

COMMITTEE ON INFRASTRUCTURE

NOVEMBER 18, 2019

A meeting of the Committee on Infrastructure was held Monday, November 18, 2019, at 7:01 p.m. in the Aldermanic Chamber.

Alderman-at-Large Michael B. O'Brien, Sr., Chair, presided.

Members of Infrastructure Committee present: Alderman Tom Lopez, Vice Chair
 Alderman Jan Schmidt
 Alderman Ernest A. Jette
 Alderman Ken Gidge

Also in Attendance: Alderman Patricia Klee
 Alderman Richard A. Dowd

PUBLIC COMMENT

Dave Manganello, 23 Portchester Drive here in Nashua. I have business interest at Riverside Barbeque, 53 – 59 Main Street also here in town. Thank you for your attention. I know a lot of this is about parking; I don't know a whole lot about – most of the parking things I know that parking is, even though I have a dozen spots, probably one of the worst things on my side of the river. I have the luxury in being 03064 which could be less convenient from any parking garage that exists maybe if you left and went to Hudson. We are just on the right side of the tracks, on the wrong side of the river literally and figuratively. I have sort of a continuance of an earlier proposal when the Riverwalk Project was talked about and we signed the easement of our property to put the walkway behind us.

I spend most of my life standing in my business wondering where the business is coming from, where is the walk-in traffic, that kind of thing. Right now there is one customer at my bar that we were pre-game talking about this meeting. We were talking about an idea that I've had. Since the City has already allowed to use a great portion of this ambiguous property of ours behind the building, it is thin swath behind 53 Main Street that runs along the river on the opposite side of Clock Tower, and on the side where the railroad tracks are that go through Lots 54 and I believe it's the old Nashua Court Building and then Cotton Mill on the other side. The white Governor of the Mills House is back there and there is already a parking lot, a first level parking lot right there. Gate City Church is next door to us, they have a parking lot that is immediately behind them on the other side of the tracks than us and we immediately about each other off of Main Street. So you get the mental picture of the visual.

My desire is to never, ever, ever have a walkway like is on Peddler's Daughter on the side of my building, therefore surrounding me by public domain on all 4 sides. And because the walkway is sort of intended to go that way and we have no parking, my thought was, is some kind of I don't know you have the engineer eggheads that do this sort of thing; I make food for a living. But some sort of elevated, I'm calling it green space, we build a single to two level parking garage potentially with an entrance at my driveway or at least a visually appealing archway turns my driveway which is the right of way for literally every single utility comes down my driveway. The sewer water and the rain run-off, my doorstep is the lowest point on Main Street, it comes from both sides down. So they are constantly coming and doing – so it needs some attention, the place that the kid got killed across the river when he fell in the thing. I have the exact same thing in my lot, the City has put a Jersey Barrier on top of it and you know it is basically to prevent this year's run off from having it open again. But they've made great measures to fix this and this is not part of the problem.

The problem is we have a whole lot of attention need to be paid to that area before we get this Riverwalk Project done and it's a completely autonomous thing to parking. My suggestion is, is that since there is such a dire need for parking in literally every business on my side of the river; I look at what Latent House is what Latent House could be if there was just parking. I look at Lots 34 and Brady Sullivan that just put countless millions of dollars into you know bailing the church out from a non-profit ownership of this building, pay the taxes, this that and the other thing. Bringing vibrancy to my business as well as others; there's no place for them to park, there is no covered parking at all on that side. I have a unique space that we've allowed the City to put a walkway in and that the City also, the State, the Federal Government with the Railroad, the State with the river on the other side. There are a whole lot of entities in play there. So I could never probably even apply or get a building expansion of any variety and yet it is in my best interest to be able to use that space. I argue that I have best outside dining in the State, OK? Hands down, on the seacoast not much wasted on restaurants; I've got waterfront looking at the literal definition of this City. It is very important to me to save that and to have "got any spare change people" on that side of my customer's view? And the image of this City, I will do whatever it takes to not have that. I find heroine needles and all kinds of other things; it is a walking path, it's the easiest way for people to get places. We do have the luxury of the new Broad Street Parkway Bridge back there which is elevated significantly higher than the ground beneath it.

So my proposal includes some kind of, again, City Engineer egghead idea of a single level high enough that a tractor trailer probably can drive underneath it or something covered parking area from my doorstep on Main Street down my alleyway to Front Street and then around the side of the Nashua Court Building as much as it doesn't inhibit anything. You could do 2, 3 stories there but all of it would have green space on the top and thus the walking paths. So we would be able to, the church and Bonhoeffer's with 3 and 4 stories would be able to have landings and stuff that came out over there. I know that there is the train going through which is a difficulty but you know, a pass-over. If in their parking lot immediately across from Triangle Credit Union and some of the other places there, and right next to Lot 34, you could build a traditional, however many story parking garage behind it. Now you've got that entire side of the river plus all of the stuff that Broad Street Parkway opened up as a possibility but is impossible because there is no crossing off of it like was promised at Front Street and Franklin Street and Baldwin Street. I think that's the three streets they told us when they pitched that, that idiotic thing, but that's a whole 'nother thing. Parking, parking, parking.

The City also has, this is now a second subject, the City has trolleys, the City has parking garages, the City has bus stops. Why are we not taking single on street parking spots and making trolley stations that are covered, that are also bus stations, I'd volunteer the spot right in front of my building if I have to in order to make this happen and we run the trolleys on a schedule like we do all the time. And it can take people to the mall, to Market Basket to whatever. We can't have Shaws down the street be the only place that our walking poor can shop because they walk there and we have an infrastructure and public, we can set the tone for public transportation in this town. If we build a big parking garage, you know, on that side, eventually if someone at the Federal end figures out commuter rail, that line next to me goes all the way out to Wilton. And how great for us to be to have a Greater Nashua Commuter Rail to get us from Wilton to the mall and Super Walmart along the way and Building 19. Right at the airport is a nice big hub for transportation and what not, we don't need to be worried about parking. We need to be worried about getting people in here OK? Not everybody who is here drives and cares about parking. So it is bans on this and whatever, the on-street parking is saturated, you never find them, you know? And even the tickets? I'll pay the ticket versus trying to find another spot or walk 100 yards; that's the mentality of most customers. So charging more or charging more often, I don't think any of that works. Just from a personal standpoint, my side of the river, there is no parking so anyone who complains about parking on 03060, sorry, come to 64 and we'll show you where there isn't any parking at all. Thank you, I appreciate your time.

COMMUNICATIONS

From: Tim Cummings, Director of Economic Development

Re: Communication regarding O-19-057 with Downtown Improvements Committee's Comments

There being no objection, Chairman O'Brien accepted the communication and placed it on file.

Chairman O'Brien

We do have an additional communication. Alderman Klee do you want me to accept this as part of the communications?

Alderman Klee

Yes please.

Chairman O'Brien

We have before us "request for handicap parking" in front of #13 Norton Street which is on tonight's agenda and a communication from Alderman Klee.

From: Alderman Patricia Klee

Re: Request for handicap parking in front of 13 Norton Street

There being no objection, Chairman O'Brien accepted the communication and placed it on file.

PETITIONS

Petition for overnight parking on 8th Street

MOTION BY ALDERMAN SCHMIDT TO RECOMMEND PETITION BE TABLED

Chairman O'Brien

I know we are not really supposed to discuss the tabling motion but this was a petition that Alderman Lopez received. It has not gone to engineering; it has not gone to traffic and it has not gone through the other process of fire to make sure that it has complete access. It was just a petition, so therefore, if we table it this evening, that can go in and become further as part of the downtown parking study that is supposed to be out this spring. So I will accept your motion to table without objection.

Alderman Lopez

I am going to state for the record that I do object, only because I've gone through the motions with several other pieces and they were tabled anyway. So out of respect for the residents who brought it forward, I am going to vote against tabling.

Chairman O'Brien

Ok I understand, but you said you went through motions? What motions did you go through?

Alderman Lopez

With all of the other motions that are tabled, like the one is front of Rise Barbershop, 90 minute parking one.

Chairman O'Brien

OK, alright I misunderstood because again this did not go through engineering, traffic or fire.

Alderman Lopez

No that arrived on my desk.

Alderman Jette

Point of order if I may? So this is a request that 8th Street be added to the overnight parking; doesn't that require an Ordinance? Isn't it an amendment to the Ordinance regarding you know the parking ordinances in the City? So wouldn't we have to pass an Ordinance to add 8th Street to the overnight parking? So isn't the way that this should operate is that perhaps Alderman Lopez could meet with the Legal Department and come up with an Ordinance to do, assuming that he's in favor of this petition?

Chairman O'Brien

Exactly, thank you Alderman Jette as fairly well explained because it basically is a petition to start the process and we have well into the process yet to go on this so therefore, you know, if it became written as an Ordinance that would trigger exactly that start of the study from engineering, traffic, Police and Fire and everybody else on it. So that would come once the Ordinance is written and they get a chance to look at that. You are correct, absolutely.

Alderman Lopez

I am opposed to tabling the acceptance of the communication which is what I understand we are doing. We received a petition, we accept it, I can move forward with it or whatever. But I am definitely not going to start by tabling the communication.

Chairman O'Brien

By tabling it, it has no inkling that I am not accepting it.

Alderman Lopez

There's nothing on the table then. As I understand it this is a petition, we are supposed to just accept them.

Chairman O'Brien

You are supposed to what, excuse me?

Alderman Lopez

Accept them for the record.

Chairman O'Brien

Well yes and we will accept it for the record so if you want we can amend that to accept it for the record. Just for clarification, it is nothing that we can legally do tonight.

Alderman Lopez

I understand that's was why I was like are we proposing to take a public communication and tabling it. So that is why I said, "No I don't know what this game is but I think it is a misunderstanding. If a Petition comes before the Committee..."

Chairman O'Brien

It would give you the opportunity to go and to seek the proper channels to which this should have been done.

Alderman Dowd

I'm not a member of the Committee but a suggestion is you can accept the communication and forward it to the Parking Director, Tim Cummings and Legal for action.

Chairman O'Brien

Exactly, for further action. Satisfactory Alderman Lopez?

Alderman Lopez

Yes, please. Thank you Alderman Dowd.

Chairman O'Brien

OK thank you. Very good. Ok we have an amended motion now, can the Clerk read the amended motion.

**MOTION BY ALDERMAN SCHMIDT TO RECOMMEND FORWARDING PETITION TO THE APPROPRIATE DEPARTMENTS AND ACCEPTING AND PLACING IT ON THE RECORD
MOTION CARRIED**

UNFINISHED BUSINESS - None

NEW BUSINESS – RESOLUTIONS - NONE

NEW BUSINESS – ORDINANCES

Chairman O'Brien

I am going to ask through the Clerk, if the Clerk would be kind enough to make a motion to remove from the Table O-19-058?

**MOTION BY ALDERMAN SCHMIDT TO RECOMMEND REMOVAL OF O-19-058 AUTHORIZING STOP SIGNS ON DINSMORE STREET AT ITS INTERSECTION WITH DOUGLAS STREET FROM THE TABLE
MOTION CARRIED**

O-19-058

Endorser: Alderman Richard A. Dowd
Alderman Linda Harriott-Gathright
Alderman Ken Gidge
Alderman Tom Lopez

AUTHORIZING STOP SIGNS ON DINSMORE STREET AT ITS INTERSECTION WITH DOUGLAS STREET

- Tabled 10/23/19

MOTION BY ALDERMAN SCHMIDT TO RECOMMEND FINAL PASSAGE OF O-19-058

ON THE QUESTION

Chairman O'Brien

OK there's a motion to recommend final passage; if we remember this was brought to us and tabled on October 23rd meeting. Alderman Dowd could not make the meeting at that particular time. He is the prime sponsor of it and if we look up on the map we have it here and this is Dinsmore Street right here.

Alderman Dowd

I'm pointing to it right here.

Chairman O'Brien

And the intersection with Douglas Street.

Alderman Dowd

One of the people, I can't remember which house they live in, on this corner was concerned because this is the St. Christopher's complex, including the school. The parents come in and drop off and pick up their children coming up this way. This street is extremely narrow and sometimes difficult to get through which is another issue. But they come down Douglas rather quickly to get here and get out. The gentleman originally wanted a four-way stop, the City Engineer and the DPW said "No" but they did authorize a two-way stop to stop the traffic on Douglas right here and going in both directions to slow the traffic. It is not really to slow the traffic down because we don't do stop signs to do that; it is to prevent accidents because there's been near misses with cars in that intersection. So they are allowing a two-way stop.

Alderman Jette

I wasn't able to bring up the Ordinance right now but looking at the title it says "Authorizing stop signs on Dinsmore Street at its intersection with Douglas". So the stop signs would be on Dinsmore, not Douglas, is that what you want?

Alderman Dowd

I know that they wanted a four-way stop and DPW is allowing a two-way stop sign and it may be so that because these cars come down rather quickly that they wanted the traffic stopped on Dinsmore so they don't pull out and get hit. So I am going to defer to the City Engineer if that's where they want the stop signs. But it's because of potential accidents in that intersection.

Alderman Jette

So according to the Ordinance the stop sign is going to be on Dinsmore.

Alderman Dowd

Would be right here and right here.

Alderman Jette

Right so that's what you want?

Alderman Dowd

That's fine.

Alderman Jette

OK.

MOTION CARRIED

O-19-059

Endorsers: Alderman Richard A. Dowd
Alderman-at-Large Michael O'Brien
Alderman Linda Harriott-Gathright
Alderman Patricia Klee
Alderman Thomas Lopez
Alderman Mary Ann Melizzi-Golja
Alderman-at-Large David Tencza

AUTHORIZING STOP SIGNS ON CHARLOTTE STREET AT ITS INTERSECTION WITH CHARLOTTE AVENUE

MOTION BY ALDERMAN SCHMIDT TO RECOMMEND FINAL PASSAGE

ON THE QUESTION

Alderman Dowd

Again I put this legislation in, earlier this year we had a car from off Charlotte Street around the corner very quickly. That was a rounded corner and hit another car that was stopped to let kids cross the crosswalk; not a good thing. We have been working with and I gave you handouts with pictures, right here. So we've been working with this individual because his driveway comes out right on the angle and if you've been down the street lately, we have a plan with the State to do a sidewalk down this side of the street and eliminate these two cross walks but it has been hung up with the State getting the design approved. And this part of that is to square this corner. In the interim, the DPW has painted a rather heavy, red area around this corner to square the corner.

Not everybody observes that but they think that, and it is their recommendation, the DPW, that this become a three-way stop with a sign here, a sign here, and a sign here. Some cars have come around this corner at 50 miles an hour and they won't stop for that crosswalk and kids could get hit. So they want to stop the car and then when they turn the corner, now they will see it is School Zone and it is 20 miles an hour. It is the best we can at the moment. That will become a permanent square corner in that area that has been shaded and painted red will become solid. I forgot what they are doing with this man's driveway, but they are working with him to come out so it is easier for him to get out. He also has a problem getting out when cars come, 40, 50 miles an hour up the street to do the corner and he's coming out of his driveway. So they are also, I believe, in favor of this.

Alderman Lopez

When the intersection is finished by DPW will it include the hyperactive little red dot or is that just for us?

Alderman Dowd

No it won't have the hyper-dot.

Alderman Klee

I am not a member of this Committee but I can tell as a person who drives through that area a lot, I absolutely agree with you. It is death defying at certain times and there are children. I actually have a friend who lives not too far from there and yes it is, people just think that they can speed, that it is a straight-away. And it is even worse when there are school events going on and people are parking all over.

Alderman Dowd

The night of the election in the dark a car went down the road like 50 miles an hour.

Alderman Jette

So where are the stop signs going to be?

Alderman Dowd

Right here.

Alderman Jette

OK so on Charlotte Street you are going to stop there.

Alderman Dowd

Charlotte Street. They will be on Charlotte Ave so traffic coming this way has to stop and there will be a stop sign, I believe it is going to be right there for traffic coming this way.

Alderman Jette

So the traffic going, I don't know if that is west or south on Charlotte Ave...

Alderman Dowd

Coming down here, this way?

Alderman Jette

Yeah. Why do you want to stop that traffic?

Alderman Dowd

You'd have to ask the City's Chief Engineer who now is retired but they wanted the three-way stop. I think it is just to make sure that traffic through this intersection is as slow as possible.

Alderman Schmidt

Thank you. Haven driven there a few times I can tell you that people coming down that southwesterly road, you can't actually see them if they are going too quickly. Waiting at that corner coming out from the school, having people stop on that street would really make it a safer ...

Alderman Dowd

Yes vegetation here blocks your sight.

Alderman Schmidt

Yes it is very hard to see. Thank you.

Alderman Lopez

I was going to point out the same thing, people coming down Charlotte Ave would just drive into active traffic. You have to stop the traffic so that people are looking at each other.

Alderman Klee

Actually I was going to kind of reiterate do a “me too” on it, but the other thing is that I can tell you when I’ve had similar streets, like around Fairmount and so on, what happens is if you don’t stop that traffic they just come barreling in and people are slowly doing the hedging into the intersection. I think it is safer to do a three-way. We did it at Fairmount also for the same reason.

Alderman Lopez

I’m with her.

MOTION CARRIED

O-19-060

Endorsers: Alderman Patricia Klee
Alderman-at-Large Michael O’Brien
Alderman Linda Harriott-Gathright

ESTABLISHING A HANDICAPPED PARKING SPACE IN FRONT OF 13 NORTON STREET

MOTION BY ALDERMAN SCHMIDT TO RECOMMEND FINAL PASSAGE

ON THE QUESTION

Alderman Dowd

Unfortunately I have to leave for another meeting.

Chairman O’Brien

Thank you Alderman Dowd for coming. OK can you bring that up, just click on it. Alderman Klee would you like to speak to this motion?

Alderman Klee

Yes I would, thank you very much. I was contacted earlier in the year from residents at 13 Norton Street. One of the things that they had, they had a handicapped child, not a small child, not a baby, I think he is 13 or 14 years old. One of the problems that they had was trying to get him into the house. There is a driveway alongside, this is a two-family and there is a driveway alongside but there are multiple people that are living there so they are never guaranteed a particular spot. They were originally just trying to pull in front, to get their son in the house and then they would go move the car.

But because this was not a designated parking spot, there would be cars in there almost all the time. So it made it more and more difficult. And the only way of being able to do this, is we don't want to permit a parking space for a particular person, it would be better to do handicap.

In the meantime, the reason why this has taken so long to get here is that Ms. Rice got ahold of her doctor to get handicap accessibility and went through the State to get her auto placard and so on. They've done all that and we've been working through this. The property was also sold from when we first started this process but it was a family sale. All parties have agreed, the original owners had agreed that there would be no problem with putting this in front of their property as well as the new owners. Everybody seems to be on the same page, there doesn't seem to be a problem. It is a tight area but there is parking there now. It would just designate that one spot right in front of the door, it would make it easier to get her son out and so on.

Once we put the handicap spot in there she will be able to park there all the time. Originally when she had spoken to me she said she didn't have a desire to park there all the time. She would park, you know, in the parking lot but no one will be able to tell her yes or no once we put that handicap parking on. I do not believe they have overnight parking there so she will have to move her car at night into the driveway. But during the daytime the car can be there. And as I said, he's not a small child, he's I think 14 years old and so it is very difficult for her to do this and this would help her immensely.

Chairman O'Brien

OK Alderman Klee, you say there's no overnight parking.

Alderman Klee

I don't believe that there is overnight parking, when I went and I looked I didn't see Norton Street as having overnight parking.

Chairman O'Brien

So they will have to follow the rule.

Alderman Klee

They will still have to go into the driveway and you can see there is a driveway alongside, I think right alongside that property right there. So there is parking, and I think there's sufficient parking for the place. It's just more of her to be able to have access to drop her son off and get him into the house. The other way the driveway kind of slopes down so trying to get him out of there and around also made it very difficult. There were times when I believe he has to be carried and so on.

Chairman O'Brien

I have one further question. In my neighborhood and there are signs around like for deaf child or something like that and then the child grows up and moves on. So is there anything that sunsets this or terminates it?

Alderman Klee

There is not, I would be open to it because I completely understand what you are talking about. I am also dealing with flipside of this and that is there was a handicap parking space put in front, before I became an Alderman, in front of a home where the person has since passed on. The handicap parking still stays there and now I am going to be working to get it removed; because you're right there is no sunset. And if Ms. Rice and her family moved, this spot would be there and we would have to do other legislation to get it moved and so on.

So I have no problem if it were to be amended that in X number of years, we have to repetition and re do something like that. I don't have an issue with it, I think it's probably a healthy way to do it. Because what it does is if they did move, or if any circumstances changed, it would do an automatic sunset and I think that's a good idea.

Chairman O'Brien

Alright. And the Chair would be willing to work with you on that. I think that would just kind of help. You know as long as the sign is necessary it can stay up forever, you know?

Alderman Klee

Otherwise you have to do complete legislation to get it removed which is kind of what I'm working on which means that we have to now contact people within the neighborhood to find out if anybody is using it. We kind of did that on the side. We checked to see if anybody was parking in there, kind of went back different times, and so on. So then it'll be canvassing the neighborhood to make sure, I don't want to remove something that maybe somebody else starting using.

Alderman Schmidt

Is this street normally very busy for parking? Do they find that they cannot park there?

Alderman Klee

Oh yes that's why she contacted me at the beginning, I believe it was the beginning of the year towards January, February, March – sometime at that point. And that is exactly what was happening is that every time she would get there, there would be, there's a multi-unit across the street from them on Norton on the other side, there are multi-unit places. There are some single homes. Her place alone is a two-family I believe. So there are a few of those there yes, during that hour she has found it difficult.

Alderman Schmidt

So if this was designated as a handicapped spot, does that also mean that they could use it overnight?

Alderman Klee

I don't believe, I'm sorry I am not familiar with our legislation saying that no overnight parking means that a handicap park could be there but I don't know. I can't answer that. I was under the impression that she would not be able to park there overnight but I could be wrong.

Alderman Schmidt

And you talked to traffic about that?

Alderman Klee

This has been going on for so long, I'm sorry. I don't recall whether or not I talked to anybody. I remember looking to see if it was within the overnight; I don't recall speaking to anybody to say if we put up a handicap, can handicap park overnight? I would think not, but I can't, it doesn't make sense to me that you would allow for one space because it just asks for a handicap signage, it doesn't ask for overnight parking, it doesn't ask for anything of that nature. My concern was having to do legislation that another body is going to have to come through and do legislation to remove it. And if no one says anything, that literally can become a dead parking spot in an area that needs parking.

Alderman Schmidt

Could we build in a sunset clause?

Alderman Klee

And I highly recommend that and I am more than happy to work with whoever to get that in there, yes, I would like it. And I have no problem if it's a 5 year or 4 year or whatever you think is the natural progression of it. And then if that years the sunset comes, we do new legislation to re-up it or change the sunset date or do an amendment to it. I have absolutely no problem with that, I think it's a healthy way of handling something like this.

Alderman Lopez

I'm a little bit nervous about doing this because number 1 I don't know that no one is ever going to live across the street that has a handicap and would then use this spot that the woman thought was going to be for her, because you are designating it as a handicap space, not as a "this belongs to that neighbor space". Additionally I am not sure exactly where the authority for handicap spaces comes from. I thought that came from the State and municipalities could identify where they were going but then the behavior within them, like they are reserved for handicapped people, I thought that was State level. So maybe one of the 4 representatives in the room could enlighten me, or the lawyer.

And then the last thing I had as a suggestion was as an alternative to a handicap space if the idea is to keep the space open for someone that needs to load, maybe just put a 20 minute sign in there so that if she needs to have her son move in the car, no one across the street is going to leave their car all day because it can only be there for 20 minutes. Then she could use her car when they move.

Alderman Klee

I did speak to the resident, to Ms. Rice about the fact that if someone else were handicap and had handicapped plates and so on, whether they were elderly or whatever the handicap is, you know, if they had some kind of walking disability then they would be able to use that space and she is quite aware of that and has still asked for us to go forward with it. If that becomes an issue then she would have to deal with it. Right now she has almost no ability, I have driven by there a number of times and while I can park on the other side of the driveway or literally on the other side of the street or so on, I've never been able to park in front of that house. That does not mean that any of the residents, if they were handicapped, wouldn't be able to go and park there. I just don't see it, unless there was no parking space, I don't see that as something that they are going to want to do because it is not going to put them close to their house.

The house across the street that is a multi-unit, is right there on the corner of Norton and so on. I don't know whether or not they would park there. The people that are parking there are the ones that kind of appear to live down the street a bit. I'm not sure, I'm sorry my head is a little foggy right now but I don't think that they all have driveways and I think that's part of the problem. So they don't have adequate driveways for the number of people that are living there. And so they are parking in front of the house. As to your comment about the loading, putting a 20 minute loading, I'm not sure that would help either simply because it could longer than 20 minutes to get him in and settled and I don't know truly whether or not she is able to leave him once she gets him in the house and has to run down to move the vehicle. I would be really hesitant about a 20 minute loading thing. It's just not a matter of him being a package and bringing him into the house, I believe she stays with him and so on.

Alderman Lopez

I brought that idea up because that is basically what they are doing in front of the Mary Sweeney home. But I am still a little hesitant because we don't know for sure exactly all of what creating a space for handicap

parking entitles the person in it to. And then additionally it was said earlier while she would have to deal with that, we are the ones who would have to deal it if we stuck a handicap parking place in the middle of the street and then the wrong person was using it. We will have the same person coming back asking us to solve that issue too?

Alderman Klee

I can't say that she wouldn't do that; I am assuming she's not going to do that.

Alderman Lopez

Her son and her issue isn't going to go away.

Alderman Klee

And she's been dealing with this now for a couple of years and I think that's what it is, it has gone on deaf ears prior to my becoming an Alderman and now she's looking for some assistance. And I think she found someone that was willing to go forward and do it. And I don't mean anything against any previous Alderman. I think it's just that it was someone that finally heard what she was trying to say. I can understand that and I can understand the sunset, I don't think a loading is going to solve that problem. And it may solve it for one of the houses or something like that where when they are bringing the patient in or bringing the client in or you are bringing the resident in, there is somewhere there that can take care of them. This may not be the situation with Ms. Rice. And that was one of the reasons why she couldn't come today; she had an appointment with her son in Boston and there was a conflict. So that's why she sent this e-mail and I've asked you to put it into the record.

I do respect and I do understand exactly what you are saying in putting that up and "if". But if we walked around with "if's" all the time, I'm not sure a whole lot is going to get done. And I would hate for it to be denied; I'd just hate for it to be denied. I also don't want to see it have the particular person's name on it. I don't want that to create any kind of animosity either. But I don't believe that that would be able to be done. I don't know the State Laws but I believe that when I looked into it, in order for her car to be parked there, she either had to have a placard or a handicap license plate. And we've gone through all those motions, she went to her doctor, she got the appropriate paperwork from him; went to the State, got the appropriate signage for her vehicle. I don't know if it is a placard, that's not my business to do. I just told her that car could not park there unless it had the appropriate- so it's not just like she can park any car there; it has to be a car with the appropriate signage.

Alderman Lopez

I know, I'm handicapped so I get the idea.

Alderman Klee

And I understand that, but from the beginning I made sure that all of those, all those ducks were in a row before we went further with even putting in this legislation.

Alderman Lopez

Do we have anything from traffic or the Street Department confirming they are OK with this?

Alderman Klee

No I don't.

Chairman O'Brien

Prior to this meeting I did ask the Traffic Division and everything that is on this agenda has already been pre-approved from the traffic.

Alderman Jette

So if I could try to answer Alderman Lopez's question about do we have the authority to do this, isn't it a State thing? I'm looking and we do have an Ordinance called "Handicapped Parking". It says "No vehicles other than those which are identified as motor vehicles of handicapped persons in accordance with the RSA shall be allowed to park in areas designated by this section". And then it lists I don't know, there must be I'm just guessing, there are 30 or so spots, maybe 50 spots that are identified. Some of them seem to be the handicap spots that we see that are available for the public but there does seem to be, I don't know, maybe you are familiar with these locations Alderman Lopez; immediately north of 40 Ash Street on the easterly side of the street; in front of 50 Ash Street on the west side.

Alderman Lopez

That's over by the church.

Alderman Jette

Over by the Church, OK.

Alderman Lopez

One is by the park.

Alderman Jette

So I don't know if any of these are, you know, immediately in front of the entrance of 50 East Pearl Street. Is that the Sweeney Home?

Alderman Lopez

Should be, yeah.

Alderman Jette

So I don't know if any of these are designated for a one private resident, 69 Palm Street?

Alderman Lopez

That's across the street, over between West Hollis and Kinsley. I think so, if I may, if we have a list of authorized handicap spaces, then that at least tells me we are allowed to define where they are. It doesn't really clarify my question about once you create a handicap space is what is allowed in that space entitled by the State or the City. I suppose if we start proposing illegal legislation then the Legal Department will stop us?

Chairman O'Brien

Well if I may, not to interrupt you, but once we approve a space, according to the State and I am speaking as the Vice Chair now unfortunately of Transportation which is my State House Committee to which we deal with the handicap parking ordinances and motor vehicle law. To get a handicap plate, or placard, one needs to go to their own physician to be determined; after they meet that criteria and the physician knows what the State

criteria is on issuance of a placard and/or plate then that allows them to mark the vehicle either with a plate or the placard and park in any handicap space. Now you may see in a parking, whether it be van parking, but that does not mean that a person with a handicap placard with a sedan can park in that space. All the handicap designated area means, is anybody that is properly placarded or license plated can park in that space.

Now in this case it is in front of 13 Norton Street; if there was somebody that did meet the State criteria of having a plate and/or placard, could park there. That would be unfortunate against the person who has petitioned this, but it would not be against the State Law. So what we are doing tonight it seems to be like trying to help out a constituent with a particular need and allowing this space sounds like the person has met the criteria with her physician, applying to the DMV and being granted either the plate or the placard so therefore meets. We are within our authority to designate certain parking spaces; I know we have in other cases to make this you know a handicap spot. Again, could it be parked in by somebody else? Yes anything can happen, you know? But I think the day-to-day operations for her needs you know chances are she'll be all set in this type of situation.

Alderman Lopez

So either that or the 20 minute parking limit; the idea on behalf of the resident is to reduce the competition for that space. My only concern remaining I guess is if we do create a handicap parking space right there, we have identified a parking spot, do we have to put signage saying "No parking after bla, bla, bla, hours" or is someone going to get a ticket without realizing why they weren't allowed to park there.

Chairman O'Brien

I think – I don't know but I think the petitioner and I may be wrong, I'll refer to Alderman Klee, but the petitioner wants to make sure that space remains open for her access. So I would imagine your 20 minute plate designated parking rule, somebody could park for 20 minutes moves the vehicle and then another person dives in and parks for another 20 minutes. What she is declaring is she wants the sanctity by handicap signage for that spot. Now if it gets taken over by somebody with a handicap plate or placard, that's what the current State RSA allows. But the 20 minute rule would be detrimental to what I think she is petitioning is her need. She wants to have that space remain as much open as possible for her convenience in dealing with her loved one. Alderman Klee, would you surmise that?

Alderman Klee

Yes if it was just made into a straight 20 minute and not a handicap with 20 minutes but just a straight 20 minute, the truth is, I don't even think now, unless parking started doing chalking of tires and so on, that anybody would necessarily even move their vehicle. Norton Street is not, it's wide, but it is not a street that people are going to patrol, I mean I could ask Parking to patrol. And trust me they are in Ward 3, I get the calls on the overnight parking also. But the thing is I don't think the 20 minute would help; my concern about the 20 minutes is does that give her enough time to get the young man into the home and can she leave him? You know? I don't want to say this, this is one of the issues that she's had is they've tried to get him into the house. If it is she and her husband doing it, one could stay there and the other one could go and move the vehicle.

I'll be honest with you, I think she is extremely desperate and would take anything at this point, but I believe that we should put up a legitimate handicap, if this becomes an issue, I think we can take it up at that point. I don't think it will be an issue. I can never guarantee, I never say never. But I would like to start with doing handicap. I would also like to make the amendment to put a sunset clause in and I think that is a brilliant way of handling this, because as I said, I've got another issue in another area of my Ward where we have a handicap spot that is dedicated to that and no one can park there because no one is handicapped in that area, nor is anyone visiting handicapped. So I think a sunset is extraordinarily good idea.

Chairman O'Brien

And the Chair, if I may, the Chair agrees with you. But I'm in favor of granting this and like you just said in your statement, there is additional areas that may need to be taken a look at. So I would be in favor to grant on a need for this particular constituent, allowing them to have the handicap spot and then look at the issue, which would be sunsetting and coming up with an additional Ordinance. You know have the conversation with Legal at that point and Traffic and the Engineers to come up and say, make an Ordinance that these must be 1 year or 2 years or something like that. And that might be all encompassing, you know, start a program to look and that could even be the sick child or something like that, you know, warning signs that we see to re-look at that.

Alderman Klee

I think that would be a really good idea because there are times, I can tell you, as a person who has gone through chemotherapy and so on. There are times when you are considered, you can get the placard and so on as you know from the State. And if we could put one up that was 90 days or 30 days, this would make our life much easier. But to make things easier and to get more buy-in, I am happy to put an amendment in this particular one for 2 years and then we have to reapply or whatever it is that we have to do. I think it would be great to put through an Ordinance that said, "From this point forward anything put that way", but I am happy to, if it means anything will get through, I am more than happy to do that because she really is very desperate and she's been extremely patient. I've put her through all kinds of paces in making sure she went through the doctors, went through the State and then we've done it that way because I wanted to make sure everything was taken care of in that way. So she's been waiting a long time. And part of it is just because we need to make sure everything was done properly.

Alderman Lopez

Just to clarify my position, as long I don't think we are overtly breaking a rule I am not opposed to it. And as how to do it, I'll make a suggestion, but as the Alderman who is charge of that Ward and knows the situation better is proposing a specific thing, then I don't have a problem going with it. So I will support this as long as we are assured that it is not going to create any kind of conflict and I guess that's what Legal is for. As was stated earlier, the Traffic Department already said everything here was pre-vetted.

Alderman Klee

If I may, I would assume that Legal would not have put through the Ordinance if there was an issue, I would hope that our Legal would not have put through the Ordinance if there was an issue within that we needed other justification. They knew when this first started I did get ahold of Legal and that's where I learned that we had to make sure everything was right. Because we could put a handicap spot there and she wouldn't be able to use it even for 5 minutes if she didn't have the adequate signage on her vehicle.

Chairman O'Brien

The Chair is in doubt at this particular time for the clarity, right now we have the standing motion is for final passage. Alderman Klee are you content with that and would you work further to look at the sunset and amend this particular stand on this particular agreement?

Alderman Klee

Yes and I would be happy to work with you on that.

MOTION CARRIED

O-19-061

Endorsers: Alderman Linda Harriott-Gathright
Alderman-at-Large Michael O'Brien
Alderman Patricia Klee
Alderman Richard Dowd

AUTHORIZING STOP SIGNS ON GLEN DRIVE AT ITS INTERSECTION WITH NOTTINGHAM DRIVE

MOTION BY ALDERMAN SCHMIDT TO RECOMMEND FINAL PASSAGE

ON THE QUESTION

Chairman O'Brien

Trying to bring this up. Unfortunately Alderman Gathright is not with us, she seems to be the prime sponsor. I am the second one. And what strikes me in my remembrance during one of the Aldermen meetings while we were here, I think, there was an accident in that area where a car flipped over and smashed into another person's property. So the petition was made I imagine through Alderman Harriott-Gathright to petition a stop sign at Glen Drive in the intersection of Nottingham. Again, this went through the usual Daisy Chain, to the clerk, I am just trying to get any Glen Drive address will ...

Alderman Schmidt

I've got the cross street Nottingham.

Chairman O'Brien

If we notice here, this is where the cursor is, this is Nottingham and this is Glen Drive. This is the area that they are talking about in this particular area.

Alderman Schmidt

So the request is on Glen at Nottingham.

Chairman O'Brien

On Glen Drive at Nottingham. Glen Drive, as you see, comes off of Northeastern Boulevard and runs up through past Robin Hood Drive.

Alderman Lopez

I can also see from the shape of it that it is angled, so at least when you're on Nottingham you can see straight down the whole street; but Glen Drive, not even.

Chairman O'Brien

If I may again, I think this was predicated by an accident and concerns by constituents in the neighborhood. Is there any other further comment?

Alderman Schmidt

It is easy to see coming off Northeastern how if you are on Glen you may feel that you can just zoom right up and not having good sight along Nottingham, it would really cause a problem. It's not very clearly laid out there. I would say yes to this one.

Chairman O'Brien

Well again if I may, Traffic and Engineering has gone down and looked at that intersection and has come in agreement thus why it is before us and they support it. Further comment?

MOTION CARRIED

TABLED IN COMMITTEE

R-19-150

Endorsers: Alderman Patricia Klee
Alderman-at-Large Brandon Michael Laws
Alderman Mary Ann Melizzi-Golja

AUTHORIZING THE CITY OF NASHUA TO ENTER INTO A LICENSE AGREEMENT FOR A PARKING AREA OFF ARTILLERY LANE, NASHUA ABUTTING MAP 63 LOT 45

- Also assigned to the Board of Public Works; Tabled 6/27/2019
- Tabled 6/17/2019

O-19-036

Endorsers: Alderman Tom Lopez
Alderman Mary Ann Melizzi-Golja
Alderman-at-Large Shoshanna Kelly
Alderman Patricia Klee

DESIGNATING AN ADDITIONAL SECTION OF BOWERS STREET ONE-WAY EASTERLY

- Tabled 2/27/2019

Alderman Lopez

I would like to remove from the table or at least discuss removing from the table O-19-054 and that's because when we tabled it I explicitly asked for an update on the parking study which has not come. We got a communication from Director Cummings which was literally the same letter that Rich Lannon sent, only this one was signed by Mary Lou Blaisdell on behalf of the Downtown Improvement Committee but there was no estimate for when the study that we are saving all of this stuff would be from. And additionally since we have the map up, you guys could at least look at the space that I was describing and see how it is an extremely isolated case.

Chairman O'Brien

Do you know what number Walnut Street?

Alderman Lopez

136 West Hollis will show you.

Alderman Lopez

Well it is from Cedar Street so if you put in Cedar.

Alderman Lopez

So it is the space between Cedar, West Pearl. So it is that section between West Pearl and Cedar, is the only area being looked at. It is not even the extent of it, it's just in front of those first 2 buildings.

Alderman Schmidt

Oh I remember.

Alderman Klee

This was like 136 West Pearl Street.

Alderman Jette

Could I ask a question Mr. Chairman? So as I recall, the area that currently has 30 minute parking is on the west side of Walnut Street. I think the barber shop is the first building on the corner?

Alderman Lopez

Yeah I think that's the east side?

Alderman Jette

West Pearl Street. But the parking you are talking about is on the opposite side isn't it? It is on the West Side.

Alderman Lopez

I was talking about the east side, the side that is immediately adjacent to the barber shop because it used to be a cab stand. They put a 20 minute parking limit in there so basically the cabs wouldn't block the road when people were trying to get in and out of that parking lot to the left or turn or whatever.

Alderman Jette

So the current Ordinance the proposed Ordinance is to remove what currently says 30 minute parking, "No Vehicle shall be stationed or remain for a period exceeding 30 minutes on the following streets: Walnut Street, west side".

Alderman Lopez

Not east side? Is there even a west side. Is there even parking over there. Can you switch that to a satellite view? I didn't notice the Ordinance says "west side" and not "east side".

Alderman Schmidt

I think you meant east side?

Alderman Lopez

I did and I sent them a picture of it. Alright then I guess we'll leave this on the table until I get the right side. However, for discussion purposes, I want to clarify, those are the only ones I was interested in, not these ones over here. The impact on the streets and surrounding area would be extremely limited because the only ones who can really use are the barber shop.

Chairman O'Brien

If you wish to promote it further, have you gone to engineering with this?

Alderman Lopez

So I gave this to the Parking Department, they are the ones who wrote it. This is the way the street was before; so there shouldn't be any issues with engineering but I can bring it by them again if you want. We are talking about removing a sign not adding anything new. And the whole precursor to this was because of the cab company which isn't there anymore.

Chairman O'Brien

As what we have done you know we could do a lot of things and I am not saying changing this would be anything, but I hate to see something changed and then come back and looking for a lack of a better educated term, goofy, after the parking study has been completed and say, "Oh geez that wasn't a good idea at the time". But we are actually paying for a traffic study that would encompass this area and come up with a bigger plan to the issue.

Alderman Lopez

I recognize that but I also would like to point out that I am in the position of not knowing when that parking study is going to start and having been asking for a parking review and evaluation on this Committee for this entire term as Aldermen. We had previous Chairmanship of it, with no disrespect intended, we did considerable work on the on-street parking, on overnight parking, on extending the parking programs and everything. For the last 2 years, I have been asking for attention to that.

So I really am exasperated at this point and I don't have much faith that when people promise things, it'll happen, I'd rather look at constituent concerns as they come one at a time, because where in the past that was burdensome because so many things were happening and we were uncoordinated. I've experienced almost an entire term as Alderman where no planning has been done.

Chairman O'Brien

Have you had communication with Director Cummings?

Alderman Lopez

Yes and the end result was that we would eventually have a parking study; the one that we have in our queue right now. That was the result of the other issue with the street study needed for the hospital.

Chairman O'Brien

Alright because my communication with Director Cummings, he leads me to believe that it will be done this spring.

Alderman Lopez

I just would like confirmation of that because it is speculative as far as I know. I've had verbal communication with him to the effect of "we have vendors" which is what I was mostly concerned about was nobody would actually offer to do it. And he has said verbally that he thinks it will be done by February but I mean I don't even know where the Performing Arts Center is right now. So I want everything on paper.

Chairman O'Brien

Well focus on the parking right for now.

Alderman Jette

I just want to point out to Alderman Lopez that right now 30 minute parking, the only mention of Walnut Street is the west side of Walnut Street.

Alderman Lopez

So it needs to be corrected?

Alderman Jette

From Cedar Street Extension to West Pearl Street. So I don't know, on the east side, the side that you are apparently concerned with, the barber shop at the corner, there is also a convenience store to the south of the barber shop and I don't know if you've spoken to those people and how they would ... I have not spoken to them so I don't know but I am thinking that the convenience would kind of like the 30 minutes, you know, the quick turnaround.

If you are going to go back and make sure you've got the right side of the street, we ought to talk to the other people to see.

Alderman Lopez

So the convenience store wasn't aware they had 30 minutes but only because literally nobody ever parks there for that. The convenience store is very small so people aren't going shopping exactly. The owners might be interested in using it themselves, but the 2 spaces right next to Rise are the ones I was aiming out and I wanted to take that specific sign away. So maybe getting the right side of the street would be the start and then limiting it to that like "within 100 feet of" X, Y or Z. If I can do more to limit it specifically Rise.

Alderman Jette

That's fine I think that as I said before you know whether, if you expand the view, there's a big parking lot, the School Street Parking Lot where there is 10 hour parking. Like I said before, it only takes me 10 minutes for a haircut.

Alderman Lopez

To get that, you have to walk all the way around Nashua Wall and across West Pearl, when there are 2 parking spaces they could be using right there except for a law that we set up years ago for something else completely. I mean they might as well go to Elm Street which is over in the other direction.

Chairman O'Brien

Right now this an advisory or informational type of conversation because you did not really make the formal motion to remove it from the table.

Alderman Lopez

Oh I did but even I am going to vote against it. I wanted to bring the topic back up so it didn't get buried underneath tables in committees. And I am kind of glad I did because now next time I can amend it so that's it's the right side of the street. So thank you Alderman Jette.

Chairman O'Brien

Fine job. Are you content? Alright thank you.

O-19-054

Endorser: Alderman Tom Lopez
Alderman Linda Harriott-Gathright
Alderman Patricia Klee
Alderdwoman Mary Ann Melizzi-Golja

REMOVING THE THIRTY-MINUTE PARKING TIME LIMIT ON A PORTION OF THE WEST SIDE OF WALNUT STREET

- Tabled 10/23/19

O-19-057

Endorser: Alderman Tom Lopez
Alderman Linda Harriott-Gathright
Alderman Richard A. Dowd
Alderman Patricia Klee
Alderman-at-Large Brandon Michael Laws
Alderdwoman Mary Ann Melizzi-Golja
Alderman Jan Schmidt

INCREASING THE PARKING TIME LIMIT AT METERS IN ZONE I

- Tabled 10/23/19

GENERAL DISCUSSION

Chairman O'Brien

I do have one for the Committee, I talked to Treasurer Dave Fredette who will be at the next December's meeting. As you know we will be discussing some of the delinquent properties that come under the jurisdiction of Infrastructure. So I hope that you all can be there. I did also take the liberty, I think I did put the date out, one of the potential dates in December, because I know December, and I appreciate you all for being here tonight. I wanted to get it away from Thanksgiving a little bit so to give everybody pie makers and residents here and everything else. I know I got a turkey, I've got to put it in for the O'Brien clan. My family, we eat 3 turkeys. So we are getting the whole clan together.

But we did move up the December meeting equally to encompass that conversation. So it will be a meeting and as far as I know that discussion will probably be the full plate of the meeting. So there is nothing else really pending on that.

Alderman Lopez

Speaking of turkeys, the Harbor Homes Turkey Dinner, Thanksgiving Dinner is next Tuesday from 11:30 to 2:00. I sent an e-mail out to any of the Aldermen who are interested in serving. I believe Alderman Klee was interested, Alderman Jette was very firm that he wouldn't be peeling potatoes, but otherwise it looks like we are getting some support over there.

Alderman Klee

Yes I've made four phone calls to Harbor Homes today; I've left 2 messages and between their schedule and so on. Hopefully they will be getting back to me because I have 3 volunteers for that day and I wanted to clarify the list of items that they needed and see exactly what it is that they still need as well as one of the things that they asked for is their Annual Giving of, as you pointed out, was warm gloves, socks and hats.

Alderman Lopez

Socks, gloves, scarves, yeah, it's already cold already and it's only November.

Alderman Klee

Right, so I wanted to make sure that I've got that list out there also and I do appreciate you bringing that forward, thank you.

Alderman Lopez

Just as a reminder since we are talking Saturday is Tree Amigos, so a week from Saturday.

Alderman Jette

The Three Amigos, are those the guys that went to Ukraine? Oh Tree Amigos.

Alderman Lopez

Operation Endearing Welcome of which you are a Board Member.

Alderman Jette

If I may Mr. Chairman and Alderman Lopez, I have located the east side of Walnut Street from Cedar to West Pearl street and it is subject to a 15 minute parking limit. So when you are doing your homework it is Section 320-35, 15 minute parking. It is Walnut Street, the east side from Cedar to West Pearl Street. So the area that you are trying to correct is now a 15 minute.

Alderman Lopez

You know when you were saying 30 minute, I was like it's not even 30 minute but I figured I would just go check myself before going after it. So what was the number you gave?

Alderman Jette

320-35. But the Ordinance that the parking department prepared for you is dealing with the other side of the street, the West side of the street which has a 30 minute limit on it currently.

Alderman Lopez

I will go correct that or leave this one on the table and make a new one.

Chairman O'Brien

And Alderman Jette, I have to ask did you really offer to do the potatoes?

Alderman Jette

No I offered to be a waiter but not peel potatoes.

Chairman O'Brien

Oh OK.

Alderman Lopez

So just for context for the public, I no longer work for Harbor Homes, I haven't since June. But the Thanksgiving Tradition is a long-standing one. It has been going on for, I think, this is its 12th or 13th year. And then the second thing that we mentioned I've been working with Amber Logue to decorate the Veteran's Shelter for Christmas like probably for 8 years. And Alderman Jette and Alderman Klee have joined me recently, well Alderman Klee has; I think Alderman Jette is on deck. So we typically do the Thanksgiving thing on Tuesdays with Harbor Homes and then on the Saturday morning of the Holiday Stroll we decorate the Veteran's House. So you will probably see more announcements and stuff looking for donations of holiday decorations, gift cards, that kind of stuff for that later on event. I was trying just trying to make a plug for Thanksgiving.

Alderman Klee

I'd like to make a comment about what Alderman Lopez said. It is quite enjoyable to go; I was lucky enough to be one of the judges last year. One particular floor that goes all out, completely.

Alderman Lopez

Never the same one, it's always one of the floors goes nuts.

Alderman Klee

Yeah it was quite interesting to see how they all went and they were giving gift cards. They have a pizza party that goes on and it is a really nice thing to do. Anybody who wants to join in on it, and they do, they decorate from their rooms to outside their rooms to the hallways. It was quite nice, thank you.

PUBLIC COMMENT

REMARKS BY THE ALDERMEN

Chairman O'Brien

Wish everybody out there, hopefully, well I know I'll be seeing all of you, most of you tomorrow night anyways, but to the general public, hopefully they have a good holiday, Thanksgiving. Enjoy your time with your loved ones.

POSSIBLE NON-PUBLIC SESSION – None

ADJOURNMENT

**MOTION BY ALDERMAN LOPEZ TO ADJOURN
MOTION CARRIED**

The meeting was declared closed at 8:16 p.m.

Alderman Jan Schmidt
Committee Clerk

Re: Request for handicap parking/sign in front of 13 Norton St.

Tara Rice [tmcg7676@icloud.com]

Sent: Monday, November 18, 2019 2:24 PM

To: Klee, Patricia

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Thank you very much. I appreciate your help with this.

Best Regards,
Tara Rice

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> On Nov 18, 2019, at 2:20 PM, Klee, Patricia <KleeP@nashuanh.gov> wrote:
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> Thank You. I will hand deliver this request. I have also forwarded this email to the members of the Infrastructure Committee with a plea from me as well.
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>> Good afternoon,
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>> My name is Tara Rice and I reside at 13 Norton St in Nashua where I live with my husband and our 14 year old son. Our son is physically handicapped. He has gone through multiple surgeries on his legs that have left him with residual pain and balance issues.
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>> We currently rent from Marty and McKenzie Waddell. They have given permission for me to petition the city for a handicap parking sign in front of the residence.
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>> Parking is very limited here at 13 Norton St. Our driveway is to the right of the dwelling and is hardly wide enough to open the doors to get out of our vehicles when both cars are parked side by side. The driveway is also not level which makes it hard for my son to maneuver as it often causes him to fall and causes him pain from the angle he must turn his ankle and leg to maintain his balance. Once the snow begins to fall and accumulate around the city, the parking in our driveway becomes even more limited due to the snow banks. The icy conditions coupled with a slanted driveway make it impossible for my son to get in the vehicle while it is parked in the driveway.
>> Implementing a handicapped accessible spot in front of the house would make it easier to get my son in and out of the vehicle and into our home without causing further injury. Whenever possible, I will pull up in front of our residence to help him out of the car. The ground is much more level and there is ample space to open the car door to get him in and out of the vehicle. Unfortunately, the spot is not always available as other vehicles often park in front of the residence. Often it is people who have driveways with ample parking in their own driveways that park their vehicles there. It would improve his quality of life and cause him to fall less and keep him from causing further injury to himself.
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>> Thank you,
>> Tara Rice
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