

CITY OF NEWTON

BOARD OF ALDERMEN

TRAFFIC COUNCIL ACTIONS

THURSDAY, JUNE 23, 2011

Note: Below is a summary of Traffic Council actions only. A full meeting report summarizing the Council's discussion and public testimony regarding each agenda item will be posted on the City website in approximately two weeks following the above meeting date.

Present: James Danila (Transportation Engineer), Jerome Grafe (Resident member), Jay Harney (Alderman), David Koses (Transportation Planner) and Sgt. James Norcross (Police Department)  
Also Present: Danielle Delaney (Clerk), Ald. Albright, Blazar, Fuller, Linsky and Shapiro

TC32-11      PLANNING DEPARTMENT, requesting consideration of changes to the parking restrictions on Hull Street, to include TIGER Permit Parking. (Ward 2)  
[06/07/11 @ 1:55 PM]

**ACTION:      APPROVE (5-0) TIGER Permit Parking zone on the north side of Hull Street between Walnut Street and Lowell Avenue, except for the pick-up/drop-off zone. No parking on the south side of Hull Street. This item may be appealed through the close of business July 13, 2011.**

TC31-11      PLANNING DEPARTMENT, requesting consideration of changes to the parking restrictions on Lowell Avenue between Austin Street and Arden Road, to include TIGER Permit Parking. (Wards 2 & 3) [06/07/11 @ 1:55 PM]

**ACTION:      APPROVE (5-0) TIGER Permit Parking zone on the east side of Lowell Avenue between Hull Street and Elm Road. No parking on the west side of Lowell Avenue between Hull Street and Elm Road. This item may be appealed through the close of business July 13, 2011.**

TC30-11      PLANNING DEPARTMENT, requesting consideration of changes to the parking restrictions and directionality of the public section of Elm Road to include TIGER Permit Parking. (Ward 2) [06/07/11 @ 1:55 PM]

**ACTION:      APPROVE (5-0) TIGER Permit Parking zone on the south side of the public section of Elm Road. No parking on the north side of the public section of Elm Road. After construction is complete, Elm Road will be made a two way street between Lowell Avenue and the first bend. This item may be appealed through the close of business July 13, 2011.**

TC33-11 ALD DANBERG, BLAZAR AND SHAPIRO, requesting (a) a No Stopping or Standing zone along the southern curb of Homer Street in the vicinity of 72 and 64 Homer Street and the Newton Centre Playground to accommodate a new bump-out and crosswalk across Homer Street and (b) changing the eastern leg of Grafton Street to one- way northbound (towards Commonwealth Avenue), matching the one-way southbound (towards Homer Street) western leg. (Ward 6) [06/09/11 @ 1:17PM]

**ACTION:** (a) **APPROVE (5-0) Tow Zone (No Stopping, No Standing) on the south side of Homer Street in the vicinity of 64 and 72 Homer Street. This item may be appealed through the close of business July 13, 2011.**

(b) **NO ACTION NECESSARY (4-1, Grafe)**

TC37-10 NEWTON HIGHLANDS NEIGHBORHOOD, Newton recommending the implementation of a pedestrian-activated blinking warning sign on a mast-arm above Walnut Street (at either Hyde or Duncklee Streets), similar to those recently implemented at other locations in Newton, and any other necessary measures to allow for a safe pedestrian crossing area in this corridor of Walnut Street (currently lacking). (Ward 6) [10/13/10 @ 11:44 AM]

**ACTION:** **APPROVE (5-0) Traffic Council recommends that the Board of Aldermen examine and potentially approve and fund a crosswalk along with additional enhancements, such as a pedestrian beacon and/or a pedestrian island on Walnut Street in the vicinity of Hyde Street or Duncklee Street.**

TC34-11 ALD. DANBERG, FULLER, BAKER, BLAZAR AND SHAPIRO, requesting the following changes to accommodate bicycle lanes on Beacon Street. (Wards 6 and 7) [06/09/11 @ 1:17 PM]

(a) Left lane must turn left, Langley Road southbound at Beacon and Sumner Streets (matches posted signage).

**ACTION:** **APPROVE (5-0). This item may be appealed through the close of business July 13, 2011.**

(b) Left lane must turn left, Langley Road northbound at Beacon and Sumner Streets (matches posted signage).

**ACTION:** **APPROVE (5-0). This item may be appealed through the close of business July 13, 2011.**

(c) Left lane must turn left, Beacon Street eastbound at Grant Avenue (matches posted signage).

**ACTION:** **APPROVE (5-0). This item may be appealed through the close of business July 13, 2011.**

(d) Right lane must turn right, Beacon Street eastbound at Hammond Pond Parkway.

**ACTION:** **APPROVE (5-0). This item may be appealed through the close of business July 13, 2011.**

(e) Left lane must turn left, Beacon Street westbound at Hammond Pond Parkway (matches posted signage).

**ACTION: APPROVE (5-0). This item may be appealed through the close of business July 13, 2011.**

(f) Left lane must turn left, Beacon Street eastbound at Hammondswood Road subject to pre-existing turning restrictions or related measures, consideration of lane striping, or limitations on lane use to improve safety for traffic going eastbound on Beacon at Hammondswood Road.

**ACTION: NO ACTION NECESSARY (5-0).**

(g) Left lane must turn left, Beacon Street eastbound at Hammond Street (matches posted signage).

**ACTION: APPROVE (5-0). This item may be appealed through the close of business July 13, 2011.**

(h) Left lane must turn left, Beacon Street westbound at Hammond Street (matches posted signage).

**ACTION: APPROVE (5-0). This item may be appealed through the close of business July 13, 2011.**

(i) Parking meter zone, one-hour limit, 8 a.m. to 6 p.m., Beacon Street, south side between Langley Road and Union Street (matches posted regulation).

**ACTION: APPROVE (5-0). This item may be appealed through the close of business July 13, 2011.**

(j) No Parking zone, Beacon Street, south side from approximately the driveway of 698 Beacon Street to approximately the property line of 680 and 672 Beacon Street.

**ACTION: APPROVE (5-0). This item may be appealed through the close of business July 13, 2011.**

(k) No Parking zone, Beacon Street, south side from approximately the driveway of 550 Beacon Street to Hammond Pond Parkway.

**ACTION: APPROVE (4-0-1, Harney abstaining). This item may be appealed through the close of business July 13, 2011.**

(l) No Parking zone, Beacon Street, north side from Hobart Road to a point approximately 200' west of Bishopsgate Road.

**ACTION: APPROVE (5-0). This item may be appealed through the close of business July 13, 2011.**

(m) Remove No Parking regulations, Beacon Street, north side from approximately the driveway of 455 Beacon Street to Hammondswood Road.

**ACTION: APPROVE (3-1-1, Grafe opposed, Harney abstaining). This item may be appealed through the close of business July 13, 2011.**

(n) Post No Parking signs to match the existing City Traffic and Parking Regulations at the following locations: (1) Beacon Street, south side from Hammond Pond Parkway to Hammond Street, (2) Beacon Street, north side, from Hammond Street to approximately the driveway of 455 Beacon.

**ACTION: NO ACTION NECESSARY (5-0).**

TC35-11 ALD. DANBERG, requesting discussion and possible action on the following:  
a) No parking on Beacon Street eastbound (south side) from Beacon Heights to Hammond Pond Parkway. b) No parking on Beacon Street westbound (north side) from Hammondswood to the driveway at 609 Beacon Street. c) No parking on Beacon Street westbound (north side) from Grant Avenue to Dalton Street. (Wards 6 & 7) [06/10/11 @ 9:58 AM]

**ACTION: (a) DENIED (4-1, Grafe). This item may be appealed through the close of business July 13, 2011.**

**(b) DENIED (4-1, Grafe). This item may be appealed through the close of business July 13, 2011.**

**(c) APPROVE (4-1, Harney). This item may be appealed through the close of business July 13, 2011.**

Respectfully submitted,

David Koses, Traffic Council Chair