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Traffic Advisory Committee **Meeting Minutes** **February 26, 2019**

Members Present: Lt. Skory, S. Maio, M. Kealey, D. Benjamin, M. Luca, R. Stinson

Meeting brought to order at 0801hrs by Lt. Skory

Agenda in order addressed at meeting:

1. **Parking adjacent to driveway at 894 Main Street**
 - Due to a complaint of a lack of sight visibility from a resident of the condo complex at 894 Main Street we reviewed parking to the south of the entrance/exit.
 - The parking space immediately adjacent to the south of the driveway is right to the edge of the driveway. Rather than putting a time restriction on the block of three spaces, the TAC agrees that the one parking space should be eliminated and a "No Parking" sign with an arrow towards the driveway should be installed at the north end of the second parking space.
 - To be sent to Town Council for approval
 2. **Pearl Street and Cutter Street – No Parking Here to Corner signs**
 - Request from Highway Department Superintendent Don Schneider for "No Parking here to corner signs on Pearl Street where it intersects with Main Street and Cutter Street where it intersects with North Avenue.
 - TAC agrees on this request and recommends the signs be on both sides of each roadway, twenty feet from the intersection
 - To be sent to Town Council for approval
 3. **Chestnut Street/Emerson Street Intersection – No Parking Here to Corner signs around intersection**
 - Request from Lt. Skory to post "No Parking Here to Corner" signs around this intersection
 - This intersection was made a 4-way stop several years ago due to a high volume of accidents and a lack of sight visibility for vehicles crossing Chestnut Street from Emerson Street. Vehicles have been parking close to the intersection, negatively effecting sight visibility.
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- Lt. Skory recommends the signs be placed twenty feet from the intersection on all approaches
 - TAC agrees with this recommendation with little discussion
 - To be sent to Town Council for approval
4. **307 Salem Street – Request for “No Stopping/No Standing”**
- Request from resident of 307 Salem Street for signs reading “No Stopping/No Standing” in front of property
 - Property is adjacent to the Prime Gas Station and Slice Pizza
 - Resident reports that delivery trucks and customers frequently park on the front of their property, causing damage to the lawn and limiting visibility while exiting the driveway.
 - TAC agrees with little discussion that the front of this property should be posted
 - To be sent to Town Council for approval
5. **Lake Street Parking – Request for No Parking**
- Business owner at 9 Lake Street reports a problem with delivery trucks accessing his driveway due to vehicles parking on the east side of Lake Street adjacent to the Harvard Mills building.
 - There is no signage in the area where the vehicles are parking
 - Lt. Skory reports there is enough space for three vehicles, with no posted restrictions.
 - There is a sign to the north of the Harvard Mills driveway that reads “No Parking”.
 - Lt. Skory recommends that due to the narrow width of the roadway that east side of Lake Street be posted “No Parking” from Maple Street to Albion Street. The west side of the street is already posted “No Parking”.
 - It is likely the area where vehicles are parking was posted “No Parking” at one time, but the sign is missing.
 - There is no record of it in the schedule of parking restrictions.
 - TAC agrees with little discussion to post this area “No Parking”
 - To be sent to Town Council for approval
6. **Hemlock Road/Farm Street/Nahant Street Intersections**
- Resident spoke about her fears of the Old Nahant Street and Nahant Street intersections with Farm Street.
 - stated it is dangerous for pedestrians to cross Nahant Street to get to Farm Street and states there needs to be pedestrian crossings on Farm Street
 - Concerned about the number of kids driving to school
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- Resident states that there is no longer designated parking on school campus for Seniors, that it is first come first serve
- Lt. Skory points out that this may be contributing to traffic issues as students who can't find parking have to exit Hemlock Road and look for parking on Farm Street.
- R. Stinson and S. Maio spoke of original plan for this intersection, which was a roundabout (sketches provided for all to look at)
- Resident asked about improvements to existing sidewalks and stated that snow removal on the sidewalks needs to be improved.
- M. Kealey suggested crosswalks on Farm Street 150 feet to either side of the Nahant Street intersection with flashing yellow lights.
- S. Maio states east side sidewalks on Farm Street need to be plowed.
- Resident stated there is an issue with snowplowing of the sidewalks
- Resident suggested making Old Nahant a one-way southbound
- Lt. Skory stated this may increase the speed of vehicles on Old Nahant and cause traffic congestion at either end of the roadway where it intersects with Farm, particularly the southern end.
- There was discussion by TAC members of the impact on Old Nahant of it being one-way, both positive and negative
- Resident suggested making the northern half of Old Nahant one-way
- This topic ended with agreement that pedestrian safety measures would be pursued and that road improvements would continue to be worked on with additional proposals to add to the roundabout.

Meeting adjourned at 0912hrs by Lt. Skory
