

City Council Committee Reports for 2020

DATE: May 3, 2021 **RECORDER:** *McCauley-Chair*

COMMITTEE: Public Safety

Councillors Attending		Others Attending	Address
Barry N. Connell		<i>June Henderson</i>	
Joseph H. Devlin		<i>Rick & Sheila Taintor</i>	
Afroz Khan		<i>Lise Reid</i>	
Byron J. Lane	X	<i>Jane Snow</i>	
James J. McCauley	X	<i>Jennie Donahue</i>	
Heather L. Shand		<i>Jeanie Murphy</i>	
Charles F. Tontar	x	<i>Michael Lodigian</i>	
Bruce L. Vogel	X		
Christine E. Wallace	x		
Sharif I. Zeid			
Jared J. Eigerman			

AGENDA ITEMS

ACTION TAKEN

Approval of Minutes	<i>none</i>
Merrimac St Striping Plan	<i>hold</i>
ORD List of Sidewalks	<i>In committee</i>

Topic: Public Safety Committee

Date: May 3, 2021 05:59 PM Eastern Time (US and Canada)

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Agenda Items

Approval of Prior Meeting Minutes: No Action.

ORDR250 Merrimac St Signs, Signals, Striping Plan

Striping Plan located here:

<https://www.cityofnewburyport.com/city-council/events/295366>

Cnclr Wallace..talked about the process. Center Line in middle, 11ft travel lanes, 5ft shoulders. Not narrowing street, Pioneer area is more complex. Plan goes down to Forrester St. Looking for a commitment from Administration to ensure area is safer, ie more crosswalks.

JEWhite...center line in middle, shoulder varies but mostly +/- 5ft. At PL travel lanes are 10.5. Hash marks block out parking to create the area of a sidewalk. CW...missing a crosswalk at Moulton.

Q: Cnclr BVogel...design and expense of handicap ramps?

JEWhite: the 45 degree angle allows us to keep trees just trim to 6ft, and get shoulder to 5ft exact.

Q; Cnclr Tontar...how many spaces are lost? A: with on street about 10-12
Cnclr Lane..who'll be trimming trees? And when? We need to move on this.

Public Comment

Jane Snow, 9 Coffin St. Not in favor of narrowing street. But agrees something should be done

June Henderson 452 Merrimac. Sidewalk not safe, no car buffer. Hash area at Moulton is where residents park, Will sidewalk change due to add of handicap ramps? Residents park on Merrimac. The Master plan creates the same problem in a lot. Not in favor of Parking on BBall court as no cars allowed in Park.

Jeanine Murphy 10 Plummer Ave. Lot has a spring, and conservation area,. Back of yard is gravel lot, coaches parking area.

Jennie Donahue 18 Cherry, Chair of Disability Committee. The Committee may have some funds to help pay for handicap ramps.

Rick Taintor 10 Dexter St. In Favor, Consistent. The focus is on Angle parking what about cars coming from east? Will they have to turnaround or reverse angle? Does that create more issues? Have we thought of back in angle parking? Provided a link.

Michael Lodigian 460 Merrimack. In favor of the plan
Shiela Taintor, 10 Dexter St...supports back in parking.
Close

Cnclr Vogel...wants to know more about back in parking option.

Rick Taintor...provided more details.

Cnclr Vogel in favor of back in parking and would like to explore options.

Committee: 3-0

Strongly recommend plan, ask dps VIA City Engineer to finalize plans with Beta.

Add'l Inputs post meeting

From: June Henderson <coachjeh2000@yahoo.com>

Sent: Tuesday, May 4, 2021 8:55 AM

To: jeigerman@cityofnewburyport.com; Envirocom50@gmail.com; jdevlinnbpt@gmail.com; AKhan@CityofNewburyport.com; tontar44@comcast.net; bruce@vogelatlarge.com; szeit@cityofnewburyport.com; HShand@cityofnewburyport.com; christinewallace.ward4@gmail.com; mccauleyward5@gmail.com; byron@byronlanenbpt.com

Subject: Stripping plan for Merrimac St.

The current proposed plan for stripping Merrimac St. was released April 30th and discussed at a Public Safety Meeting May 3rd. In this discussion it was stated that parking along Merrimac St. would be eliminated.

The plan will eliminate parking along the length of Merrimac that has been resurfaced by adding a (up to) 5' shoulder line on both sides of the street. This is the type of stripping that was proposed for High Street many years ago, with the shoulder being a bike lane. This was hotly debated and revamped.

Residents of Merrimac St. are unaware of these changes being made. It was the recommendation of the Public Safety Committee that the current plan will be submitted to the City Council for approval. I think residents need to be aware this is happening and insist on public input and hearings to this effect.

All agree that we need Merrimac Street relined as soon as possible, but to make changes like this is not being representative of the people you serve.

Thank you, June Henderson 452 Merrimac St. Newburyport.

From: Bruce Vogel <bruce@vogelatlarge.com>

Sent: Tuesday, May 4, 2021 10:38 AM

To: Jim McCauley <mccauleyward5@gmail.com>; Byron Lane <byron@byronlanenbpt.com>

Subject: Fwd: Reverse Angle Parking

Jim,

Please add this to the public record and provide to the rest of council.

Thank you,

Best,

BV

Bruce L. Vogel

[Newburyport City Councilor At Large](#)

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From: **Sheila Taintor** <staintor@icloud.com>
Date: Mon, May 3, 2021 at 8:05 PM
Subject: Reverse Angle Parking
To: Bruce Vogel <bruce@vogelatlarge.com>

And here are two short videos to help you understand reverse (or back in) angled parking, Bruce!

1:02 min (Carlsbad CA) (*sorry about the ad*) <https://youtu.be/QtfmWiJG3q4>

1:20 min video https://youtu.be/eZ_9UNw9YSg

That was a good meeting!

Sheila

From: Bruce Vogel <bruce@vogelatlarge.com>
Sent: Tuesday, May 4, 2021 10:39 AM
To: Jim McCauley <mccauleyward5@gmail.com>; Byron Lane <byron@byronlanenbpt.com>
Subject: Fwd: Back-in angle parking - 2005 report

And this please.

BV

Bruce L. Vogel

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From: **Rick Taintor** <rtaintor@gmail.com>
Date: Mon, May 3, 2021 at 7:58 PM
Subject: Back-in angle parking - 2005 report
To: Bruce Vogel <bruce@vogelatlarge.com>



Back-in-Angle-Parking - Nelson-Nygaard



Merrimac-Atkinson
CS concept 4-22-19.

ODNC075 Safety Zone

Cnclr Wallace: Safety zone like a school zone, 20mph, marked differently etc.. Need to define the limits. Looking for add'l traffic calming as well.

Cnclr Lane: Ok with defining Moulton – Jefferson?

Cnclr Vogel: Ok with plan

Cnclr Wallace: Focus on Park area now.

Cnclr Tontar: want to do safety zone as part of striping.

Public Comment:

June Henderson: Ok with safety Zone. We should put back the flashing lights.

Rick Taintor: Ok with Safety Zone. Area just prior Moulton as that intersection should be redone easterly to Plummer.

Jennie Donahue: Ok with Safety Zone

Lise Reid: 204 High, Parks Dir. Thanks for the safety focus.

Jane Snow: Ok with Safety Zone. Lights, no islands in road.

Q Cnclr Wallace: did parks trim trees? A: Not yet.



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Committee: Motion to present to CC for their review and approval. 3-0.