



MUNICIPAL SERVICES, FACILITIES AND INFRASTRUCTURE COMMITTEE
Council Chambers B, Keene City Hall
October 26, 2022
6:00 PM

A. AGENDA ITEMS

1. PowerPoint Presentation - Status of Dog Park and Disc Golf Park - DuBois & King
2. Aaron A. Lipsky - Requesting Tree Removal - 64 Hastings Avenue
3. Tree Removal - 64 Hasting Avenue - Public Works Director
4. Requesting No Parking - 191 Washington Street
Juliana Bergeron
Vic Pantesco
Randy Lowenberg
5. No Parking Request - 191 Washington Street - Public Works Director
6. Verbal Update on the Former Findings Property and Keene Skate Park Project - Parks, Recreation and Facilities Director

B. MORE TIME ITEMS

1. Discussion - Chapter 58 - Parks, Recreation and Facilities
2. Request that Railroad Square be Designated a Smoke Free Zone - Monica Marshall

NON PUBLIC SESSION

ADJOURNMENT

October 12, 2022

Honorable Mayor George S. Hansel and City Council
3 Washington Street
Keene, NH 03431

Dear Mayor and Councilors,

I am writing this letter to request that the City remove a hazardous tree from City property in front of my house at 64 Hastings Avenue.

The tree's three spindly trunks have expanded over the years to where the tree now completely blocks the northern view of traffic on Hastings Avenue from anyone exiting my driveway. This has become an extremely dangerous situation for me and anyone else leaving my driveway as well as the traffic on Hastings Avenue which might become involved with someone leaving my driveway.

I would deeply appreciate that City remove this tree as soon as possible for the safety of all impacted by this hazard.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely yours,



Aaron A. Lipsky
64 Hastings Ave
Keene, NH 03431





CITY OF KEENE NEW HAMPSHIRE

ITEM #A.3.

Meeting Date: October 26, 2022
To: Municipal Services, Facilities and Infrastructure Committee
From: Kurt Blomquist, ACM/Public Works Director
Through: Elizabeth Dragon, City Manager
Subject: **Tree Removal - 64 Hasting Avenue - Public Works Director**

Recommendation:

Move that the Municipal, Services, Facilities and Infrastructure Committee recommend that the Communication from Aaron Lipsky, 64 Hasting Avenue be accepted as informational.

Attachments:

None

Background:

Mr. Aaron Lipsky, 64 Hasting Avenue, has request that the City remove a drive on the northern side of his driveway. Mr. Lipsky that the tree blocks views of vehicles coming from the northbound direction.

The tree has three leaders. The tree appears to be in general good health.



Existing Tree.



Looking North.



Looking south as vehicles approach.

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September 22, 2022

Mayor Hansel and Keene City Councilors:

In February of 2020, I wrote and called city employees and elected officials because I was concerned about the difficulties my tenants, our clients and I have leaving the parking lot at 191 Washington St. There have been multiple accidents and another occurred this week when an 18 year old young woman trying to turn onto Washington was hit by a car driven by an 80 year old woman. The young woman looked but could not see the car coming because so many cars are parked on the side of the street tight to each driveway. This could have been a needless tragedy that could be averted by continuing the signs I have seen at the southern end of Washington St. up just past Beaver St. "No parking from here to corner." My hope is that the City will hear me this time before someone is more seriously injured. My [REDACTED] if you want or need to discuss this further with me.

Thank you all for your consideration,


Juliana Bergeron

[REDACTED]

Victor F. Pantesco, Ed.D.
Licensed Psychologist
NH: 514

191 Washington Street
Keene, NH 03431



10/15/22

To: City Council, Keene NH
Re: No Parking signs at 191 Washington Street
c/o Patty Little plittle@keenenh.gov

Members of the Committee,

I am a 21-year veteran tenant at the professional building at 191 Washington Street in Keene. The driveway has always been difficult to exit, and as years have progressed I would add even treacherous. It is especially compounded by these factors:

- Nighttime hours
- Rush hour evening hours, especially when school (next door) children and their parents are going into cars and crossing on the sidewalk traversing the driveway
- Rain or snow, especially at night
- Attending to three simultaneous sources of car traffic: Washington Street southbound and northbound (especially) cars, and Cross Street traffic emptying into Washington Street, almost directly opposite the driveway.

A colleague of mine in the office had a near miss upon exiting just three weeks ago. There have been too many accidents over the years.

Sometimes I have thought of exiting our driveway at night during rush hour in the winter as a combined experience of Russian Roulette and catapult launch.

Finally, **I taught Driver Education (road training)**, for summer many years ago in Santa Fe New Mexico. I can say categorically I would NEVER take a student driver out of our 191 driveway. The student's and my safety would be severely compromised, and I would fear litigation if something were to happen. Poor visibility is patently obvious as a significant problem.

Victor F. Pantesco, Ed.D.
Licensed Psychologist
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191 Washington Street
Keene, NH 03431



Thank you for considering this petition to limit parking on both sides of the driveway.

Victor Pantesco, Ed.D.

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Victor F. Pantesco, Ed.D." with a period at the end.

Submitted as electronic submission attachment without physical signature

cc. Juliana Bergeron, Laura Halvorsen, PsyD, Vince Pignatiello, PsyD,
Cher Krupnick, PsyD.

10/11/2022

Patty Little,

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Please share this letter with the committee and the council. I am writing this letter in support of Juliana Bergeron request to install "No parking from here to corner" signs outside of 191 Washington St. I am in this office 3 days per week. As I am leaving it is difficult to see traffic because of the lack of right lines. I feel I have to gun the car out into traffic to make sure I am able to turn onto Washington St. Each night is a frightening experience

Sincerely,
Randy Lowenberg



CITY OF KEENE NEW HAMPSHIRE

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From: Kurt Blomquist, ACM/Public Works Director
Through: Elizabeth Dragon, City Manager
Subject: **No Parking Request - 191 Washington Street - Public Works Director**

Recommendation:

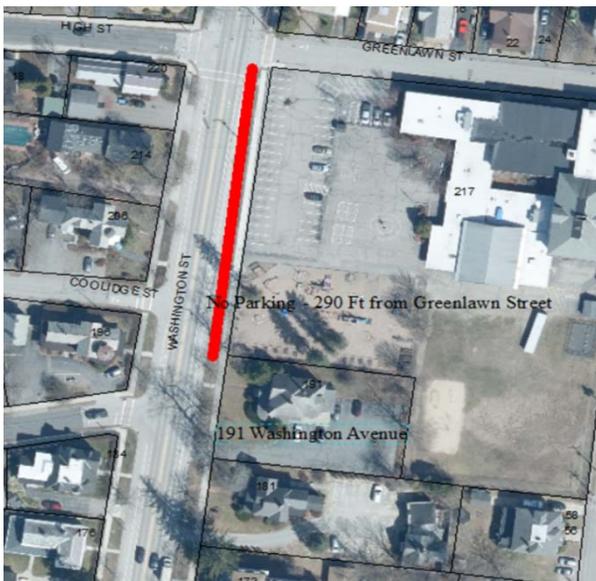
Move that the Municipal, Services, and Infrastructure Committee accepts the Public Works Department memorandum on Parking Concerns, 191 Washington Street be accepted as informational.

Attachments:

None

Background:

Juliana Bergeron submitted a request for “No Parking” designation in the area of 191 Washington Street. The concern expressed is visibility issues for vehicles exiting the driveway entrance when vehicles are parked on the street.





The options for consideration by the Committee are.

- Accept the communication – take no action,
- Restrict parking
 - o All hours or,
 - o Specific hours

Restriction of parking would require a drafting of an ordinance to amend Section 94 of the City Code of Ordinances.