

CITY OF NEWTON
BOARD OF ALDERMEN
TRAFFIC COUNCIL REPORT

THURSDAY, MARCH 28, 2013

Present: Sgt. Jay Babcock, Newton Police Department; Patrick Baxter, Transportation Engineer; Ald. Ciccone; Ald. Harney; Jerome Grafe, Citizen Representative and David Koses, Transportation Planner

Also Present: Ald. Albright, Hess-Mahan, Johnson, Lennon, Linsky, Swiston, Captain Marc Gromada, Newton Police Department and Principal Brian Turner, Day Middle School

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

TC43-12 ALD. HARNEY & SANGIOLO, on behalf on the Burr School and local residents, the following items: 1) No U-Turn in the entire school zone on Pine Street in Auburndale; 2) No Parking between signs on the Washburn Avenue curve; 3) No parking between signs at the intersection of Washburn Avenue and Pine Street; and 4) request to DPW for re-painting areas in the Burr School Zone. (Ward 4) [10/04/12 @ 4:02 PM]

ACTION: APPROVED 5-0, Ald. Ciccone recused, Ald. Harney voting
(1) No U-Turn in the entire school zone on Pine Street. This item may be appealed through the close of business April 17, 2013; (2) No parking along the radius of the curve along Washburn Avenue west of Pine Street. This item may be appealed through the close of business April 17, 2013.

NOTE: Ald. Harney said that this item was docketed at the request of the Burr School community in order to increase safety and alleviate some traffic and parking issues in the Burr School area. He then provided Council members with photos and a report summarizing the problems, traffic safety issues and suggestions for possible solutions from the Safe Routes Team, on file.

Mr. Baxter provided Council members with background information, various parking restrictions and photos. He addressed requests numbers 1 and 2. It is not necessary for Traffic Council to take action on requests numbers 3 and 4. Mr. Baxter said that the school zone observations prove that parents make u-turns after picking up or dropping off students. The roadway network requires northbound parents to continue up Pine Street to River Street. The existing pavement markings are in adequate condition. Washburn Avenue is 24' wide; curve in roadway allows parking both sides outside of school days, south side all days. There are no parking restrictions at the intersection with Pine Street.

Mr. Koses opened the discussion for public comment. Approximately four residents were present for this discussion. The discussion stressed their concerns at Washburn Avenue and Newell Road due to the blind curve and one-way travel, emergency vehicle access and trash

pickups. Residents have difficulty entering their driveways because drivers park on the inside turn because there is no parking on the opposite side.

Tricia Bombara, Burr School Safe Routes Coordinator explained the reasons for the four requests. 1) Drivers often attempt to reverse direction on Pine Street after picking up/dropping off, creating conflicts with traffic flow and endangering pedestrians. 2) Parking is legal on the south side of Washburn Avenue. Cars approaching from Newell Road and Orris Street around the sharp curve on Washburn Avenue narrow the road creating a blind curve blocking two-way traffic, especially the bus. 3) Cars parked on the legal side of Washburn Avenue directly opposite the intersection with Pine Street make turning difficult, especially for the bus. 4) Repaint all yellow curbing in the No-Parking and Bus areas; repaint Blue Zones and bus box.

Ald. Harney made the motion to approve 1) No U-Turn in the entire school zone on Pine Street. (2) No parking along the radius of the curve along Washburn Avenue west of Pine Street. Council members agreed 5-0, Ald. Ciccone recused. Mr. Koses said that these items may be appealed through the close of business April 17, 2013.

Mr. Baxter stated that the Department Public Works would administratively post this intersection as no parking 50 feet from the intersection of Washburn Avenue and Pine Street. He then said that Department Public Works would repaint the curbing in the Burr School Zone.

TC49-12 KARIN WOOD, 77 Studio Road, requesting consideration of change to parking restrictions on Studio Road or consideration of Resident Permit Parking Only on Studio Road. (Ward 4) [11/21/12 @ 3:09 PM]

ACTION: **APPROVED 5-0. Resident permit parking along the paved portion of Studio Road, southwestern portion only. This item may be appealed through the close of business April 17, 2013.**

NOTE: Ms. Wood attended tonight's discussion. She said that she docketed this item because when Lasell College students park on both sides of Studio Road it makes it difficult for residents to park in front of their homes without encouraging student parking. Mr. Koses said that two e-mails were received supporting this request, on file.

Mr. Baxter provided Council members with background information and an area map. Studio Road is a private roadway abutting Lasell College. The majority of the roadway is not paved and is 22 feet wide. The current restriction is no parking, both sides, entire length of Studio Road. Homes are on one side, Lasell College dormitories are located on the opposite side. As it is a private way, residents own the area in front of their home to the middle of the street. Field observations indicate 1 to 3 vehicles park along the east side of the roadway at the south end, likely for the adjacent childcare center.

Mr. Koses said that residents are being ticketed for parking on their own property because the Traffic and Parking Regulations (TPR) states there is no parking on Studio Road and this is what is being enforced. Traffic Council could consider the request of approving Resident Permit Parking Only making it an enforceable and ticketed offense. He then suggested Resident permit parking along the paved portion of Studio Road, southwestern portion only, changing the TPR

making it enforceable. Students would not be eligible for a permit because their vehicles are not registered to residences on Studio Road, this would allow residents the ability to park in front of their homes.

Ald. Ciccone made the motion to approve resident permit parking along the paved portion of Studio Road, southwestern portion only. Council members agreed 5-0. Mr. Koses said that this item may be appealed through the close of business April 17, 2013.

TC35-12 ALD. SWISTON & FULLER, on behalf of Michael Berk, 87 Highland Street, requesting a "No Parking" restriction on Highland Street, both sides, between the Massachusetts Turnpike to Temple Street. (Ward 3) [08/28/12 @ 10:19 AM]

ACTION: APPROVED AS AMENDED 4-0 (Ciccone not voting). No parking, west side, Highland Street between the Massachusetts Turnpike and Temple Street. This item may be appealed through the close of business April 17, 2013.

NOTE: Ald. Swiston and Hess-Mahan joined Council members for discussion on this item. Ald. Swiston said that she requests this item be amended to a no parking restriction on Highland Street, *one side*, between the Massachusetts Turnpike to Temple Street as recommended by the Police Department and Department Public Works. Ald. Hess-Mahan agreed and stated that the Aldermen and Police Department met to understand the reasons why the Police Department implemented a temporary restriction. Mr. Koses said that in October 2012, the Police Department requested the installation of temporary no parking signs on the west side of Highland Street due to safety concerns.

Mr. Berk said that this item was docketed due to safety reasons. Drivers are parking on both sides of Highland Street making it difficult to travel, especially school buses, emergency vehicles and large trucks. The Police Department recommends prohibiting parking on one side hoping to resolve the issues and supports their recommendation.

Mr. Baxter provided Council members with background information and recommendations. Highland Street is 28 feet wide, sufficient for two travel lanes and safe parking on one side. The steep grade is 10%. On street parking is utilized by church visitors on the east side. Typically, there are 3-4 cars parked on weekdays. The Police Department has restricted parking on the west side. Mr. Baxter recommends making the west side no parking restriction permanent, no changes to east side parking and recommends shifting roadway centerline accordingly.

Sgt. Babcock stated that the Police Department implemented this restriction immediately after observing dangerous and difficult situations for emergency vehicles that were experiencing difficulty when traveling with vehicles parked on both sides of Highland Street. He observed vehicles not yielding for emergency vehicles. He said that residents, the Second Church and the Second Church Nursery School have driveways that they can fully utilize.

Mr. Koses opened the discussion for public comment. Approximately thirteen residents were present for this discussion. The discussion stressed their concerns and some feel that parking on both sides has not been an issue until recently. One resident said that the restriction has made the situation worse for children, handicap and elderly members attending the congregation. West

Newton businesses would also be impacted. Some residents felt that if this restriction were approved drivers would park on neighboring streets, impacting them. Some residents support the restriction becoming permanent; others do not. They expressed difficulty entering and exiting their driveways due to site obstruction when cars are parked on both sides. One resident said that since the implementation of the restriction he has observed a significant improvement for safety. A suggestion was made to install speed bumps or additional speed limit signs.

Ald. Hess-Mahan said that the two area MBTA parking lots provide parking for approximately 205 cars. The lots 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. He suggests additional studies be performed to observe neighborhood impacts.

Ald. Swiston, Ald. Hess-Mahan and Council members understand residents' concerns, and that restricting parking on Highland Street would perhaps impact neighboring streets. However, they fully support the Police Departments immediate action to prohibit parking on one-side for safety measures. Mr. Koses said that perhaps a comprehensive parking plan would benefit West Newton. Mr. Grafe said that he supports this request. He briefly described the Transportation Advisory Group (TAG), which has implemented Transportation Advisory Committee (TAC) recommendations in hopes that abutters of nearby streets of West Newton can benefit and have their parking issues and concerns addressed.

Mr. Baxter said that he supports the Police Department's decision and made the motion to approve as amended no parking, west side, Highland Street between the Massachusetts Turnpike and Temple Street. Council members agreed 4-0, Ald. Ciccone not voting. Mr. Koses said that this item may be appealed through the close of business April 17, 2013.

TC9-13 DAVID KOSES, on behalf of the Day Middle School, requesting the following (a) changes to the parking restrictions on Walnut Street between Crafts Street and Linwood Avenue; (b) changes to the parking restrictions on Crafts Street between Walnut Street and Linwood Avenue. (Wards 1 & 2) [03/13/13 @ 4:38 PM]

ACTION: **NO ACTION NECESSARY 4-0 (Ciccone not voting).**

NOTE: Ald. Linsky, Johnson, Albright, Lennon, Captain Marc Gromada, Newton Police Department and Principal Brian Turner, Day Middle School joined Council members for discussion of this item.

Mr. Baxter provided Council members with background information, alternative options, various parking restrictions and the average observed parking occupancy. In October 2012, Traffic Council recommended to consider shifting school bus drop-off zone on Albemarle Road. This was not implemented after discussions with School Department staff. The Day Middle School previously had 42 spaces, with construction; the number of spaces was reduced to 35 spaces. There will be 43 spaces when construction is complete.

Mr. Baxter provided two alternative options for consideration as follows:

Option 1

Consider allowing parking on Walnut Street, east side, between Linwood Avenue and Crafts Street along park frontage. The roadway is 40 feet wide, allowing sufficient room for two-way traffic and parking on both sides.

Option 2

Consider allowing parking on Crafts Street between Linwood Avenue and Walnut Street along one side only. The north side (currently has no parking restrictions) which would allow residents to park in front of their homes, however would impact sight distance from driveways. The south side would allow more total spaces due to the lack of driveways, however is less convenient for residents. The centerline of roadway would be shifted accordingly to allow safe two-way travel with parking. Currently westbound vehicles have to cross the centerline to pass legally parked cars. He then said that parking is necessary for approximately 75 staff members and the parking lot is 100% utilized. Mr. Baxter would support option 1 because Walnut Street is 40 feet wide and allows safe parking. Parked cars act as traffic calming measures to deter speeders and teachers would be able to cross safely.

Ald. Johnson stated she does not support this request. She said that the area is very congested and Crafts Street is dangerous to cross. She asked how many parking spaces are necessary for staff. It is concerning to hear that teachers/staff do not want to park on Albemarle Road, even though it is plowed and shoveled because they feel it is too far of a walk. She then said that residents should not be burdened by this request and feels that parking on Walnut Street or Crafts Street is not the solution. Ald. Albright said that she feels Traffic Council should not have to solve parking issues; it should be the School Departments responsibility. Ald. Linsky agreed and said that the School Department should be requesting a parking management plan.

Two e-mails were received on this item, on file. Mr. Koses opened the discussion for public comment. Approximately three residents were present for this discussion. The discussion stressed their concerns and said that the area is dangerous, especially on Sundays when the Newton Chinese Language School is open. They agree staff should utilize Albemarle Road for parking. They are opposed to this request and stated that a long-term solution is necessary; changing parking restrictions in the area is only a short-term fix.

Captain Gromada stated that staff should utilize Albemarle Road for their parking needs. Albemarle Road is closer to park than at the Education Center and opposes this request.

Mr. Koses said that this item was re-docketed to provide different alternatives to Day Middle School parking needs.

Principal Turner said that there are 36 parking spaces on site for approximately 150 staff. Unfortunately, staff park where they choose; they are also parking at the Education Center because of the close distance and convenience because the Day Middle School opens prior to the Education Center. Currently there are five buses that drop-off/pick-up students and it is anticipated that there will be six buses next year as the school continues to grow. He would be grateful for any additional parking.

Sgt. Babcock stated that Albemarle Road should be considered as a solution because it allows safe parking for 35 vehicles. He is opposed to this request and feels residents should not be burdened. He made the motion for no action necessary on this request. He agrees that Day Middle School parking issues are the School Departments responsibility. Ald. Lennon agrees that Albemarle Road should be utilized to its fullest potential.

Ald. Johnson said that a comprehensive parking plan is necessary in this neighborhood and can be accomplished. She stated that she would docket an item to create a traffic and parking management plan for the Education Center, Day Middle School, Carr School and the Horace Mann Elementary School.

Mr. Koses said that the administration has requested approximately twenty additional parking spaces, which may be accommodated on Walnut Street and Crafts Street, since they are closer to the school than any other options. Staff can already park on Crafts Street, but choose not to, possibly because of the centerline (if parking were limited to one side, the centerline could be relocated, thus providing a more secure parking zone). Mr. Baxter suggested a trial of relocating the drop-off/pick-up zone. Mr. Grafe and Koses agreed. Sgt. Babcock and Ald. Johnson disagreed.

Captain Gromada stated that the Police Department does not support this request. Parking in the triangle would not work especially on Sundays when the Newton Chinese Language School is open. The Day Middle School is the only middle school in the City with a crossing guard and he would eliminate the crossing guard if the drop-off/pick-up zone were relocated. Mr. Baxter withdrew his suggestion of a trial relocating the drop-off/pick-up zone if the crossing guard would be eliminated.

Sgt. Babcock made the motion for no action necessary on this request. Council members agreed 4-0, Ald. Ciccone not voting.

TC39-12 ALD. LENNON, on behalf of Dominic Proia, 17 Peabody Street, requesting a discussion about allowing only residents of Peabody Street to participate in the established resident permit parking area on Peabody Street in order to alleviate ongoing parking problems. (Ward 1) [09/20/12 @ 2:01 PM]

ACTION: **NO ACTION NECESSARY 4-0 (Ciccone not voting).**

NOTE: Ald. Lennon and Mr. Proia joined Council members for discussion on this item.

Ald. Lennon said that he docketed this item as a discussion for Traffic Council to understand resident parking permit issues on Peabody Street as a request from Mr. Proia who explained to him that residents are experiencing parking difficulties. Peabody Street residents were allowed to participate in the resident permit program because commuters, patrons and merchants were parking up the area. Ald. Lennon said that the City of Newton Ordinance states that residents are entitled to a resident permit if their vehicle is garaged in the City of Newton at an address which borders a restricted area or which is contiguous to a lot that borders said restricted area. Peabody Street allows permit parking for approximately fourteen cars on the east side with many curb cuts; the west side has a no parking restriction. Ald. Lennon asks if a restricted area can be

modified, the entire area or if City Ordinance needs to be amended to delete “contiguous to a lot” provision. Ald. Lennon stated he spoke with Asst. City Solicitor Lawlor who indicated to him that sizes of a permit area could be specified or modified.

Mr. Proia provided Council members with photos, on file. He said that Peabody Street has nine homes and approximately 12-14 parking spaces. Peabody Street is parked up 24 hours per day, 7 days per week. It appears that tenants from #337 Washington Street are parking up the area and park their vehicles for days at a time. #337 Washington Street has eighteen units with no parking. Winter exasperates parking issues especially when the winter parking ban is lifted in April.

Mr. Koses said that resident permit parking does not allow permit holders to override the overnight parking ban during the winter months. He then said that tenants of #337 Washington Street were not notified because he was unaware they were affected. City ordinance allows them to apply for resident permits to park on Peabody Street.

Mr. Baxter provided Council members with background information and the various parking restrictions. Peabody Street is 22 feet wide, allowing safe parking on one side. Peabody Street provides an established “Resident Permit Parking Only” program. Field observations prove that parking is observed to be 50 to 60 percent utilized during the day and evening hours. Mr. Baxter then explained permit eligibility. He said that the City of Newton Ordinance indicates for permit eligibility a vehicle that is principally garaged in the City of Newton at an address which borders a restricted area or which is contiguous to a lot that borders said restricted area. The owner of a motor vehicle principally garaged at a lot, which is contiguous to the rear lot line of a non-corner lot bordering the restricted area, will not be entitled to a sticker.

Mr. Koses opened the discussion for public comment. Three residents were present for this discussion. Residents said that cars double-park, park illegally, park on the sidewalks, visitors’ park for free and arrive at 6am to park the entire day or days at a time. They asked how many permits have been issued. Mr. Koses and Sgt. Babcock could not provide this information. Mr. Koses suggested visitor passes in the City ordinances can be amended to have a maximum amount of days they may park.

Ald. Lennon stated that balance is necessary and suggested issuing permits to Peabody Street residents first. Mr. Koses briefly explained the Newtonville Neighborhood Parking District Permit Parking Program addressed specific problems. He suggested creating a comprehensive parking plan for this neighborhood. Ald. Lennon asked if residents of #337 Washington Street should be notified prior to continuing discussion. Ald. Lennon then referenced a memo from the Law Department indicating ‘one possibility to remove by Ordinance amendment the contiguous corner lot eligibility language or modify the language in order for Traffic Council can decide if such a lot is eligible on a case-by-case basis’. Mr. Koses said that Traffic Council does not have the authority to change City ordinance or to remove parking permits, but the Board of Aldermen, if they desire, could modify the City ordinance and notify the residents. Ald. Lennon then said that he was not aware that Traffic Council could not make modifications and asked if they would vote to refer this item to the Public Safety & Transportation Committee allowing him the opportunity to inquire with the Police Department the number of permits issued and request

clarification from the Law Department. Mr. Koses suggested to Ald. Lennon that he docket this item before the Public Safety & Transportation Committee. Ald. Lennon said that he would docket an item for Public Safety & Transportation Committee to address the ordinance language. Once the ordinance language is addressed, he respectfully requests that Traffic Council take an action. Mr. Koses said that he would suggest creating a comprehensive parking plan rather than change the City ordinances. He suggested voting no action necessary because it was a discussion item.

Mr. Proia said that he may docket an item requesting a one-hour parking restriction during the hours of 7am to 10pm.

Mr. Grafe made the motion for no action necessary with the understanding Ald. Lennon would docket an item for the Public Safety & Transportation Committee requesting an ordinance amendment. Council members agreed 4-0, Ald. Ciccone not voting.

TC45-12 ROGER YEE, 77 Dalby Street, requesting parking restrictions, all times, even numbered side of Dalby Street, from #102 to #72 inclusive. (Ward 1) [10/23/12 @ 3:10 PM]

ACTION: **DENIED 4-0 (Ciccone not voting). This item may be appealed through the close of business April 17, 2013.**

NOTE: Ald. Lennon and Mr. Yee joined Council members for discussion on this item.

Mr. Yee provided Council members with photos, on file. He said that he docketed this item because of the difficulty when entering and exiting his driveway. Cars have the tendency to park illegally, park on curbs and block driveways. Winter exasperates the issues. Patrons from Watertown Street businesses are parking on Dalby Street on the east side causing obstruction to the west side of the street. He requests this item be amended to omit #72 Dalby Street.

Mr. Baxter provided Council members with background information and the existing parking restrictions. He said that Dalby Street is 22 feet wide allowing parking on one side. Dalby Street has a one-hour parking on the east side and no parking on the west side. Field observations indicate on-street parking utilization of 30 to 40 percent and it appears that more cars are parked on the segment north of the docketed item.

Mr. Koses opened the discussion for public comment. Four residents were present for this discussion three in support, one opposed. Residents expressed their concerns about children safety, the inability to park in front of their homes, difficulty entering and exiting their driveways and cars have the tendency to park at or block the edge of the driveways. A resident suggested shifting the restriction further north than requested. A resident said that there are actually four different parking restrictions, if approved; this will be the fifth parking restriction on Dalby Street.

Sgt. Babcock said that he is opposed to a partial street restriction. According to City ordinance parking in front of or within 5 feet of a driveway is prohibited. He suggests installing 5 feet from driveway signs and Police enforcement. Mr. Grafe agreed and said that Dalby Street is not a

unique street. If this restriction were approved, it would only push parking issues to surrounding streets. Mr. Baxter said that installing signs 5 feet from driveways cause sign litter, 72 signs would be necessary.

Ald. Lennon said that a resident and business owner have e-mailed him expressing that they are opposed to this request because the one-hour parking restriction allows turnover. He feels that Police enforcement would assist with parking issues. He would not oppose installing a 5 feet from driveway sign at the petitioners' home and suggested painting 5 feet of curb rather than installing signs.

Mr. Koses said that signs could be installed by the Department of Public Works at the petitioners' home without Traffic Council's approval.

Sgt. Babcock made the motion for denial and said that the Police Department would enforce parking issues on the street. Council members agreed 4-0, Ald. Ciccone not voting. Mr. Koses said that this item may be appealed through the close of business April 17, 2013.

TC7-13 PATRICK BAXTER, requesting a Stop Sign on West Street at the intersection of Watertown Street. (Ward 1) [03/04/13 @ 11:32 AM]

ACTION: APPROVED 4-0 (Ciccone not voting). This item may be appealed through the close of business April 17, 2013.

NOTE: Mr. Baxter provided Council members with background information and an area map. He said that this request is to provide consistency. Stop signs at side street approaches for surrounding unsignalized intersections include Hawthorn, Bridge, Dalby, Cook and Faxon Streets. Nonantum is scheduled for roadway restriping this season including crosswalks and stop bars. He then provided the Manual on Uniform Traffic Control Devices (MUTCD) guidance for Stop Signs and said that this intersection meets the guidelines.

Without discussion, Mr. Baxter made the motion to approve this item. Council members agreed 4-0, Ald. Ciccone not voting. Mr. Koses said that this item may be appealed through the close of business April 17, 2013.

Respectfully submitted,

David Koses, Traffic Council Chair

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City of Newton

March 28, 2013

Agenda

1. **TC43-12:** Ald. Harney & Sangiolo requesting: 1) No U-Turn on Pine Street in Burr School zone; 2) No Parking Between Signs on Washburn Avenue at curve; and 3) Restriping areas in the Burr School Zone.
2. **TC49-12:** Karin Wood requesting a change to parking restrictions on Studio Road or consideration of Resident Permit Parking.
3. **TC35-12:** Ald. Swiston & Fuller requesting a No Parking restriction on Highland Street, both sides, from the Mass Pike to Temple Street.
4. **TC9-13:** David Koses requesting changes to the parking restrictions on Walnut Street between Crafts Street and Linwood Avenue and on Crafts Street between Walnut Street and Linwood Avenue.
5. **TC39-12:** Ald. Lennon requesting a discussion about allowing only residents of Peabody Street to participate in the established resident permit parking area.
6. **TC45-12:** Roger Yee requesting parking restrictions, all times, even numbered side of Dalby Street from house #102 to #72.
7. **TC7-13:** Patrick Baxter, requesting a stop sign on West Street at the intersection with Watertown Street.

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Burr School

School Zone Traffic Flow and Washburn Avenue Parking

Background Information

TC43-12

- ❖ School Zone Observations
 - Parents make u-turn after picking up or dropping off students
 - Roadway network requires northbound parents to continue up Pine Street to River Street – 1 mile loop
 - Existing pavement markings in adequate condition
- ❖ Washburn Avenue
 - 24 foot width
 - Curve in roadway allows parking both sides outside of school days, south side all days.
 - No parking restrictions at the intersection with Pine Street
 - DPW may restrict parking up to 50 feet from intersection without Traffic Council Action

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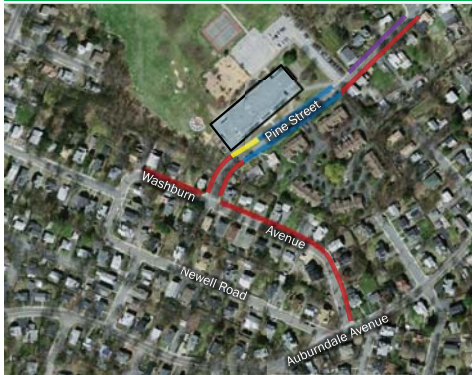
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Area Map

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Legend

- No Parking
8-4 School Days
- Live Parking
2-4 School Days
- Blue Zone
- Bus Zone
- Burr Elementary School

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Photos — Burr School Zone

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Photos — Pine Street/Washburn Ave

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Studio Road

Request for Changes to Parking Restrictions

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Background Information

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- ❖ Private roadway
 - Abuts Lasell College campus
 - Majority of length not paved
 - Width – 22 feet
- ❖ Homeowner along paved portion at south end would like legal options for residents to park without encouraging student parking
- ❖ Existing restriction – NO PARKING – both sides, entire length
 - Field observations indicate 1 to 3 vehicles parked along the east side of the roadway at the south end, likely for the adjacent child care center.

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Area Map

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 Highland Street
 Request for No Parking Restriction

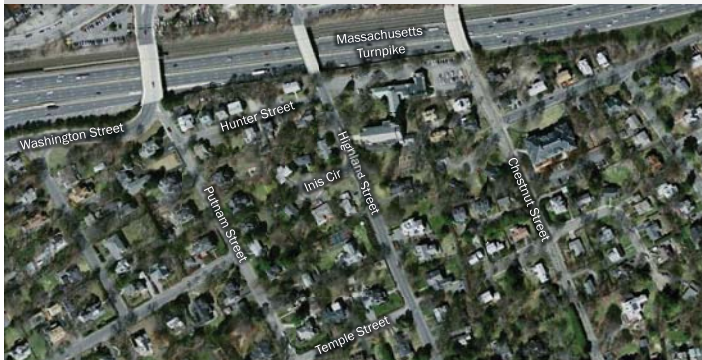
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Background Information **TC35-12**

- ❖ Segment of Highland Street between Temple Street and the Massachusetts Turnpike bridge
 - 28 feet in width
 - Steep grade – 10 percent
- ❖ On-street parking utilized by Church visitors – east side
 - 3-4 cars on typical weekdays
- ❖ West side parking restricted by Newton Police Department


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Area Map **TC35-12**



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Photo **TC35-12**



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Recommendations

TC35-12

- ❖ Roadway width of 28 feet is sufficient for safe one-sided parking while allowing for two-way traffic flow
- ❖ Demand for parking on east side for Second Church Newton
- ❖ Consider the following actions:
 - Make west side NO PARKING restriction permanent
 - No changes to east side parking
 - Recommend shifting roadway centerline accordingly

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Day Middle School

Changes to Parking Restrictions on Crafts Street & Walnut Street

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Background Information

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- ❖ Solutions previously discussed at Traffic Council October 25, 2012
 - Recommendation was made to consider shifting school bus drop-off zone on Albemarle Road – ultimately not implemented after discussions with School Department staff.
- ❖ Day Middle School on-site parking
 - Previous existing: 42 spaces
 - Construction phase: 35 spaces
 - Final site plan: 43 spaces
- ❖ Average observed parking occupancy
 - Walnut Street @ Education Center: 100%
 - On-Site parking lot: 100%
 - Education center parking lot: 95%
 - Albemarle Road south of bus loading area: 100%
 - Albemarle Road at bus loading area: 0%
 - Albemarle Road 500 feet north of bus loading area: 100%
 - Albemarle Road south of Crafts Street: 25%
 - Crafts Street (north side): 10%

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Alternative Options

- ❖ Consider allowing parking on Walnut Street, east side, between Linwood Avenue and Crafts Street along park frontage.
 - Roadway is 40' wide – sufficient room for two-way traffic and parking on both sides
- ❖ Consider allowing parking on Crafts Street between Linwood Avenue and Walnut Street along one side only
 - North side (currently no restrictions) would allow residents to park in front of their homes, however would impact sight distance from driveways
 - South side would allow more total spaces due to the lack of driveways, however is less convenient for residents
 - Centerline of roadway would be shifted accordingly to allow safe two-way travel with parking – currently westbound vehicles have to cross the centerline to pass legally parked cars.

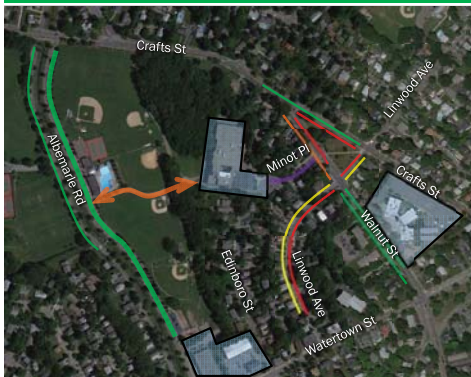
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Area Map

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Legend

- No Parking School Days
- Authorized Vehicles & Residents Only
- 2 Hour Parking School Days
- 1 Hour Parking
- No Restrictions
- Walking Path
- School Buildings

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Photo — Crafts Street

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Photo — Walnut Street

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Peabody Street

Changes to Participants in Resident Permit Parking Program

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Background Information

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- ❖ Peabody Street provides an established "Resident Permit Parking Only" program
- ❖ Parking observed to be 50 to 60 percent utilized during field observations taken during the day and evening hours.
- ❖ City of Newton Ordinances indicate that the following with regard to permit eligibility:
 - Resident parking stickers shall identify the restricted area to which they apply and shall be of a design specified by the chief of police. One such sticker for a restricted area shall be issued by the chief of police or his designee to an owner of a motor vehicle which is registered in the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, with a registered gross weight of under two and one half (2½) tons, **which is principally garaged in the City of Newton at an address which borders a restricted area or which is contiguous to a lot that borders said restricted area**, as established in accordance with subsection (a) above, which is owned or used by a resident of the City of Newton at said address, and which otherwise qualifies for issuance of a sticker under this section. Notwithstanding the foregoing, **the owner of a motor vehicle principally garaged at a lot which is contiguous to the rear lot line of a non-corner lot bordering the restricted area will not be entitled to a sticker.**

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Area Map

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Legend

- No Parking
- Permit Parking
- 1 Hour Parking
- ⬡ Resident Permit Eligibility

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Dalby Street

Request for Parking Restrictions

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Background Information

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- ❖ Existing parking restrictions:
 - One-hour parking on the east side
 - No parking on the west side
- ❖ Docket item requests “No Parking” on both sides from House #72 to House #102
- ❖ Field observations indicate on-street parking utilization of 30 to 40 percent
 - More cars parked on the segment north of the docketed item

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West Street
Request for Stop Sign

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❖ MUTCD Guidance for Stop Signs

- 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. 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:
 - The vehicular traffic volumes on the through street or highway exceed 6,000 vehicles per day;
 - 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
 - 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.

❖ Consistency

- Stop signs provided at side street approaches for surrounding unsignalized intersections, including:
 - Hawthorn Street
 - Bridge Street
 - Dalby Street
 - Cook Street
 - Faxon Street

- Nonantum is scheduled for roadway restriping this season – crosswalks & stop bars

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