

**COMMITTEE ON TRAFFIC/
PUBLIC SAFETY**

November 19, 1996

6:30 PM

Chairman Sysyn called the meeting to order.

The Clerk called the roll.

PRESENT: Ald. Sysyn, Reiniger, Soucy, Domaingue and Robert

MESSRS.: T. Lolicata, W. Kearney, S. Tierney, J. Hoben, Lt. M. Tessier
Police Chief Driscoll

Chairman Sysyn addressed item 3 of the agenda:

Communication from Robert DuVerger, North Eastern Institute of Whole Health, Inc., requesting the placement of four (4) street signs placed within City limits as herein enclosed.

Chairman Sysyn stated she felt this would be added on to a current church sign.

Ald. Soucy asked Mr. Lolicata if they did it for private businesses.

Mr. Lolicata replied he had never done it for private businesses. If they were to approve this request it would allow other businesses to come before them and would open a pandora box.

Ald. Robert asked Mr. Lolicata if he normally does this.

Mr. Lolicata replied no and it was his opinion that this should be received and filed.

On motion of Ald. Robert, duly seconded by Ald. Soucy, it was voted to receive and file item 3.

Chairman Sysyn addressed item 4 of the agenda:

Communication from Andre Gelinas submitting a petition on behalf of Mystic Street area residents requesting attention be given to the public way east of South Beech Street in way of alignment and construction of sidewalks in order to ensure the safety of those in the area.

The Clerk noted that Mr. Tierney had handed out a memo from Frank Thomas, Public Works Director in response to this item.

Ald. Domaingue asked for the committee to send a copy of the memo from Frank Thomas to Mr. Gelinas.

On motion of Ald. Domaingue, duly seconded by Ald. Soucy, it was voted to send a copy of the communication from Frank Thomas to Mr. Gelinas.

Ald. Robert asked if reconstruction was the only option in dealing with this area.

Mr. Tierney replied yes, as there was about 400-500 feet of street that would needed to be shifted in the travelway. They would also have to be concerned with the telephone poles.

Ald. Robert asked if they could paint or sign it differently.

Mr. Tierney replied no, as the road wasn't centered.

Chairman Sysyn addressed item 5 of the agenda:

Communication from Rick Gelinas regarding neighborhood parking problems in the residential area surrounding the Federal building.

Ald. Reiniger stated that Mr. Gelinas was a constituent of his who has had many problems with the parking on Laurel Street. There were a lot of workers from the Federal building who parked there. The problem being the time limits between Pine and Union Streets and no time limits from Union Street east to Maple Street. The residents on Laurel Street would receive

tickets and other residents east of Union couldn't park anywhere as parking was taken. They had put in the permit parking, but that wouldn't help the residents east of Union Street.

Mr. Lolicata stated some it was limited parking and if they put up a limited time parking they wouldn't park there more then that time.

Chairman Sysyn stated she received a call regarding Laurel Street and the person had wanted limited parking.

Mr. Lolicata noted they had it below Union, but not above it. The workers from downtown were going more easterly to receive the free parking in those neighborhoods.

Lt. M. Tessier stated he visited the area today and on the north side of the street it was completely full while on the south side it was half full. In the areas with the time zones people are receiving tickets and whether the committee would want to put time zones in the other area.

Chairman Sysyn stated in her ward they put a time zone in on Concord Street and then the residents received tickets.

Mr. Lolicata stated the residents would be lucky if they get a space in front of their homes as it was very difficult at times.

Ald. Robert asked what Ald. Reiniger's recommendation would be.

Ald. Reiniger stated he would recommend the Aldermen from wards 3, 4 and 5 get together and talk about what should be done in those areas. He had told Mr. Gelinis that it encumbers different wards.

On motion of Ald. Soucy, duly seconded by Ald. Robert, it was voted to table item 5 until Aldermen Reiniger, Sysyn and Clancy meet to discuss the situation.

Chairman Sysyn addressed item 6 of the agenda:

Communication from Claudia Lee, First Night New Hampshire, requesting free parking at meters and in parking garages on December 31, 1996 from 3:30 PM until midnight in conjunction with "First Night Concord/Manchester 1997".

Mr. Lolicata stated some of the garages may be closed on that day and possibly at that time. He would talk to the garage owners to see could be worked out.

Ald. Robert stated they could table it.

Chairman Sysyn asked if they had time to table it.

Ald. Reiniger stated they were probably putting together a brochure and would need some type of response. He felt they should go ahead and do it.

On motion of Ald. Reiniger, duly seconded by Ald. Soucy, it was voted to approve item 6.

Chairman Sysyn addressed item 7 of the agenda:

Communication from Marie Wingate submitting a petition on behalf of area residents requesting a 3-way traffic signal at the intersection of Bridge and Belmont Streets.

Chairman Sysyn stated she thought Marie Wingate was present and wanted to speak to the committee.

Ald. Elise stated she was supposed to be her and she would ask the committee to table this issue, as she knew that traffic signals were very expensive and wanted to let Marie address the committee on her concerns.

Ald. Soucy asked if there were only stop signs on the Belmont Street side.

Mr. Lolicata replied yes.

Chairman Sysyn noted she had discussed this with Mr. Lolicata who had stated it would cost \$70,000 to install.

Mr. Lolicata stated it wasn't just the money, but they had priority lists on different intersections.

Chairman Sysyn stated she felt that intersection didn't have many accidents.

Mr. Hoben stated they could do an accident study report before the next meeting.

On motion of Ald. Soucy, duly seconded by Ald. Robert, it was voted to table item 7 and to forward a letter to Marie Wingate advising her to appear and address the committee at their next scheduled meeting.

Chairman Sysyn addressed item 8 of the agenda:

Chairman Sysyn advises that the Traffic Department has submitted an agenda which needs to be addressed as follows:

STOP SIGNS:

ON WENTWORTH STREET AT MCQUESTEN STREET, NEC, SEC
ALDERMAN CASHIN

ON WORTHEN STREET AT WHITNEY AVENUE, SWC
ALDERMAN WIHBY

ON MANCHESTER ROAD AT POORE ROAD, NEC
ALDERMAN HIRSCHMANN

ON POORE ROAD AT HACKETT HILL ROAD, NWC
ALDERMAN HIRSCHMANN

NO PARKING:

ON MASSABESIC STREET, NORTH SIDE, FROM TARRYTOWN ROAD TO JEWETT STREET
ON MASSABESIC STREET, NORTH SIDE, FROM MAMMOTH ROAD TO TARRYTOWN ROAD
ON MASSABESIC STREET, SOUTH SIDE, FROM VALLEY STREET TO MAMMOTH ROAD
ON VALLEY STREET, NORTH SIDE, FROM MASSABESIC STREET TO A POINT 245 FEET WEST OF WOODMAN STREET
ON TARRYTOWN ROAD, EAST SIDE, FROM BENTON STREET TO CEDAR STREET

NO PARKING ANYTIME:

ON TARRYTOWN ROAD, WEST SIDE, FROM AUBURN STREET TO MASSABESIC STREET
ON TARRYTOWN ROAD, EAST SIDE, FROM MASSABESIC STREET TO A POINT 130 FEET NORTH OF NELSON STREET
ON AUBURN STREET, NORTH SIDE, FROM TARRYTOWN ROAD TO A POINT 135 FEET WESTERLY

NO PARKING (8AM-5PM/MON-FRI):

ON TARRYTOWN ROAD, EAST SIDE, FROM A POINT 130 FEET NORTH OF NELSON STREET TO BENTON STREET

RESCIND NO PARKING:

ON VINE STREET, WEST SIDE, FROM A POINT 115 FEET NORTH OF AMHERST STREET TO CONCORD STREET
ALDERMAN REINIGER

ON MASSABESIC STREET, NORTH SIDE, FROM PORTER STREET TO A POINT 50 FEET WESTERLY
ON MASSABESIC STREET, NORTH SIDE, FROM PORTER STREET TO A POINT 70 FEET EASTERLY
ON MASSABESIC STREET, SOUTH SIDE, FROM VALLEY STREET TO A POINT 70 FEET EASTERLY
ON MASSABESIC STREET, SOUTH SIDE, FROM A POINT 175 FEET EAST OF VALLEY STREET TO PORTER STREET
ON MASSABESIC STREET, SOUTH SIDE, FROM A POINT 250 FEET WEST OF VALLEY STREET TO A POINT 110 FEET WESTERLY
ON MASSABESIC STREET, SOUTH SIDE, FROM PORTER STREET TO A POINT 75 FEET WESTERLY
ON MASSABESIC STREET, SOUTH SIDE, FROM MAMMOTH ROAD TO A POINT 280 FEET WESTERLY

RESCIND NO PARKING ANYTIME:

ON TARRYTOWN ROAD, EAST SIDE, FROM NELSON STREET TO A
POINT 225 FEET SOUTH

ON TARRYTOWN ROAD, BOTH SIDES, FROM NELSON STREET TO
A POINT 130 FEET NORTH.

ON TARRYTOWN ROAD, WEST SIDE, FROM A POINT 130 FEET
NORTH OF NELSON STREET TO A POINT 120 FEET NORTH

RESCIND NO PARKING LOADING ZONE:

ON MASSABESIC STREET, NORTH SIDE, FROM A POINT 370 FEET WEST OF
TARRYTOWN ROAD TO A POINT 60 FEET WESTERLY

RESCIND PARKING 15 MINUTES:

ON MASSABESIC STREET, SOUTH SIDE, FROM A POINT 70 FEET EAST OF
VALLEY STREET TO A POINT 105 FEET EASTERLY

RESCIND NO PARKING (8AM-5PM/MON-FRI):

ON CEDAR STREET, SOUTH SIDE, FROM KENNEY STREET TO TARRYTOWN
ROAD

ALDERMAN CLANCY

ON TARRYTOWN ROAD, EAST SIDE, FROM NELSON STREET TO BENTON
STREET

RESCIND PARKING ONE HOUR (8AM-6PM):

ON TARRYTOWN ROAD, EAST SIDE, FROM A POINT 225 FEET SOUTH OF
NELSON STREET TO MASSABESIC STREET

FLASHING SPEED 20 SCHOOL ZONE SIGNS:

ON GOFFS FALLS ROAD, SOUTH SIDE, EAST OF POND DRIVE, EB

ON GOFFS FALLS ROAD, NORTH SIDE, EAST OF BILDOR DRIVE, WB

ALDERMAN DOMAINGUE

NO TRUCKS ALLOWED:

ON MITCHELL STREET, FROM CALEF ROAD TO SOUTH BEECH STREET

ALDERMAN PARISEAU

EMERGENCY REGULATION:

Under the provisions of the 1948 Traffic Ordinance, Article II, Section 3, the
following emergency regulation is enacted:

This is to authorize the installation of yield signs on Tarrytown Road north of Massabesic Street, north west corner (on island) and on the north east corner. This emergency regulation will remain in force until the yield signs are properly ordained.

On motion of Ald. Soucy, duly seconded by Ald. Domaingue, it was voted to accept the Traffic Department agenda.

DISCUSSION:

PERMANENT CLOSURE OF O'MALLEY STREET AT BROWN AVENUE AND SOUTH ELM STREET (POLICE DEPARTMENT)
ALDERMAN PARISEAU

Chairman Sysyn asked Lt. M. Tessier to address this item.

Lt. M. Tessier stated he had spoke with Sgt. Robidas in which he was trying to have individuals coming and going into this area the same way. It would help the police officers in that area along with the Manchester Housing Authority to do enforcement work.

Chairman Sysyn asked if there was a danger for emergency vehicles.

Mr. Lolicata replied no. He had worked with Sgt. Robidas and it was a new concept and those streets would not hinder any emergency vehicles as they would have to come in off of Elm Street. There was already no parking signs up and this was to try and curb any drug trafficking going on in the area. It was a safe concept as one section was already a dead end.

Lt. M. Tessier noted the Fire Department was contacted and they didn't have a problem with it.

Mr. Lolicata stated they were cutting off both ends so nobody could go out on either side, but had plenty other access.

Chief Driscoll commented it was crime prevention by environmental design.

Ald. Domaingue stated she understood the concept, but wanted to state for the record it was a street closure. Earlier this year they had conversations about closing streets in certain neighborhoods with legitimate reasons and the board choose not to do that. She would support it because of all of the right reasons, but the board needs to be mindful that there were good reasons for why, they as a board, should be closing streets.

Ald. Robert stated he wasn't comfortable with it as he didn't know enough about the area involved and asked for clarification.

Mr. Lolicata explained to him the area and the problems they've had in the past and what they were trying to clean it up.

Ald. Robert stated he wasn't going to vote on it as he doesn't know much about it.

Ald. Domaingue asked if there was a public hearing held on this matter and asked Ald. Pariseau for his comments.

Ald. Pariseau stated they had a neighborhood meeting with the residents of Elmwood Gardens last week at the Bakersville School and a majority of those residents were in favor of the closure. This request was made by the Police Department in order to cut down on crime in that area. The residents realized it was for their own protection and was approved by the Police and Highway Departments. The only problem he saw was it now stated it permanent closure whereas he thought it was going to be done on a trial basis. Sgt. Robidas did tell him that it would be for a one to 1 1/2 year trial period so they could look to see if the crime would decrease. If they decide to do it permanently, he could come back in two years and asked them to rescind it.

Ald. Soucy asked Ald. Pariseau if he had a problem if they stated it to be one year temporary closure with a report to come back to the committee from the Police Department on the crime data.

Ald. Pariseau stated that wouldn't be a problem.

Ald. Soucy stated she wouldn't like them to spend too much money on the infostructure if it wasn't being blocked permanently.

Ald. Pariseau stated that the Housing Authority was going to block it off and were purchasing planters to do so.

Ald. Soucy asked if it was the Housing Authority's understanding that this was a temporary situation or a permanent solution.

Ald. Pariseau stated he would have to say it was based on temporary, as that was the way it was explained to him.

Ald. Soucy stated she wanted to make sure it was their understanding of what was going on.

Chairman Sysyn asked Ald. Soucy if she wanted to send them a letter.

Ald. Soucy replied yes. She didn't want them to expend money unnecessarily.

Mr. Kearney asked if the Highway Department would be able to plow that area.

Ald. Pariseau stated the Highway Department wouldn't be able to enter from South Elm or Brown Avenue, but could enter off of Elm Street and Trahan Street. He had thought about it today and was wondering if they needed to make that a discontinued public way, so that the Highway Department doesn't need to plow.

Mr. Tierney stated they looked at it and didn't see a problem in plowing.

Ald. Domaingue asked if they were looking at discontinuing the street.

Chairman Sysyn replied no.

Ald. Soucy stated they were only looking for closure for a year and then it would need to be reviewed at that time.

On motion of Ald. Soucy, duly seconded by Ald. Domaingue, it was voted to allow temporary closure of O'Malley Street at Brown Avenue and South

Elm Street for a period of one year with the Police Department to return to the committee with a report of criminal activity in that area. Also, that a letter be sent to the Manchester Housing Authority informing them it was only a temporary closure for one year. Ald. Robert abstained.

TABLED ITEMS

Communication from Alderman Reiniger submitting proposed revisions to existing City ordinances.
(Tabled 2/26/96)

This item remained on the table.

Communication from Former Chief Favreau, requesting consideration that 10-hour meters along the south side of Manchester Street, between Pine Street and the driveway to the Police station be installed.
(Tabled 5/21/96)

This item remained on the table.

Discussion with Highway and Police Department regarding the development and/or recommendations for methods of slowing down traffic on certain neighborhood streets.
(Tabled 8/26/96)

This item remained on the table.

Communication from Alderman Pariseau requesting the Committee rescind its previous recommendation relative to the installation of "Right Turn Only" signs at the intersection of Westwood and Donahue Drives; and further requesting that the "Right Turn Only" signs be installed at the intersection of Sherwood and Westwood Drives.

(Tabled 10/21/96)

This item remained on the table.

On motion of Ald. Soucy, duly seconded by Ald. Reiniger, it was voted to remove item 13 from the table.

Communication from Philip Egan, Principal, Bakersville Elementary School, requesting that the area long Queen City Avenue south of Bakersville School be changed from a "No Parking" zone to one with limited parking, so that parents may wait with their children until they have safely entered the school building.

(Tabled 10/21/96 pending further report.)

Mr. Lolicata stated he had spoken with the principal and the Police Department regarding this item and it has been taken care.

On motion of Ald. Soucy, duly seconded by Ald. Reiniger, it was voted to receive and file item 13.

Communication from Sister Barbara McLean, Principal, St. Joseph Regional Junior High School expressing concern over various issues pertaining to school bus service, the sidewalk in front of Pulaski Park, Special Services and parking meters.

(Tabled 10/21/96 pending further report from Traffic.)

It was noted that they were still awaiting a report and that Mr. Lolicata would meet with Sister Barbara McLean. This item remained on the table.

NEW BUSINESS

Chairman Sysyn advised the committee that Mr. Lolicata had a item of new business.

Mr. Lolicata stated they had a bid opening on the LED Signal Lamps in which four companies bid on them. The money was coming out of CIP and he wanted to review the bids with them. They broke out the bids into two, LED Lite, Inc. and New England Signal Systems, Inc. They were looking at LED Lite, Inc. for the 150 12" red balls and to New England Signal Systems, Inc. for the other items. It would be a little over the amount they had set aside and they would have to look at cutting back about \$400.00 from one of those entities to equal the CIP money. This was something new and should save the city substantial savings in electricity. His recommendation would be that they accept the bids from LED Lite, Inc. and New England Signal Systems, Inc.

Ald. Robert asked if those companies were manufacturers or distributors.

Mr. Lolicata stated they were distributors.

Ald. Robert asked if there was one manufacturer for the entire country.

Mr. Lolicata replied no.

On motion of Ald. Domaingue, duly seconded by Ald. Reiniger, it was voted to accept the bids from LED Lite, Inc. on the red balls and from New England Signal Systems for everything but the red balls.

Ald. Domaingue asked if the committee was going to be presented with Mr. MacKenzie's traffic calming report or was that going somewhere else.

On motion of Ald. Domaingue, duly seconded by Ald. Soucy, it was voted to send a communication to Mr. MacKenzie asking him to come before the next Committee on Traffic/Public Safety with his traffic calming report.

There being no further business to come before the Committee on Traffic/Public Safety, on motion of Ald. Soucy, duly seconded by Ald. Domaingue, it was voted to adjourn.

A True Record. Attest.

Clerk of Committee