

CITY OF NEWTON
BOARD OF ALDERMEN
TRAFFIC COUNCIL REPORT
THURSDAY, MARCH 27, 2014

Present: Captain Marc Gromada, Newton Police Department; Ald. Ciccone; David Koses, Transportation Planner and Zach Bosch, Transportation Engineer
Absent: Jerome Grafe, Citizen Representative
Also Present: Ald. Lappin, Hess-Mahan and Fuller

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

TC75-13 SGT. BABCOCK, PATRICK BAXTER & DAVID KOSES, requesting consideration of adding stop signs at the intersection of Selwyn Road and Mildred Road. (Wards 6 & 8) [09/06/13 @ 2:55 PM] [Revised 11/04/13] HELD (4-0, Koses not voting) on 01/23/14

ACTION: APPROVE (4-0). Stop signs to be added to Selwyn Road at the intersection of Mildred Road, both approaches.

This item may be appealed through the close of business April 16, 2014.

NOTE: This item was held in January, for traffic count data to determine the best location of installing stop signs. The Department Public Works conducted traffic counts on January 22, 2014 between 8am - 9am. Traffic count data revealed the following information:
Selwyn Road - Approximately 20 vehicles traveled on Selwyn Road during this hour.
Mildred Road - Approximately 110 vehicles traveled on Mildred Road during this hour (majority of the traffic).

Mr. Bosch provided Council members with an area map, photos, traffic counts and the Manual on Uniform Traffic Control Devices (MUTCD) guidelines. He then stated that *one* of the following criteria must be met in order to authorize the installation of stop signs.

- a. The vehicular traffic volumes on the through street or highway exceed 6,000 vehicles per day;
- b. A restricted view exists that requires road users to stop in order to adequately observe conflicting traffic on the through street or highway; and/or
- c. Crash records indicate that three or more crashes that are susceptible to correction by the installation of a STOP sign have been reported within a 12-month period, or that five or more such crashes have been reported within a 2-year period. Such crashes include right-angle collisions involving road users on the minor-street approach failing to yield the right-of-way to traffic on the through street or highway.

Mr. Bosch stated that based on the MUTCD criteria, a stop sign meets one criteria (criteria b) therefore, he recommends the installation of stop signs on Selwyn Road at the intersection of Mildred Road. Based on field observations, it appears trees, fences and walls restrict sight

vision at both approaches requiring a driver to come to a complete stop in order to safely turn left or right onto Bellevue Street.

Mr. Koses opened the discussion to members of the public who were present. Ald. Lappin asked how many accidents have been reported at this location. Mr. Bosch answered that based on information provided by the Newton Police Department, there have been zero accidents reported at this intersection over the past two years. Ald. Lappin then asked if any neighbors have reached out to Traffic Council regarding this docket item. Mr. Koses answered that he has not received any concerns from neighbors, in favor or opposed regarding this recommendation.

Without discussion, Ald. Ciccone made the motion to approve stop signs at Selwyn Road at the intersection of Mildred Road, both approaches. Council members agreed 4-0. Mr. Koses stated that this item may be appealed through the close of business April 16, 2014.

TC90-13 SGT. BABCOCK, PATRICK BAXTER AND DAVID KOSES, requesting changes to the parking regulations on Florence Street between Route 9 and the Brookline Town Line. (Wards 7 & 8) [12/03/13 @ 1:30 PM]

ACTION: APPROVE (4-0). South Side restrictions (approximately): No parking from Boylston Street to 130' south of Boylston Street; Unrestricted parking from 130' south of Boylston Street to 245' south of Boylston Street; No Parking from 245' south of Boylston Street to the Newton City Limit. North Side restrictions (approximately): No Parking from Boylston Street to 250' south of Boylston Street; Unrestricted parking from 250' south of Boylston Street to 300' south of Boylston Street; No Parking from 300' south of Boylston Street to 330' south of Boylston Street; Unrestricted parking from 330' south of Boylston Street to 505' south of Boylston Street; No Parking from 505' south of Boylston Street to 545' south of Boylston Street; Unrestricted parking from 545' south of Boylston Street to 615' south of Boylston Street ; No Parking from 615' south of Boylston Street to the Newton City Limit.

This item may be appealed through the close of business April 16, 2014.

NOTE: Items TC90-13 and TC89-13 were discussed together. Summary follows in TC89-13.

TC89-13 SGT. BABCOCK, PATRICK BAXTER AND DAVID KOSES, requesting resident-only parking or another parking restriction on all or part of Louise Road and Craftsland Road. (Ward 8) [12/03/13 @ 1:30 PM]

ACTION: HELD (3-1, Ciccone opposed). Hold for trial of the following: resident permit parking, all times, all hours, all of Louise Road and all of Craftsland Road.

This item may be appealed through the close of business April 16, 2014.

NOTE: Items TC90-13 and TC89-13 were discussed together. Summary follows.

Mr. Koses stated that these items were docketed because of staff concerns regarding potential traffic, parking and safety issues in preparation of Wegmans opening in April 2014. During a site visit, Sgt. Babcock, Mr. Baxter and Mr. Koses discussed the possibilities and proactively decided to docket these items for Florence Street, Louise and Craftsland Roads to deter employees and shoppers parking up the area.

Mr. Bosch provided Council members with an area map, site photos and the various current parking conditions on Florence Street, Louise and Craftsland Roads. Florence Street currently has unrestricted parking and no parking anytime. Craftsland and Louise Roads are unrestricted parking. He then said that some signs posted on Florence Street are not listed in the Traffic and Parking Regulations. It is the intent to make the no parking signs legal and enforceable.

Mr. Koses stated that 538 notices were mailed to residents/property owners of these addresses. He then summarized the one e-mail received supporting parking regulations on Florence Street, on file. Mr. Koses then opened the discussion to members of the public who were present. Approximately five residents attended this evenings discussion and spoke expressing their concerns, questions, suggestions and requests.

TC90-13 (Florence Street)

Concerns

Residents stated that Florence Street is narrow and used as a cut-through street.

Questions

Residents asked what the Town of Brookline has implemented for a parking restriction. Mr. Bosch answered that Florence Street is unrestricted, both sides. Mr. Koses stated that Brookline would be notified of any Traffic Council decision made tonight.

Suggestions/Requests

Residents suggested posting the speed limit, suggested the installation of speed bumps hoping to deter speeders, conversion of Florence Street to a one-way street to reduce traffic and most residents stated that they support a no parking restriction on Florence Street.

Ald. Fuller suggested traffic and speed counts be performed in order to establish a baseline prior to Wegmans opening. Mr. Koses answered that he will make this suggestion to the Director of Transportation requesting that he add Florence Street to the list of items being reviewed for preliminary eligibility for speed studies. Ald. Lappin stated that she remembers speed counts being performed in 2010. Mr. Bosch and Koses agree that this information should be updated. Ald. Fuller then suggested keeping communication open with the Town of Brookline informing them of any decisions made tonight.

Without further discussion, Mr. Bosch made the above motion for TC90-13. Council members agreed 4-0. Mr. Koses stated that this item may be appealed through the close of business April 16, 2014.

TC89-13 (Louise Road and Craftsland Road)

Concerns

Residents stated that Louise Road is narrow, especially when cars park on both sides, parking can be challenging.

Questions

Residents asked how a permit program affects guests and contractor parking.

A Florence Street resident asked if he would be able to obtain a resident parking permit? Mr. Koses answered no; the Board of Aldermen would have to amend the current ordinance. Due to the language in the City Ordinance, states that residents are entitled to a resident permit if their

vehicle is garaged in the City at an address which borders a restricted area or which is contiguous to a lot that borders said restricted area of the resident permit parking program for every permit program in the City. Traffic Council does not have the authority to change City ordinance, but the Board of Aldermen, if they desire, could modify the City ordinance.

A resident asked if Wegmans were required to provide parking for employees and shoppers? Mr. Koses answered yes. Ald. Hess-Mahan answered yes; when their special permit was approved, garage parking was included for employees and shoppers based on square footage supplying enough parking for both. When the lease was signed, it became apparent that additional parking was necessary. The developer requested modification to the existing parking garage and was denied by the City.

Suggestions/Requests

Residents suggested implementing a parking restriction on Louise Road hoping to avoid accidents. Most residents stated that they support resident-only parking on Louise Road.

Mr. Koses briefly described the process of the resident-only parking plan including the cost. Each resident of Louise Road would be entitled to receiving two permits and two guest passes per household at a cost of \$25.00 per vehicle (guest passes are free).

Mr. Koses then stated that administratively the Department Public Works may restrict up to 50 feet of parking from an intersection at their discretion. Mr. Bosch answered that he will review this suggestion.

Ald. Fuller suggested holding this item for three to six months to see if Wegmans opening will negatively impact residents by parking on Louise and Craftsland Roads. A resident permit parking program also restricts residents, guests and contractors from parking in front of their homes. She then suggested Traffic Council consider a two-hour or four-hour parking restriction for thirty to sixty days hoping to deter employee and shopper parking. Captain Gromada stated that if a resident contacts the department when having large number of guests, consideration for parking will be given.

Ald. Lappin asked if Wegmans employees would be allow to park on site. Mr. Koses answered that he did not have this information available. Captain Gromada answered that he thought employees were to be shuttled. Ald. Lappin would prefer to discuss this item in the future, if parking becomes an issue. She agrees with Ald. Fuller and does not want to restrict parking unless it is necessary.

Council members discussed this request. They expressed their concerns and suggestions. Mr. Koses stated that there are less than 20 streets Citywide with resident permit parking. He asked if a resident permit parking plan is necessary and if a trial should be implemented? He then suggested implementing a two-hour trial to deter employee parking. Some residents feel that a two-hour restriction would be difficult to enforce. Captain Gromada agreed and stated that he cannot guarantee enforcement due to the lack of parking control officers.

Mr. Bosch stated that he is hesitant to restrict parking on Louise Road because it is a public road. Parking is allowed on both sides, crosswalk, it is a dead end road; speed should not be an issue but agrees the road may become parked up.

Mr. Koses asked if the Police Department would instill a temporary parking restriction if Traffic Council took no action. Captain Gromada answered no; it is not a safety issue.

Mr. Koses suggested implementing a trial of resident permit parking on Louise and Craftsland Roads. Captain Gromada stated that the trial would be free of cost to residents applying. Council members stated that it is concerning where employees and shoppers will park. Some members thought a trial of resident permit parking was extensive and asked if it is necessary.

Ald. Lappin suggested contacting Wegmans requesting employees be prohibited from parking on Louise Road. Ald. Hess-Mahan answered that it is necessary to post the road.

Most residents stated that they support and request that Traffic Council approve a trial of resident permit parking program.

Without further discussion, Mr. Bosch made the above motion for TC89-13, to hold for a trial of resident permit parking, all times, all hours, all of Louise Road and all of Craftsland Road. Council members agreed 3-1, Ald. Ciccone opposed. Mr. Koses stated that this item may be appealed through the close of business April 16, 2014.

Please Note: On April 1, 2014, a letter was mailed to residents of Craftsland Road and Louise Road notifying them of Traffic Council's decision implementing a trial of resident permit parking on Louise and Craftsland Road set to begin in April. Attached to this report.

TC5-14 WILLIAM ZHANG, 30 Highland Avenue, Unit 1, requesting a parking restriction change on Walnut Place to exclude evening hours and weekends as part of the Newtonville Neighborhood Parking District Plan. (Ward 2)
[02/03/14 @ 3:52 PM]

ACTION: **NO ACTION NECESSARY (4-0)**

NOTE: Mr. Bosch said that the Newtonville permit parking plan currently restricts parking to residents on Walnut Place all days, all times. He provided Council members with photos and options that members could consider if the parking restriction is changed on Walnut Place. The four options provide consistency with the streets included in the program.

- 1) No parking any time.
- 2) Two-hour limit except by Newtonville permit, 8-4, school days.
- 3) Newtonville permit parking only, 8-4, school days.
- 4) Newtonville permit parking only, all days, all times.

Mr. Koses opened the discussion to members of the public who were present. Linda Zhang, daughter of the petitioner spoke stating that this item was docketed because permit parking all days, all times is too restrictive on Walnut Place. She is hopeful evening hours and weekends will be excluded. She is not in favor of option 2 or option 3. Ms. Zhang then indicated that

signs posted on Walnut Place reflect 'Newtonville Senior Center Permit Parking'. She stated that her father has obtained necessary parking permits, but did not receive the two free guest passes. Mr. Koses answered that this is an error. The sign should not reflect Newtonville Senior Center Permit Parking. He asked if a sign was posted on Walnut Place reflecting staff parking or if a sign was posted in the Senior Center parking lot. Ms. Zhang answered that she has noticed the sign posted on the road. Mr. Koses clarified to her that a Newtonville Permit Parking sign does not refer to Senior Center staff. He then said that the Zhang's should have obtained two free guest passes when their permits were issued and suggested that they return to the Police Department to receive them. Mr. Koses said that as an abutter, residents of Highland Avenue are entitled to receive permits.

Approximately four residents attended this evenings discussion and spoke expressing their concerns, questions, suggestions and requests.

Concerns

One resident said that the Senior Center has been issued five permits to park on Walnut Place. Residents stated that they are concerned because Walnut Place is narrow; the bend of the curve is difficult to navigate especially when vehicles are parked. It is difficult for trash and delivery trucks to make the curve and drivers ride on neighbors grass. Vehicles are parking the wrong way and plows are not properly moving snow. Winter exasperates these issues and it is a safety issue.

Questions

A resident asked if the Senior Center allows residents to use their parking lot on weekends.

Suggestions/Requests

A resident requested removal of the Newtonville permit parking only, all days, all times, because it is too restrictive and supports changing the current restriction to exclude evening hours and weekends as docketed.

Council members discussed this request. They expressed their concerns and suggestions. Captain Gromada answered that the Senior Center is closed on weekends and perhaps would be open to making it available to residents. He suggested residents contact the Police Department when vehicles are parked incorrectly or to request consideration of parking when having large number of guests. He then suggested residents to contact the Department Public Works with snow plowing operations. Mr. Koses said that a request could be made to the Senior Center requesting they allow residents to park in their lot.

Mr. Koses stated that a goal of the comprehensive parking plan is to create small parking restrictions as Mr. Bosch presented. The permit parking plan currently restricts residents from parking on Walnut Place all days, all times. The intent of the program is to allow residents and Senior Center staff the ability to park and to deter others.

Ald. Ciccone asked the width of Walnut Place. Mr. Bosch did not have measurements available, other than it is a narrow road. Ald. Ciccone then said that Sgt. Babcock perhaps may restrict parking allowing emergency vehicle access, especially ambulances and fire trucks. Mr. Koses suggested restricting parking at the curves and request the Fire Department conduct a trial run.

Committee members were not in favor of changing the current parking restriction. Without further discussion, Ald. Ciccone made the motion for no action necessary. Council members agreed 4-0. Mr. Koses explained the vote of no action necessary. He said that the request may be submitted to the Traffic Council for reconsideration again at any time but is no longer an active petition.

TC6-14 ALD. HESS-MAHAN, on behalf of Mary Potere, 18 Inis Circle requesting a partial parking restriction on Inis Circle to address safety concerns especially on weekends and when the Second Church is hosting events. (Ward 3) [02/25/14 @ 11:30 AM]

ACTION: NO ACTION NECESSARY (4-0)

NOTE: Mr. Bosch said that Inis Circle is 29 feet wide. There are four homes with driveways fronting Inis Circle and a fire hydrant is located on the southbound side of the street approximately 60 feet from the intersection of Highland Street.

Mr. Koses summarized the three emails received, on file. He then opened the discussion to members of the public who were present. Ms. Potere, petitioner provided Council members with photos, on file. The photos depict vehicles parking up the area and blocking driveways especially on weekends and when the church is hosting special events. She stated that it is difficult for trash trucks and emergency vehicles to maneuver. Winter exasperates these issues. Most recently, she has contacted the Police Department who has ticketed vehicles obstructing driveways. It appears that the church parking lot remains empty and church attendees are parking on Inis Circle. She is hopeful that Traffic Council will approve a partial parking restriction on one side of Inis Circle and a parking restriction on the sharp curve.

Approximately four residents attended this evenings discussion all in support of a partial parking restriction. Residents spoke expressing their concerns, suggestions and requests.

Concerns

A resident stated that parking became an issue when Traffic Council approved no parking, west side, Highland Street between the Massachusetts Turnpike and Temple Street. A concern of residents is that this winter, large amounts of snow have narrowed the entrance to Inis Circle, on the north side.

Suggestions/Requests

A resident suggested restricting parking at the entrance to Inis Circle closest to Highland Street to allow for emergency vehicle access. A resident suggested implementing a parking restriction on one side of Inis Circle. If parking is restricted on both sides of Inis Circle, drivers will park in front of homes. A suggestion was made requesting Police details when the church is hosting large events.

Ald. Hess-Mahan stated that parking became an issue when Traffic Council approved no parking, west side, Highland Street between the Massachusetts Turnpike and Temple Street because of emergency vehicle access difficulties on Highland Street. A verbal agreement was made between the church and local bank to allow church attendees parking on weekends; this is working well. Inis Circle appears to be the place where everyone chooses to park. Parked cars and large amounts of snow this season have made Inis Circle especially narrow at the entrance

of the street making it difficult to park. He then said that he has witnessed trash truck difficulties when cars are parked on both sides. The MBTA parking lots provide ample parking, they were once 100% utilized but since the implementation of a \$4.00 per day fee; they are now underutilized and it appears commuters are parking on local streets.

Ald. Hess-Mahan then stated that he is hesitant to restrict parking on public streets and understands residents' concerns. He suggests eliminating on the north side the least number of parking spaces and on the south side restrict parking. There will be times when parking demand will be extremely high due to church events.

Council members discussed this request. They expressed their concerns and suggestions. It appears parking issues are at the entrance to Inis Circle. Mr. Bosch said that administratively the Department Public Works may restrict parking 50 feet from an intersection.

Mr. Koses made the motion no parking here to corner on the north side based on the Engineer's judgment in order to make Inis Circle safe without eliminating a large number of parking spaces (75 feet easterly on the south side). Mr. Bosch said this would only leave three parking spaces on the street. Mr. Koses withdrew his motion suggesting Department Public Works restrict parking 50 feet from the intersection. Mr. Koses stated that Inis Circle is not a narrow street, it is 29 feet wide, and the street can accommodate parking on both sides. It appears the issue is at the entrance to Inis Circle. Captain Gromada stated that it is the way drivers park, parking too far from the curb. This is a ticketable offense and they can be towed because they are not legally parked and it is difficult for emergency vehicles.

Without further discussion, Mr. Koses made the motion for no action necessary with the understanding that Department Public Works will restrict parking 50 feet from the intersection for safety measures. Council members agreed 4-0. Ald. Hess-Mahan asked that the neighbors be notified that no action was taken on this item and the Department Public Works will restrict parking 50 feet from the intersection.

- TC7-14 DAVID KOSES, requesting the following changes to TPR-205(c), in order to make the Traffic and Parking Regulations consistent with the current program operation: (Ward 2) [03/10/14 @ 9:01 AM]
1. Change from: Oakwood Road (Woodside Road to Upland Road) to: Oakwood Road;
 2. Change from: Bullough Park (Mill Street to Berkshire Road) to: Bullough Park (Dexter Road to Berkshire Road);
 3. Add Walnut Street between Commonwealth Avenue and Walnut Place;
 4. Add: Forest Avenue (Otis Street to Hull Street);
 5. Add: Leonard Avenue;
 6. Add: Greylock Road;
 7. Remove: Upland Road; and
 8. Change from: Trowbridge Avenue to: Trowbridge Avenue (public and private portions)

ACTION: APPROVE (4-0). The following changes to be made to TPR-204(c): Change from: Oakwood Road (Woodside Road to Upland Road) to: Oakwood Road; Change from: Bullough Park (Mill Street to Berkshire Road) to: Bullough Park (Dexter Road to Berkshire Road); Add: Forest Avenue (Otis Street to Hull Street); Add: Leonard Avenue; Add: Greylock Road; Remove: Upland Road; and Change from: Trowbridge Avenue to: Trowbridge Avenue (public and private portions)

This item may be appealed through the close of business April 16, 2014.

NOTE: Mr. Koses stated that these changes are necessary in order to make the Traffic and Parking Regulations (TPR) consistent with the current Newtonville Neighborhood Parking District Plan. These streets have joined, opted out or requested changes in the parking plan. Bullet #3 (add Walnut Street between Commonwealth Avenue and Walnut Place) is an error and will not be taken into consideration because it is included in the TPR.

Without discussion, Ald. Ciccone made the motion to approve these items (except bullet #3) as suggested. Council members agreed 4-0. Mr. Koses stated that this item may be appealed through the close of business April 16, 2014.

Respectfully submitted,

David Koses, Traffic Council Chair

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Selwyn Road & Mildred Road
 Request for New Stop Signs

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Location Map

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Site Photos

Mildred Road

Mildred Rd Looking NW

Mildred Rd Looking SE

Selwyn Rd Looking SW

Selwyn Road

Selwyn Rd Looking NE

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Traffic Counts at Selwyn @ Mildred

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Traffic Counts taken Wednesday, Jan 22nd 8:00-9:00 am

Left: 0	Left: 4	Left: 1
Thru: 42	Thru: 1	Thru: 61
Right: 1	Right: 4	Right: 5

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Guidance

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Section 2B.06 STOP Sign Application

At intersections where a full stop is not necessary at all times, consideration should first be given to using less restrictive measures such as YIELD signs (see Sections 2B.08 and 2B.09). The use of STOP signs on the minor-street approaches should be considered if engineering judgment indicates that a stop is always required because of one or more of the following conditions:

- A. *The vehicular traffic volumes on the through street or highway exceed 6,000 vehicles per day;*
- B. *A restricted view exists that requires road users to stop in order to adequately observe conflicting traffic on the through street or highway; and/or*
- C. *Crash records indicate that three or more crashes that are susceptible to correction by the installation of a STOP sign have been reported within a 12-month period, or that five or more such crashes have been reported within a 2-year period. Such crashes include right-angle collisions involving road users on the minor-street approach falling to yield right-of-way to traffic on the through street or highway.*

- ❖ **Criteria A:** Based on observations, both streets are considered to be a low-volume road (i.e. <1200 vpd).
- ❖ **Criteria B:** Based on field observations, it appears that both approaches are restricted by shrubs and walls that would require a driver to come to a complete stop in order to safely turn left/right onto Bellevue.
- ❖ **Criteria C:** Based on information provided by NPD, there have been no accidents reported at either intersection over the last year.

Recommendation




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 Florence Street
 Request for changes to the parking regulations

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Site Photos where parking is allowed




Southbound Florence St at Boylston



Yellow zone is signed No Parking



No Parking near Service Entrance



Unrestricted area Northbound Florence St
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Site Photos where no parking exists

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Northbound Florence St at Louise Rd



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Louise Road and Craftsland Road

Request for resident-only parking or another parking restriction

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Walnut Place

Request for parking restriction change


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Walnut Place

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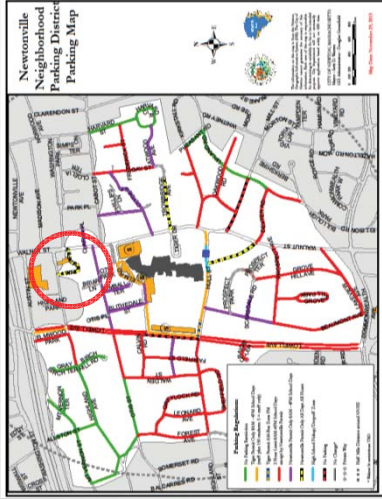
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Newtonville Parking Plan

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Private Streets:

- Briar Lane
- Forest Avenue (South)
- Gibson Lane
- Otis Park
- Otis Place
- Phillips Lane
- Prospect Park
- Prospect Terrace
- Russel Court
- Scarsdale Road
- Trowbridge Avenue (East)

Newtonville Parking Plan Options

TC5-14

- 1) No parking any time
- 2) Two-hour limit except by Newtonville permit, 8-4, school days
- 3) Newtonville permit parking only, 8-4, school days
- 4) Newtonville permit parking only, all days, all times)

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Inis Circle



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Site Photos



- 29' Wide
- 4 homes with driveways fronting Inis Circle
- Fire hydrant approx. 60' from intersection

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Requesting changes to TPR-205(c)

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4. TC5-14 WILLIAM ZHANG, 30 Highland Avenue, Unit 1, requesting a parking restriction change on Walnut Place to exclude evening hours and weekends as part of the Newtonville Neighborhood Parking District Plan.

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- Change from: Oakwood Road (Woodside Road to Upland Road) to: Oakwood Road;
- Add: Leonard Avenue ;
- Add: Greylock Road ;
- Change from: Bullough Park (Mill Street to Berkshire Road) to: Bullough Park (Dexter Road to Berkshire Road);
- Remove: Upland Road ;
- Add Walnut Street between Commonwealth Avenue and Walnut Place;
- Change from: Trowbridge Avenue to: Trowbridge Avenue (public and private portions)
- Add: Forest Avenue (Otis Street to Hull Street) ;

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March 31, 2014

Dear Resident,

This letter is to inform you of the changes to the parking regulations on Louise Road and on Craftsland Road in Newton that will occur within the next 30 days. In anticipation of increased parking demand in the area, the following item was docketed at the Newton Traffic Council:

TC89-13 SGT. BABCOCK, PATRICK BAXTER AND DAVID KOSES, requesting resident-only parking or another parking restriction on all or part of Louise Road and Craftsland Road.

At the March 27, 2014 meeting, the Traffic Council discussed the above item, and voted to undertake a **TRIAL of RESIDENT PERMIT PARKING ON LOUISE ROAD AND CRAFTSLAND ROAD**, set to begin in April.

Once "resident only" parking signs are posted on Louise Road and on Craftsland Road, any vehicle that parks on Louise Road or on Craftsland Road must display a resident parking permit, or a visitor parking permit, in order to avoid being ticketed.

Residents living on Louise Road and on Craftsland Road in Newton are eligible to obtain up to two resident parking permits for vehicles registered to addresses on the street. In addition, one visitor permit is available per household during the trial period. To obtain your resident parking permits and/or visitor pass, once signs are posted, please go to the Newton Traffic Bureau. The Traffic Bureau is located at 25 Chestnut Street in West Newton (near Washington Street). The telephone number is 617-796-2106. You will need to provide proof of residence on the street, such as Massachusetts driver's license, as well as automobile registration, a lease or utility bill.

Since this is a **TRIAL**, there will be no charge to residents to obtain resident parking permits during the trial period (the annual fee is normally \$25 per vehicle). Visitor permits are currently free of charge. After the trial period, Traffic Council will meet once again to discuss the results of the trial with residents, and will vote on a permanent parking restriction for Louise Road and Craftsland Road. You will be notified via US Mail 1-2 weeks prior to the scheduled Traffic Council meeting. At that point, if resident permit parking is to be made permanent, an annual \$25 fee per permit will apply, and up to two visitor permits per household will be available.

For further questions, please contact David Koses, Transportation Planning Coordinator, at 617-796-1133, or the Traffic Bureau at 617-796-2106.

Sincerely,

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