

**TOWN COUNCIL MINUTES
ORDINANCE COMMITTEE
Town Hall Council Chambers
October 15, 2018, Monday**

Present: Kenneth DiFazio, Chairman
Michael Smart, Vice Chairman
Rebecca Haugh, Councilor
Christopher Heffernan, Councilor
Arthur Mathews, Councilor

Also Present: Joseph Callanan, Town Solicitor
Robert Luongo, Planning Director
Owen MacDonald, Traffic Engineer

Recording Secretary: Mary Barker

Chairman DiFazio called the meeting to order at 6:18 PM. These matters were continued from the last meeting.

18 113-Traffic Regulations-Pingree School Vicinity Associated with New Driveway Access-Egress Pattern

This matter was referred to the Ordinance Committee on September 10, 2018. The committee met on October 1, 2018. A public hearing was held on October 1, 2018 and was continued to October 15, 2018. Traffic Engineer MacDonald was invited to the table to present the changes to the measure made following the initial public hearing. He provided a summary of two areas of concern; the regulations around the circulation of traffic by Lovell Field and in relation to school, and what the area will look like. Principal Guilfooy was unable to be present but submitted comments.

Chair DiFazio asked about the busses. Mr. MacDonald responded that they are exempted. They may enter and leave, and only one leaves through Jackson Square. Cars cannot enter during school hours. The particular changes are:

School Zone 20mph

Monday through Friday, except holidays, September 1 through June 30

Restricted Turning

Pingree- drive at Commercial Street restrictions, add "except busses."
Time change

Do Not Enter

add "except busses"
8:45-9:15 and 3:15-3:30

The chair asked if there were any questions from the committee. There were none. Mr. MacDonald then reviewed the proposed signage. They include School Zone, Stop, Crosswalk, and No Left Turn signs.

The Pingree School stop sign has no restriction on right turns out of the drive; No Left Turn, and Do Not Enter in appropriate times. Vice Chairman Smart asked if two sets of times are included. Chair DiFazio noted they would like to minimize signage and still get the point across. Councilor Haugh noted that speed zone signs are not part of the change. Mr. MacDonald responded that it isn't posted but is a flashing light. Per the crossing guard, it isn't intended for traffic but for students are crossing. The lights will be set to flash.

Chair DiFazio asked if there is any push back about the inability to take lefts turn onto Cottage Street during school hours or with having to drive further to take a left. Councilor Haugh noted that much of the traffic exits out to Broad Street so this alleviates it. She asked if the new standard will be used at crosswalks at other schools? Mr. MacDonald responded that it was in the Safe Walk to Schools grant. Pingree was the one singled out in the study to encourage walkers and that's why it was included here.

A Motion was made by Councilor Haugh to forward measure 18 113 as amended, and pending favorable public hearing to the full Town Council with a recommendation for favorable action and was seconded by Councilor. UNANIMOUSLY VOTED.

18 114-Traffic Regulations-Jackson Square Parking Restrictions

This matter was referred to the Ordinance Committee on September 10, 2018. The committee met on October 1, 2018. A public hearing was held on October 1, 2018 and was continued to October 15, 2018.

Traffic Engineer MacDonald noted this measure is a result of a request from a local business owner. There was a lack of uniformity with parking times with the rest of the square and the owner is amenable to changing the parking restriction to 2 hours to match the balance of the Jackson Square area. The trustees of the condo complex have asked for a parking restriction on six feet of either side of the driveway. Chair DiFazio noted it already is more than a regular driveway; 8.5 feet to the curb cut. Mr. MacDonald responded that he doesn't see a need to extend it further.

A Motion was made by Councilor Haugh to forward measure 18 114, as amended, to the full Town Council with a recommendation for favorable action pending favorable public hearing and was seconded by Councilor Heffernan. UNANIMOUSLY VOTED.

ADJOURNMENT

At 6:56 PM, there being no further business, a MOTION was made by Councilor Haugh to adjourn and was seconded by Vice Chair Smart. UNANIMOUSLY VOTED.

Respectfully Submitted by Mary Barker as Recording Secretary.

Approved by Kenneth DiFazio as Ordinance Committee Chairman.
Voted unanimously on 13 November 2018