



MEMORANDUM

TO: James M. McKenna, Town Manager

FROM: Traffic Safety Advisory Committee (TSAC)

DATE: January 20, 2010

SUBJECT: **Parking Restrictions on Harvard St, east side, near intersection with Revere St**

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The Traffic Safety Advisory Committee met on Wednesday, December 17th to discuss the following issue brought before us:

**Limiting Parking on the east side of Harvard Street adjacent to business activities**

Jim Demetri spoke in favor of restricting parking on Harvard Street within 100' of the corner with Revere Street, or the extent of the frontage that abuts his property. He stated that his business, located at the intersection is hampered by the lack of short term parking for customers. He expressed a willingness to be flexible with the hours, the period and the distance, but felt strongly that capacity for transient activity, 30minute to 1 hr parking was needed.

No other businesses or residents spoke in favor or against the petition. No accident history was found that could be attributed to the street configuration or current parking situation. The DPW noted that there has been incidents of hit street poles and hydrants (across the street) but they appear to mostly be related to existing curb cuts. It was noted that the area is designated as Business A district.

The TSAC took the matter under advisement and requested that the DPW & Parking officer visit the location and complete a consistency review for other parking limitations in business areas. This analysis concluded that the petition is more likely to improve safety at the intersection and noted the opportunity to add a "no parking here to corner" sign and the potential to close existing and no longer used curb openings. It was further noted that 30 minute parking currently exists on Central, Shirley, Putnam, Main, Pauline, Bartlett, Crest, Cottage Park, Hermon, Revere, and Woodside Streets and 1 hours parking limits currently exist on Shirley, Somerset and Woodside all abutting business activities. Most of these limitations are between 8am and 5pm, however there were several variations.