



CITY OF CONCORD

REPORT TO MAYOR AND THE CITY COUNCIL

FROM: Matthew R. Walsh, Director of Redevelopment, Downtown Services,
& Special Projects

DATE: July 21, 2016

SUBJECT: Poulin Gazebo and Summer Street Municipal Parking Lots

Recommendation:

- Accept the following report; and,
- Set the attached ordinance amending the Code of Ordinances; Title II, Traffic Code; Chapter 18, Parking, Article 18-1, Stopping, Standing and Parking, Section 18-1-8, Parking Time Limited in Designated Places, Schedule III (One Hour Between the Hours of 7:00AM and 6:00PM, Monday – Friday) for public hearing on September 12, 2016.

Background:

On March 7, 2016, Rebecca Stephens, proprietor of PranaSTRONG Yoga and Wellness, sent an email to Mayor Bouley requesting that the City change the time limit in the Washington Street / Poulin Gazebo and Sam's Market / Summer Street municipal parking lots from 30 minutes to 1 hour. PranaSTRONG is located at 311 Village Street (a.k.a. the Penacook Pharmacy building). Ms. Stephens made this request because her classes are typically one hour long. A copy of her request is attached.

The Washington Street / Poulin Gazebo lot contains 5 parking spaces. The Summer Street / Sam's Market lot contains 13 spaces, of which 5 are public parking. The remaining 8 spaces are located on land owned by the convenient store.

Discussion:

The City Council referred this item to the Parking Committee on April 11, 2016. The Parking Committee met on June 27, 2016 to consider Ms. Stephens' request. There was no public testimony concerning this request. Staff explained that it is typical for parking lots to have a longer time limit than on-street spaces (on-street spaces in Penacook Village vary between 1 – 2 hours). However, the 30 minute time limit in these lots was a result of public input received during the planning process for the recently completed Village Street rough-a-bout and related improvements. Specifically, the 30 minute limit was implemented in order to support the local convenience store and pharmacy; both of which generally require short-term parking for customers. Staff recommended that the Parking Committee host a neighborhood meeting to revisit current time limits prior to recommending any potential changes. Staff also noted that, anecdotally, one and two hour on-street parking in the vicinity of 311 Village Street typically has low utilization.

After discussion, the Parking Committee determined it was unnecessary to host a neighborhood meeting. The Parking Committee voted to recommend that the City Council approve an

ordinance to change the time limit for these two municipal parking lots from 30 minutes to 1 hour.

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