

CITY OF NEWTON

IN BOARD OF ALDERMEN

NEWTON TRAFFIC COUNCIL REPORT

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 20, 2003

Present: Candace Havens (Chair) Clint Schuckel (Traffic Engineer) Sgt. Norcross (Police) Ald. Samuelson (Aldermanic Appointee) R. Myers (Clerk)

Also Present Ald. Lennon, Ald. Sangiolo

#325-02 JAN GOLDSTEIN, 18 Meredith Avenue, Newton requesting two hour parking restriction along Canterbury Road beginning at the corner of Meredith Avenue and continuing along Canterbury Road from #17 to #49. (Ward 5)

NOTE: DISCUSSION TO INCLUDE UNIFORM PARKING RESTRICTIONS ON MEREDITH AVE. CANTERBURY ROAD, RIDGEWAY TERRACE AND WALDORF ROAD.

ACTION: **APPROVED 4-0 AS AMENDED**

NOTE: Chair Candace Havens explained that when this petition was discussed, it was noted that some of the neighboring streets have restrictions that are not in our ordinances. All of the residents of Meredith Avenue, Canterbury Road, Ridgeway Terrace, and Waldorf Road were notified of this meeting to discuss uniform signing and time limits.

Traffic Engineer Clint Schuckel felt the whole area should be looked at and then enforce some type of uniform restrictions. Ms. Havens felt restrictions were appropriate due to the proximity of the MBTA station. Mr. Schuckel reiterated the policy of first implementing the least restrictive measure.

There was a motion to restrict parking 7 am to 10 am weekdays on Canterbury Road to Ridgeway Terrace, Waldorf Road and Meredith Avenue.

Clerk's Note: Ald. Samuelson has requested that this item be placed on **second call** for the board meeting of December 1st.

#291-03 ALD. LENNON requesting an amendment to the provisions of Sec. 19-220 "Parking Prohibitions for tow zones" as they relate to LOTHROP STREET by deleting the following paragraph: Lothrop Street, tow away zone, all days, south side, from Jenison Street to end and adding the following paragraph: Tow zone, all days, across from 15 Lothrop Street from entrance to condominium driveway to Pellegrini Playground fence opening. (originally requested on docket item #226-97) (Ward 2)

ACTION: **APPROVED 4-0**

NOTE: Ald. Lennon said he had been contacted by a number of residents on Lothrop Street. Mr. Schuckel has conferred with Assistant Fire Chief Proia who felt there should not be any parking on the bend. The Committee voted to delete the following: Lothrop Street-tow-away zone all days, south side from Jennison Street to end and add Lorthrop Street tow-away zone, all days northeast side from end of Pellegrini Playground 200 ft.

#341-02 ALD. LENNON requesting a discussion re truck traffic/heavy truck exclusion on CHARLESBANK ROAD, Newton Corner - Ward 1).

ACTION: **APPROVED 4-0 (to include St. James Terrace)**

NOTE: Mr. Schuckel said from his viewpoint, it would not make sense to do a truck exclusion on Charlesbank Road without including St. James Terrace.

Ald. Samuelson made a motion to include St. James Terrace to the truck exclusion on Charlesbank Road and the Committee voted to approve 4-0.

#361-02 WILLIAM LANCILOTI, 12 Ruane Circle West Newton, requesting change in parking meters on WASHINGTON STREET between Harvard Street and Beach Street on the Mass. Turnpike side from 1 hour to 2 hours. (Ward 2)

ACTION: **APPROVED 4-0**

NOTE: The petitioner, Mr. Lanciloti, was present for discussion of this item and said he would be in favor of one half of the meters being one hour and other half two hours. Ald. Samuelson noted she would file legislation to create one hour parking on the north side of Washington Street.

Ald. Samuelson made a motion to create two hour parking meters on the south side of Washington Street and the Committee voted to approve 4-0. (See attached board order)

#362-02 SANDRA LYNCH, 39 Miller Road , Newton Centre, requesting parking restrictions on one side of MILLER ROAD. (Ward 6)

ACTION: **APPROVED 4-0**

NOTE: The petitioner, Sandra Lynch, was present for discussion of this item. She reported that current restrictions on High Street have caused cars to park on both sides of Miller Road.

On his site visit, Mr. Schuckel noted four cars parked on Miller Road. The road is a standard 24 ft. in width. The curvature, in his opinion, does create a site problem. Assistant Fire Chief Proia also visited this location and he did note any real safety concerns regarding parking on this street. Mr. Schuckel said that banning parking from both sides would not be the direction to go. He observed that we have heard from about 4 out of the 12 residents of the street and there seems to be agreement regarding implementing a restriction on one side of the street. Due to the curvature of the street, Mr. Schuckel felt the parking should not be on the south side of Miller Road. Ms. Havens sees the problems include speed, commuter use, cut-through use and problems with emergency access. She did feel it was prudent to leave some cars on the street to slow motorists down. Mr. Schuckel said he was still unsure how bad the commuter parking problem is as on his site visits, he did not view a problem.

The Committee approved this item 4-0.(No Parking on the south side of Miller Road, all days, entire length and no parking on the north side, all days, from Centre Street, 150 feet easterly.)

#364-02 ALD. JOHNSON & LENNON requesting on behalf of BO LY,11 Winthrop Avenue, Newton, parking study and recommendations on WINTHROP AVENUE. (Ward 1)

ACTION: **HELD 4-0**

NOTE: Ald. Lennon told the Committee that there were serious concerns on this tight, narrow street with emergency vehicle access, parking, and trash pick up.

The Traffic Engineer explained that Winthrop Ave. is a private way and that severely effects the ability of the city to make changes. The Law Department has advised that changes could only be made for fire purposes, to facilitate trash collection, and upon written petition of the owner. It does not appear that the five residents of Winthrop Ave. have come to an agreement regarding parking. The Fire Department has viewed the street and did not recommend parking restrictions.

Ald. Samuelson suggested the item be held and request that the Fire Department actually try to drive a fire truck down that street.

#389-02

LYNN MARGOLIS, 50 Maple Street, Newton requesting restricted parking on MAPLE STREET from Groveland to Central Street on one side and restricted parking from BERKELEY PLACE to Central Street between 9:00 am - 5:00 p.m., except Sundays and holidays.

HELD ON MAY 15TH FOR A 60 DAY TRIAL

ACTION:

APPROVED 4-0

NOTE:

Lynn Margolis was present and indicated the trial had been very successful. Ald. Samuelson made a motion to create No Parking on Maple Street on the west side, all days from Woodland Road to Central Street and no parking on the east side 9:00 am to 5:00 pm from Berkeley Place to Central Street. The Committee voted 4-0 to approve.

Respectfully submitted,

Rosalie Myers, Clerk