



CITY OF CONCORD

REPORT TO MAYOR AND THE CITY COUNCIL

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

DATE: June 23, 2015

SUBJECT: Chapel Street Parking Ordinance

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 18-1-6, Parking Prohibited at All Times in Designated Places, Schedule 1 (Parking Prohibited at All Times) for public hearing on August 10, 2015.

Background:

Chapel Street is a narrow residential street located between North State Street and North Main Street. The road is approximately 17' wide. Under the current parking ordinance, there are approximately 12 on-street parking spaces located on the south side of the road. Parking is currently prohibited on the north side of the street. Parking is regulated by time zone with a 3 hour limit. Please see the existing conditions map for details.

On May 1, 2015 Roy Schweiker, resident of 12 Chapel Street, contacted the City with concerns regarding on-street parking on Chapel Street and related conflicts with driveways on the north side of the road. In addition, he also expressed concerns about parking setbacks and sight distance on North State Street at the intersection of Chapel Street.

On May 26, 2015, a neighborhood meeting was held to get public input on these concerns. The meeting was attended by 3 members of the City staff and 7 residents of Chapel Street. The 7 members of the public were: Roy Schweiker, Michelle Bean, Paula Kelson, Bruce Calkins, Rita Calkins, Joanne Hertz, and Kim James. The meeting was very productive and resulted in a solution which was jointly crafted by City staff and residents to limit areas of on-street parking on the south side of the road to three designated locations. This proposal would reduce the number of on-street parking spaces from approximately 12 to 5.

Discussion:

The Parking Committee met on June 15, 2015 to consider Mr. Schweiker's request, as well as the proposed recommend solution related thereto.

During that meeting, the Committee was presented with a petition by Michelle Bean asking that no changes be made to on-street parking. However, the Parking Committee noted that the petition contained signatures from several individuals who did not own property or reside on Chapel Street. Further, those that did sign the petition who either owned property or lived on the street were all associated with the south side of the road, and were not afflicted with the same challenges associated with exiting their driveways due to on-street parking as those residents on the north side of the street. A copy of the petition is attached.

Upon review, it was the consensus of the Parking Committee to recommend to the City Council that on-street parking be limited to three specific locations. Please see the attached map titled "Proposed Changes" for more information.

In addition, the Parking Committee discussed sight distance and parking setbacks at the Chapel and North State Street intersection. The Committee determined that the parking at the intersection complies with City ordinances, that no safety issue was present, and therefore no action was warranted at this time.