFFIC COUNCIL REPORT

THURSDAY, MAY 26, 2016

Present: David Koses, Traffic Council Chair; Captain Marc Gromada, Newton Police Department; Alicia Wilson, Resident member; Gloria Son, Traffic Engineer and Councilor Blazar

Also Present: Councilors Lappin and Ciccone

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

TC7-16 COUNCILOR LAPPIN, requesting a discussion of and possible actions for traffic circulation around the island at the corner of Rosalie Road and Dedham Street. (Ward 8) [03/02/16 @ 2:28 PM]

ACTION: **HELD 5-0. Held pending trial of changes to traffic circulation and/or line painting.**

NOTE: Council members were provided with a location map and site photos.

Mr. Koses stated that over the past ten years there has been one reported crash, a fender bender in 2013. Rosalie Road and Dedham Street at the traffic island has two-way traffic on both sides of the island without road markings and a bus stop. Road measurements were not available, traffic counts were not performed.

Mr. Koses summarized the two emails received, on file. One email supported road markings on Rosalie Road for clarification purposes including signage, painted road arrows indicating direction of traffic and a painted center-line. One email supported a traffic re-design.

Mr. Koses then opened the discussion to members of the public who were present. Councilor Lappin stated that residents reached out to her with suggestions including the construction of a bump-out, street markings or converting Rosalie Road to a one-way in and a one-way out.

Residents stated that years ago, they requested speed bumps and were informed that they could not be installed due to the emergency vehicle access difficulties. They then expressed their concerns and suggestions.

Concerns:

Drivers have the tendency to use Rosalie Road as a cut-through, speed and make u-turns. Private school buses idle on Rosalie Road.

Suggestions:

Residents support a bump out making drivers aware and perhaps deter their speed. They suggested converting Rosalie Road to a one-way in and one-way out. The traffic island creates a difficult sight line. It is necessary to clarify the roads by street markings indicating the direction of traffic, by painting a center-line and through road signage.

Council members suggested the following:

Suggestions:

Prune the bush that prevents poor site visibility.

Paint street markings.

Paint a center-line.

Install signage indicating there is two-way traffic on both sides of the island.

Close one side of the island to deter speeders.

Relocate the bus stop.

Mr. Koses stated that the suggestions made would not require Traffic Council's approval. He suggested holding this item to allow the Traffic Division to consider different options and return for discussion. Ms. Son agreed and said that options could be circulated for input. Sand bags or work horses could be placed as a temporary measure on the larger side of the island to close off the travel lane. Chalk paint could be used to paint a center-line. Mr. Koses stated that if it is desired to remove the island, an item would have to be referred to a City Council committee.

Mr. Koses made a motion to hold this item in order for the Traffic Division to design and implement changes to traffic circulation and/or line painting. Council members agreed 5-0.

HP1-16 ALLAN CICCONE, Sr., on behalf of Patricia Ciccone, requesting a handicap parking space in front of 20 West Street. (Ward 1) [03/23/16 @ 10:55 AM]

The Newton Commission on Disability voted to Approve on 04/11/16.

ACTION: APPROVED 5-0.

This item may be appealed through the close of business June 15, 2016.

NOTE: The petitioner, Mr. Ciccone attended tonight's discussion.

Mr. Koses stated that the Newton Commission on Disability recommended approving this request on April 11, 2016. He then provided a location map and photos on existing parking conditions and locations of handicap parking spaces on West Street. There are two handicap parking spaces located at #30 and #42 on West Street. Currently, there is unrestricted parking on the east side and no parking on the west side of West Street.

Mr. Koses said that the handicap parking space located in front of #30 West Street is approximately 50 feet between driveways at #24 to #30 West Street, allowing space for one handicapped parking space and one parking space. Perhaps this handicapped parking space should be made shorter to allow the addition of one general parking space. The handicapped parking space requested is approximately 35 feet between driveways, allowing for one handicapped parking space. Councilor Ciccone recalls that the handicap parking space located at #30 West Street is a double handicap parking space to accommodate parking for a handicap van.

Mr. Koses opened the discussion to members of the public who were present. Mr. Ciccone stated that he docketed a request for a handicap parking space in front of his home because it is safer and easier to access a vehicle from the front of the home. He said that it is very difficult for him to carry a 45 pound oxygen tank and a wheelchair to the car each time he and his wife go out.

Ms. Son stated that there is a parking restriction from the corner of Watertown Street on West Street. She asked what the City guidelines are for installing handicapped parking spaces.

Mr. Koses summarized the Traffic Council Policy #2, requests for a Handicap Parking Space which provides guidance to the Traffic Council members decision-making process. He said that the petitioner meets the guidelines for a handicap parking space. The petitioner meets bullet #1 handicap parking placard and bullet #4, competition for on-street parking spaces.

Without further discussion, Councilor Blazar made the motion to approve this request as the petitioner meets the guidelines of residential handicap parking spaces. Council members agreed 5-0. Mr. Koses stated that this item may be appealed through the close of business June 15, 2016.

TC19-16 DAVID KOSES, TRANSPORTATION COORDINATOR, requesting removal of a handicap parking space located at 4 Hovey Street. (Ward 1) [05/12/16 @ 9:16 AM]

ACTION: **APPROVED 5-0.**
This item may be appealed through the close of business June 15, 2016.

NOTE: Council members were provided with a location map and area photo. Mr. Koses stated that this handicap parking space is no longer necessary at 4 Hovey Street. A nearby business requested removal of this parking space.

Without discussion, Mr. Koses made a motion to approve the removal of this handicap parking space. Council members agreed 5-0. This item may be appealed through the close of business on June 15, 2016.

TC18-16 DAVID KOSES, TRANSPORTATION COORDINATOR, on behalf of homeowner requesting removal of a handicap parking space located at 24 Ricker Road. (Ward 1) [05/11/16 @ 9:43 AM]

ACTION: **APPROVED 5-0.**
This item may be appealed through the close of business June 15, 2016.

NOTE: Council members were provided with a location map and site photo. Mr. Koses stated that this handicap parking space is no longer necessary at 24 Ricker Road. The current homeowner has requested the removal of this handicap parking space. The handicapped person has moved.

Without discussion, Mr. Koses made a motion to approve the removal of this handicap parking space. Council members agreed 5-0. This item may be appealed through the close of business on June 15, 2016.

TC5-16 SGT. BABCOCK, requesting no parking - tow zone area, Elmwood Street (between 31 Elmwood Street and the rear entrance of 400 Centre Street) to the beginning of Baldwin Street, west side to address safety concerns. (Ward 1) [02/05/16 @ 12:39 PM]

ACTION: **APPROVED 5-0. Approved TPR language.**
 This item may be appealed through the close of business June 15, 2016.

NOTE: Council members were provided with a location map and site photos. Mr. Koses stated that this item was docketed as a result of the Police Department's emergency powers requesting the installation of a tow zone along the curve of 31 Elmwood Street.

Without discussion, Mr. Koses made a motion to approve a tow zone at this location. Council members were provided with a draft Traffic and Parking Regulation (TPR) for consideration with the understanding that the item would not be held pending a draft TPR. Council members agreed 5-0. Mr. Koses stated that this item may be appealed through the close of business June 15, 2016.

TC16-16 GLORIA SON, TRAFFIC ENGINEER, requesting the addition into the TPR of a traffic signal at the intersection Pearl Street and Watertown Street. (Ward 1) [05/06/16 @ 12:20 PM]

ACTION: **APPROVED 5-0. Approved TPR language.**
 This item may be appealed through the close of business June 15, 2016.

NOTE: Docket items TC16-16, TC15-16, TC14-16 and TC13-16 were discussed together. Please refer to docket number TC13-16 for summary.

Without discussion, Mr. Koses made a motion to approve a traffic signal at the intersection of Pearl and Watertown Streets. Council members were provided with a draft Traffic and Parking Regulation (TPR) for consideration with the understanding that the item would not be held pending a draft TPR. Council members agreed 5-0. Mr. Koses stated that this item may be appealed through the close of business June 15, 2016.

TC15-16 GLORIA SON, TRAFFIC ENGINEER, requesting the removal from the TPR of a traffic signal at the intersection ~~Pearl Street and Capital Street~~. Capital Street and Watertown Street. (Ward 1) [05/06/16 @ 12:20 PM] [REVISED 05/17/16]

ACTION: **APPROVED 5-0. Approved TPR language.**
 This item may be appealed through the close of business June 15, 2016.

NOTE: Docket items TC16-16, TC15-16, TC14-16 and TC13-16 were discussed together. Please refer to docket number TC13-16 for summary.

Without discussion, Ms. Wilson made a motion to remove a traffic signal at the intersection of Capital and Watertown Streets. Council members were provided with a draft Traffic and Parking Regulation (TPR) for consideration with the understanding that the item would not be held pending a draft TPR. Council members agreed 5-0. Mr. Koses stated that this item may be appealed through the close of business June 15, 2016.

TC14-16 GLORIA SON, TRAFFIC ENGINEER, requesting the addition into the TPR of a stop sign at the intersection ~~Pearl Street and Capital Street~~ Capital Street and Watertown Street. (Ward 1) [05/06/16 @ 12:20 PM] [REVISED 05/17/16]

ACTION: **APPROVED 5-0. Approved TPR language.**
 This item may be appealed through the close of business June 15, 2016.

NOTE: Docket items TC16-16, TC15-16, TC14-16 and TC13-16 were discussed together.
Please refer to docket number TC13-16 for summary.

Without discussion, Captain Gromada made a motion to install a stop sign at the intersection of Capital and Watertown Streets. Council members were provided with a draft Traffic and Parking Regulation (TPR) for consideration with the understanding that the item would not be held pending a draft TPR. Council members agreed 5-0. Mr. Koses stated that this item may be appealed through the close of business June 15, 2016.

TC13-16 **GLORIA SON, TRAFFIC ENGINEER,** requesting the removal from the TPR of a stop sign at the intersection ~~Pearl Street and Capital Street~~ Pearl Street and Watertown Street. (Ward 1) [05/06/16 @ 12:20 PM] [REVISED 05/17/16]

ACTION: **APPROVED 5-0. Approved TPR language.**
 This item may be appealed through the close of business June 15, 2016.

NOTE: Summary for docket items TC16-16, TC15-16, TC14-16 and TC13-16.

Council members were provided with a location map and site photos on these four items.

Ms. Son summarized recent changes to this area due to the signal upgrade project. She said that these changes are necessary due to pedestrian safety. In July 2015, a public hearing and a neighborhood Council meeting was held for residents and business owners being impacted by the proposed changes.

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Ms. Son stated that it was necessary to install a traffic signal at the intersection of Pearl and Watertown Streets due to safety concerns, high pedestrian and traffic volumes. Volumes are much higher at this location than at the intersection of Capital and Watertown Streets. The traffic signal was installed in early May and has been tweaked and is working very well.

She then said that the traffic signal at the intersection of Capital and Watertown Streets has been removed. In the past, pedestrian and traffic volumes were high at this location when St. Jean's Parish and elementary school were near this location.

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Install a stop sign at the intersection of Capital and Watertown Streets. This is necessary since the traffic signal has been removed from this location.

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Remove a stop sign at the intersection of Pearl and Watertown Streets. This is necessary since a traffic signal has been installed at this location to accommodate safety for the high volumes of students walking to school.

Without discussion, Councilor Blazar made a motion to remove the stop sign at Pearl and Capital Streets. Council members were provided with a draft Traffic and Parking Regulation (TPR) for consideration with the understanding that the item would not be held pending a draft TPR. Council members agreed 5-0. Mr. Koses stated that this item may be appealed through the close of business June 15, 2016.

TC20-16 DAVID KOSES, TRANSPORTATION COORDINATOR, requesting the following changes to the traffic and parking regulations on Hartman Road:
 1) Remove all existing traffic and parking regulations along Hartman Road.
 2) Add the following into the traffic and parking regulations for Hartman Road:
 No parking, tow-zone, Brookline Street, 100 feet northerly, both sides.
 3) Add the following into the traffic and parking regulations for Hartman Road:
 No parking, tow-zone, 7:30 am to 4:30 pm, school days, from a point 100 feet north of Brookline Street to Clifton Road, both sides.
 (Ward 8) [05/17/16 @ 9:54 AM]

ACTION: **APPROVED 5-0. Approved TPR language.**
This item may be appealed through the close of business June 15, 2016.

NOTE: Council members were provided with a location map and site photos.

Mr. Koses stated that in April 2016, Traffic Council approved no parking, anytime – tow zone area, Hartman Road (between Brookline Street and Clifton Road), 7:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., school days, both sides to address safety concerns. The existing restriction of Hartman Road, prohibited, both sides from Brookline Street northerly 100 feet was not deleted from the draft Traffic and Parking Regulation (TPR) during that meeting.

Council members were provided with a corrected draft Traffic and Parking Regulation (TPR) for review with new correct restrictions of deleting a tow zone, both sides and inserting two different two zones as provided in the draft TPR.

Without discussion, Captain Gromada made a motion to approve the draft TPR. Council members agreed 5-0. Mr. Koses stated that this item may be appealed through the close of business on June 15, 2016.

TC61-15 ALDERMEN CROSSLEY, RICE AND YATES, requesting changes to the parking regulations on Manitoba Road, in order to incorporate Manitoba Road into the Waban Village Parking District. (Ward 5) [11/24/15 @ 9:37 AM]
HELD 4-0 on 04/14/16. Held pending draft Traffic and Parking Regulation (TPR) to approve the following: 1) Two-hour limit, 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., west side, except by Waban Resident parking permit. 2) Prohibited, school days, east side.

ACTION: **APPROVED 5-0. Approved TPR language.**
This item may be appealed through the close of business June 15, 2016.

NOTE: Council members were provided with a draft Traffic and Parking Regulation (TPR) for review.

Without discussion, Ms. Wilson made a motion to approve the draft TPR. Council members agreed 5-0. Mr. Koses stated that this item may be appealed through the close of business on June 15, 2016.

Respectfully submitted,

David Koses, Transportation Coordinator
Traffic Council Chair

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May 26, 2016

Agenda (New Items)

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Agenda (Vote on TPR language needed)

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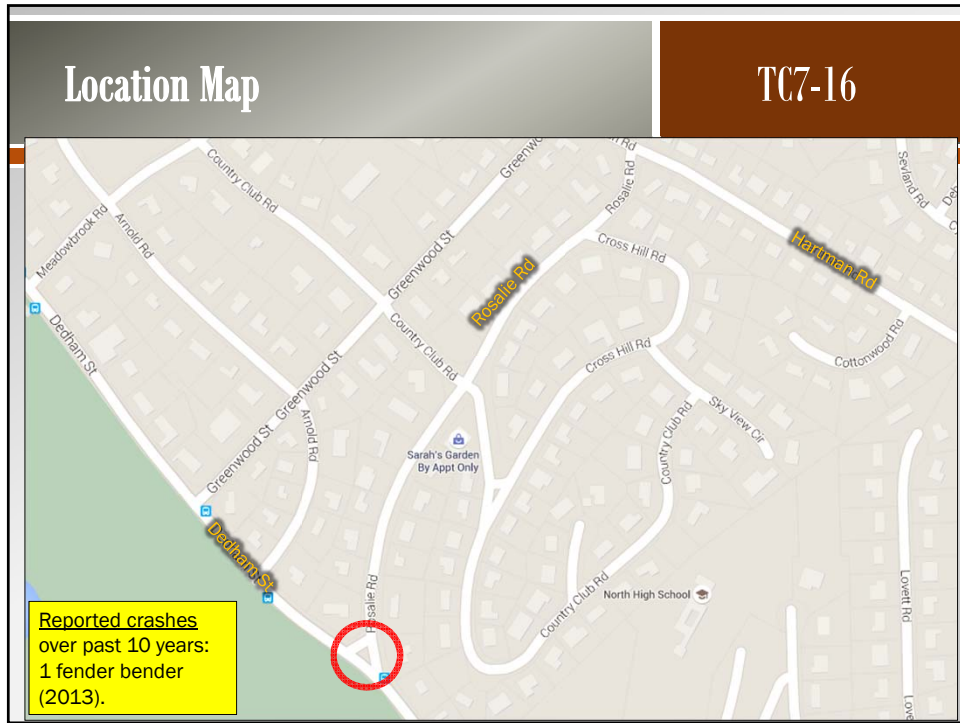


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Photos — looking across Dedham St

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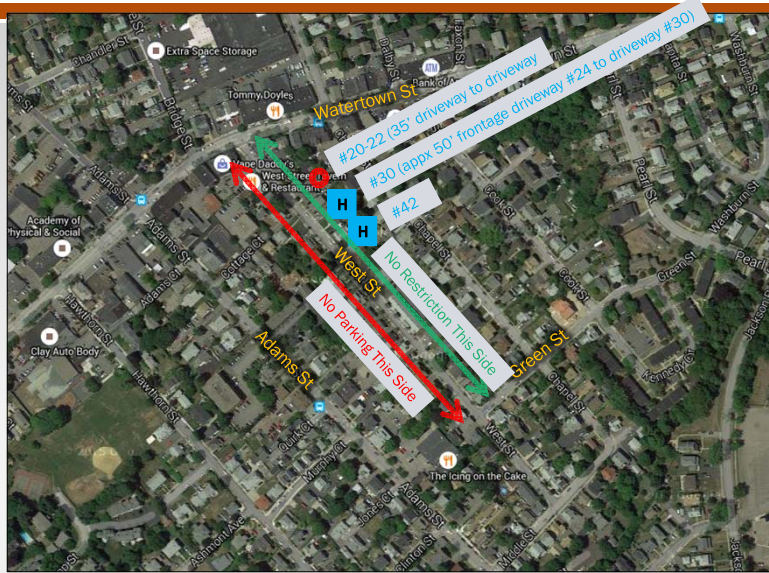
Request for a handicap parking space in front of 20 West Street

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Location Map

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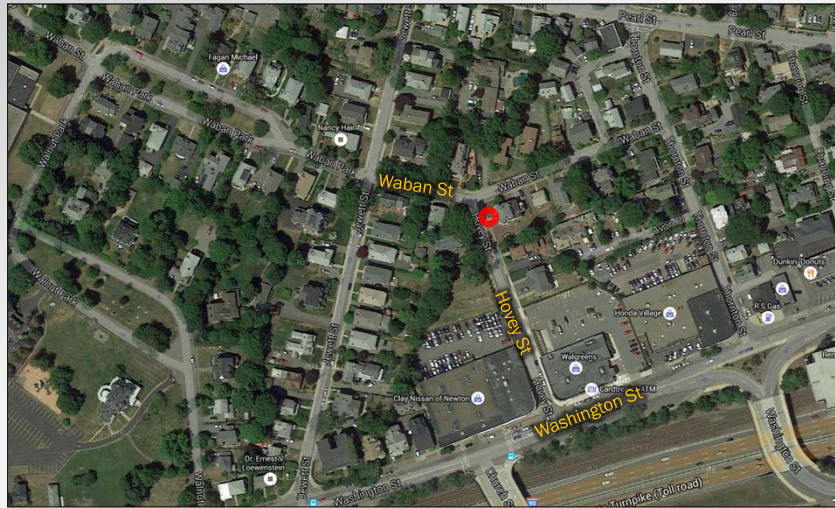




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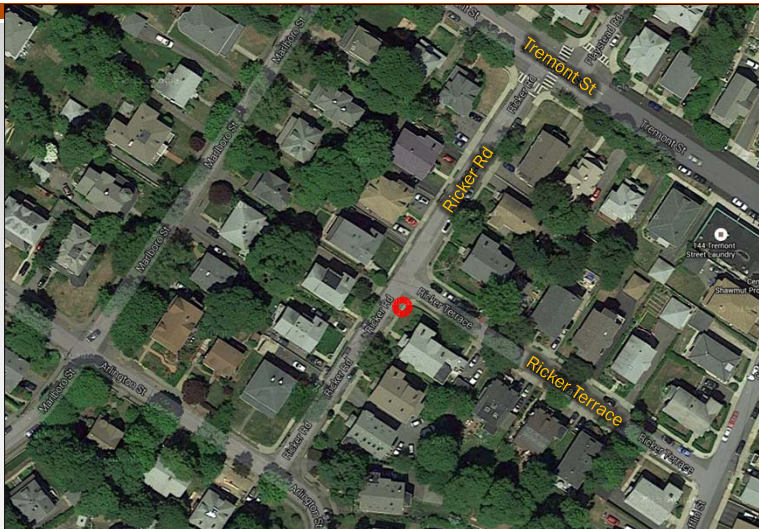
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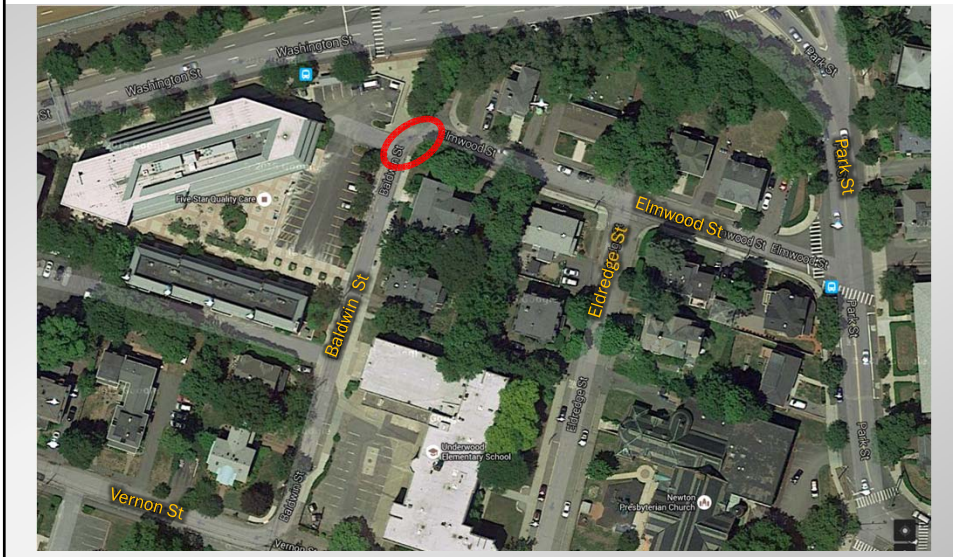
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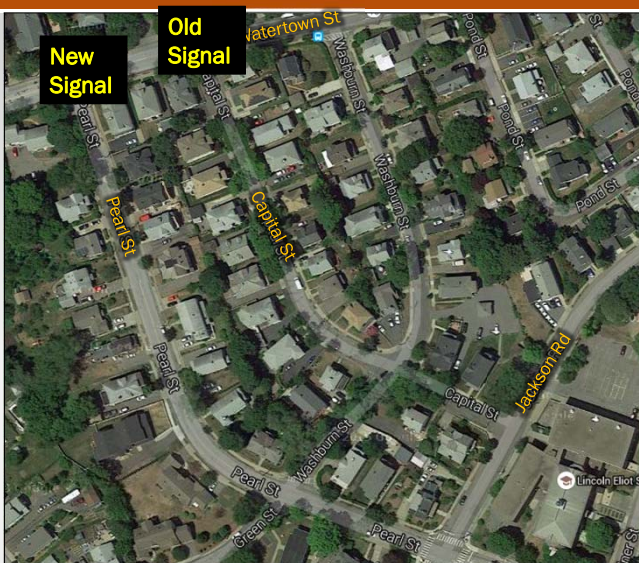
Requesting the addition of a traffic signal & removal of a stop sign at Pearl St & Watertown St
And requesting the addition of a stop sign & removal of a traffic signal at Capital St

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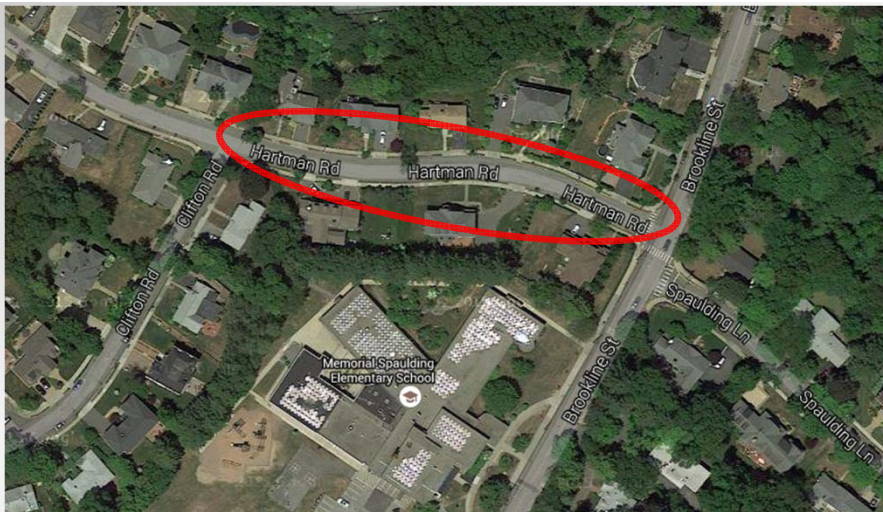
Changes to the traffic and parking regulations on Hartman Road

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