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Date: June 7, 2017

To: Members – Traffic Advisory Committee

From: Glenn R. Clancy, Committee Liaison

Subject: Agenda for Meeting on **Thursday, June 15, 2017 at 7:00 PM** in Town Hall Conference Room 2. If you cannot attend the meeting, please contact me via e-mail.

7:00 – 7:05 Minutes (May 11, 2017)

7:05 – 7:45 Public Meeting – Chenery Middle School Parking Issues

- Discussion and Vote on Final Plan

7:45 – 8:05 Ridge Road - Proposed Turn Restrictions (Resident Request)

- Discussion and Vote

8:05 – 8:20 Proposed Parking Restriction – Concord Avenue at Memorial Library (Belmont Library)

- Discussion and Vote

8:20 – 8:40 Burbank School – Proposed Parking Restrictions on Sharpe Road

- Discussion and Vote

8:40 – 8:50 Old Business

- Other (No Known Items)

8:50 – 9:00 New Business

- Other (No Known Items)

9:00 Adjourn

Note: Times are tentative depending on the flow of the meeting, the time of any particular item may deviate ten to fifteen minutes from the schedule.

Cc: Board of Selectmen – Jim Williams
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OFFICE OF COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

MEMO

MEMO TO: Traffic Advisory Committee

FROM: Glenn R. Clancy, P.E.

SUBJECT: Chenery Middle School – Overflow Parking Plan

DATE: June 6, 2017

Principal Michael McAllister of the Chenery Middle School estimates there are fifty-six parking spaces required to accommodate the overflow parking at the school. Recall the Traffic Advisory Committee is interested in considering a plan that will distribute parked vehicles on five roads near the school; Garden Street, West Street, Howard Street, Hurd Road and Selwyn Road.

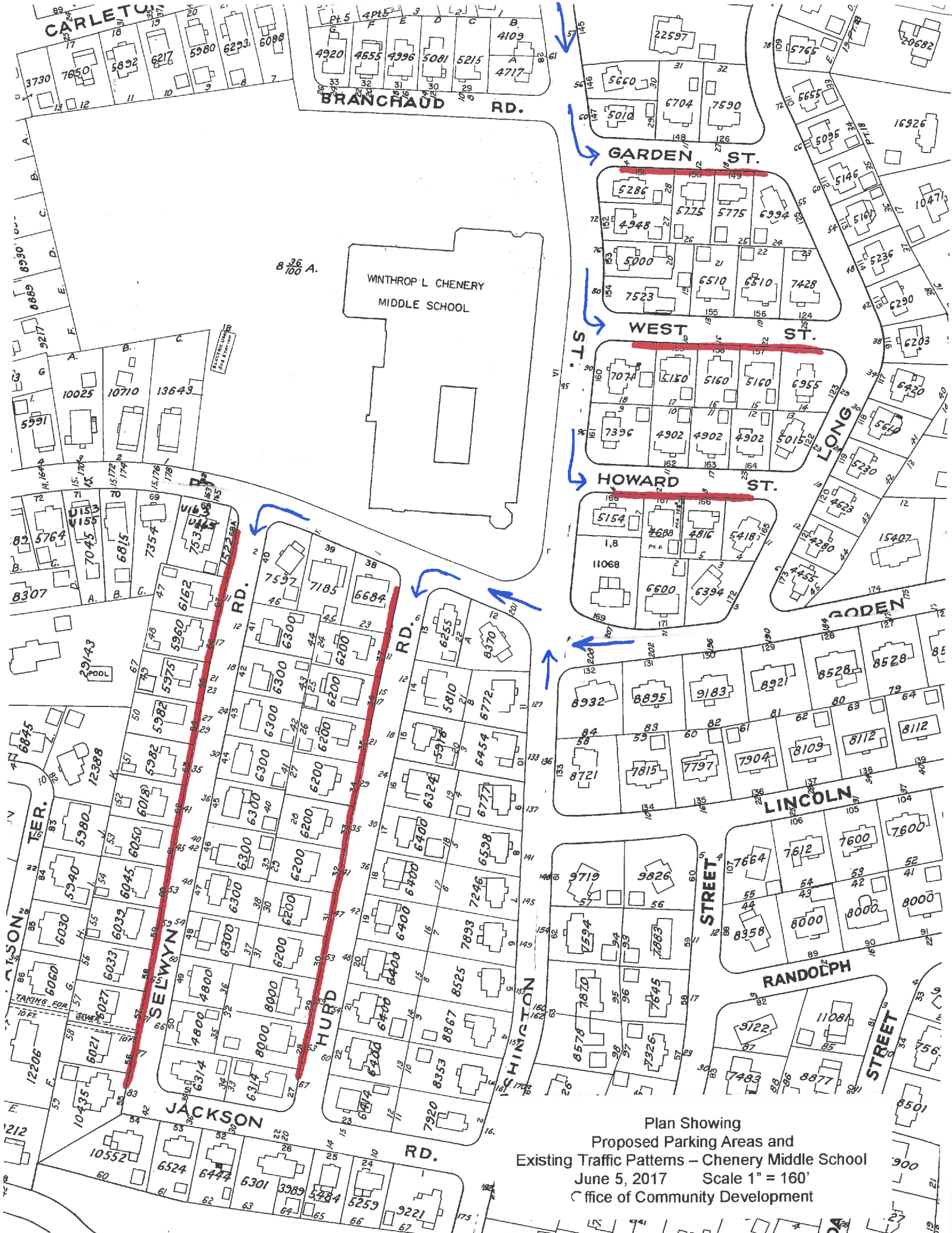
I have looked at each of the roads and I believe 56 spaces can be accommodated by distributing them as follows:

Garden Street – 4
West Street – 9
Howard Street – 6
Hurd Road – 18
Selwyn Road – 19

In order to minimize the impact to residents this plan allows teachers to park on one side of the road only (see attached plan). The other side of each road can be left unrestricted for use by anyone other than teachers. Please be aware that due to access restrictions on each road between 7:00 am to 9:00 am there is really only one side of the road available between those hours. Teachers parking on Garden Street, West Street and Howard Street will need to access Washington Street from Common Street to avoid violating the posted access restriction on Washington Street at Goden Street.

Each teacher will receive a parking tag specific to the road they are allowed to park on. This will regulate the number on each road and allow residents to identify permit holders parking in the wrong location. This program will be administered by principal McAllister.

Additional vehicles above 56 would be required to find parking elsewhere. Near the Payson Park Reservoir has been mentioned and is a possibility.



Plan Showing
 Proposed Parking Areas and
 Existing Traffic Patterns – Chenery Middle School
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FROM: Glenn R. Clancy, P.E.

SUBJECT: Ridge Road – Turn Restrictions Letter Dated 5/26/2017

DATE: June 6, 2017

The Traffic Advisory Committee has received a letter from Carrie Redi of 16 Ridge Road regarding issues with traffic flow on Ridge Road. A copy of the letter is attached.

Three requests have been made:

- a) The One-Way sign at the end of Ridge Road at White Street should be lowered so that drivers are able to see it more clearly. It is currently placed much higher than usual and is easy to miss.
- b) “Do Not Enter” signs should be added at the end of Ridge Road at White Street on both sides of the street.
- c) A “No Right Turn” sign during certain hours (7-9am, 4-7pm) should be added at the entrance to Ridge Road at Belmont Street, so drivers would not be able to use our street as a cut-through to avoid the traffic light.

The first two requests are easily addressed and I will work with the Belmont DPW to resolve them.

The third request should be decided by the committee through the public hearing process. I have invited the residents of Ridge Road to attend a discussion on the evening of June 15, 2017.

Carrie Redi
16 Ridge Road Belmont, MA 02478
617-855-8118
carrie@jasonredi.com

5/26/2017

Office of Community Development; Homer Municipal Building
19 Moore Street; 2nd Floor
Belmont, MA 02478

Dear Belmont Traffic Advisory Committee,

I am writing to express concern over traffic issues on our street, Ridge Road, which have become dangerous for children, pedestrians, and other drivers.

Ridge Road is a One-Way street connecting Belmont Street to White Street. Many drivers use this road as a cut-through to avoid the traffic light at Belmont and White Streets. We have witnessed drivers speeding down our street mostly during morning and evening rush hour times. There are 16 children living on this street, one of which has a hearing loss, and we are very concerned about their safety.

Another issue we encounter regularly is that drivers are going down our street the wrong way. Many are apologetic upon being told they are going the wrong way but some are fully aware and are repeat offenders. For some reason the wrong-way driving has become much more common in the past few months, with daily occurrences of wrong way drivers recently.

We would like to propose that:

- a) The One-Way sign at the end of Ridge Road at White Street should be lowered so that drivers are able to see it more clearly. It is currently placed much higher than usual and is easy to miss.
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Thank you for taking these proposals into consideration. We have the signatures of many concerned residents of Ridge Road/Belmont Street who are affected by these traffic concerns which I can send upon request.

Sincerely,

Carrie Redi



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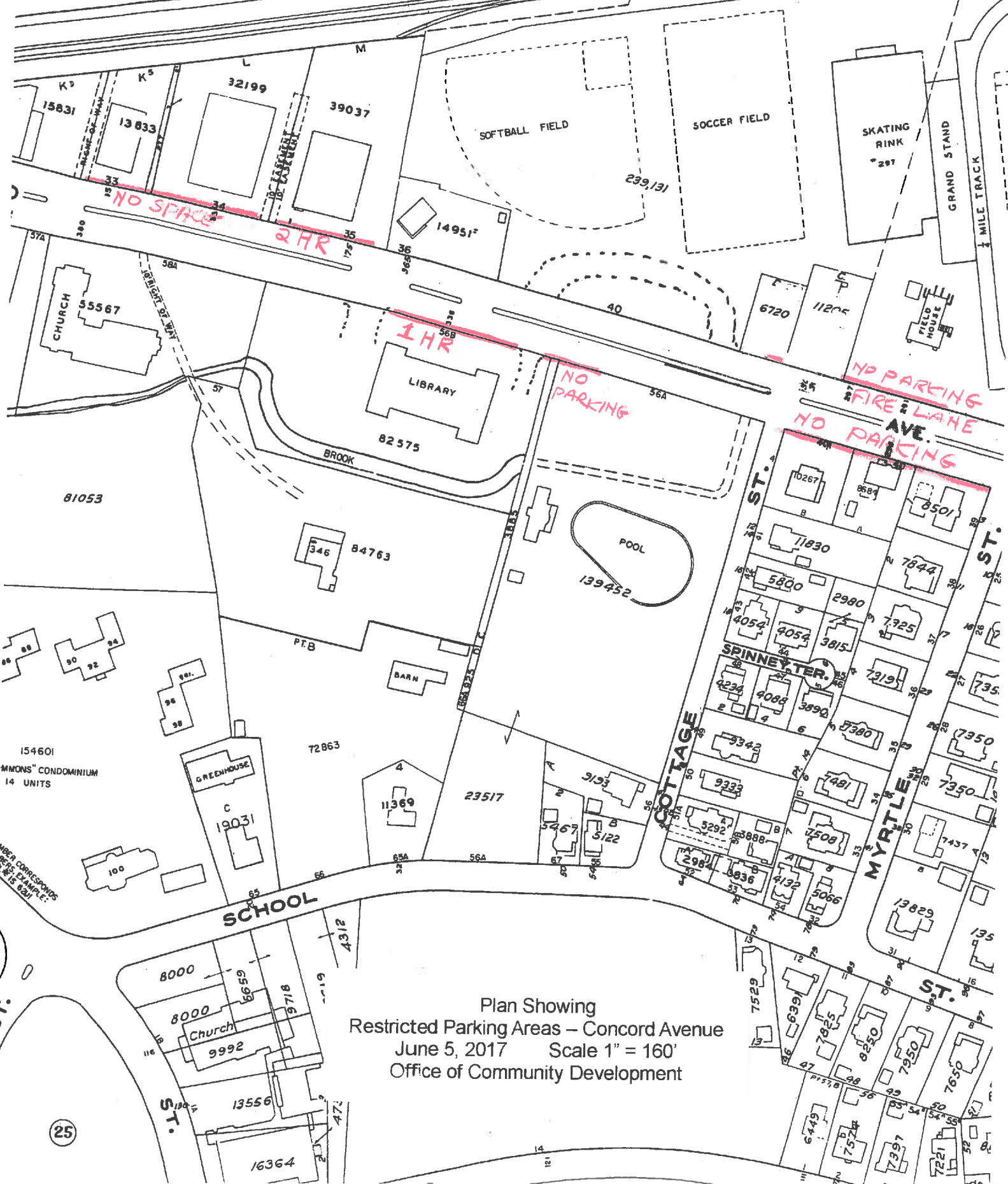
SUBJECT: Proposed Parking Restriction – Concord Avenue at Memorial Library

DATE: June 6, 2017

The Traffic Advisory Committee has received a request from the Belmont Memorial Library to have certain parking spaces near the library restricted so as to prevent all day parking and thereby allow more spaces to be available for the library, area businesses and Underwood Pool patrons. Please see the attached e-mail message from Mark Carthy, Library Trustee.

There is a delicate balance of commuter, employee and patron parking in and around Belmont Center. There are several businesses in the area and it is not known whether their employees are using some of the spaces along Concord Avenue for parking. I have invited the business owners to attend a discussion on the evening of June 15, 2017. It is possible some of the commuters are Belmont residents who live too far away to walk to the bus and train. I will have Community Development staff place flyers on the windshields of these cars with the information on the June 15 meeting.

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Plan Showing
Restricted Parking Areas – Concord Avenue
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Clancy, Glenn

From: Mark Carthy <mpcarthy@outlook.com>
Sent: Thursday, May 04, 2017 9:23 AM
To: Selectmens Mailbox
Cc: Carman, Floyd; Fred Paulsen; Struzziero, Peter; Wheeler, Jeffrey; Clancy, Glenn
Subject: Commuter Parking along Concord Ave

I am writing to you to ask if you could help with a parking problem along Concord Ave.

In particular I am asking about the area along Concord Ave near the library and across the street from the library.

We have a problem with commuters using the spots all day for "free" commuter parking.

This is a problem for the library, pool and local businesses.

We already have 1hr parking signs immediately outside the library - and this seems to be working vs commuters. By 8am this morning I could see the 1hr area empty and the spots on either side without parking time limits already full.

I dont know if a 1hr limitation is the answer everywhere. You might consider a longer time limit (say 2 to 4hrs) - just so long as it prevents commuters taking these spots away from Belmont citizens regular activities.

Thanks,

Mark

Belmont TMM Precinct 1
Library Trustee



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FROM: Glenn R. Clancy, P.E.

SUBJECT: Burbank School – Proposed Parking Restrictions on Sharpe Road

DATE: June 7, 2017

I recently attended a meeting at the Burbank Elementary School with Principal Tricia Clifford and representatives from the Burbank PTA Safe Routes to School Committee. Given anticipated increases in student enrollment and busing across town, Principal Clifford would like to establish a better system for school buses. We discussed proposed parking restrictions on Sharpe Road to accommodate an adjusted school bus route that will relieve traffic and safety problems on School Street.

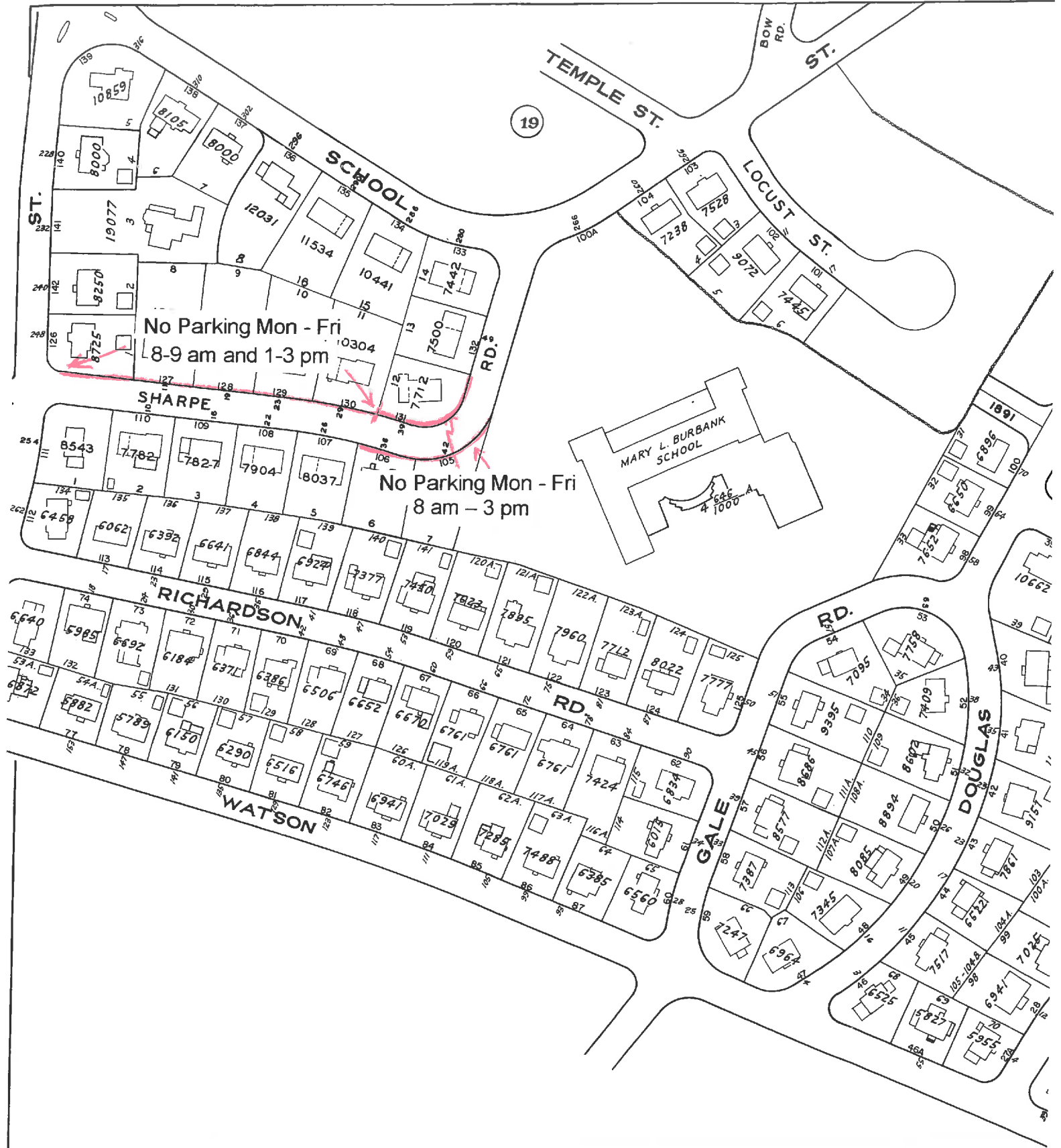
This coming summer several improvements will be made along School Street to improve pedestrian safety. Improvements include enhanced crosswalk signage, enhanced school zone warning signs, raised speed tables, and new granite curbing and concrete sidewalks. These improvements will prevent parents from parking and dropping off students on School Street, making it safer for students walking to the school and crossing on School Street. As an added measure of safety, school buses will discharge/pick up students at the turn-in located on Sharpe Road, instead of stopping on School Street across from the front of the school.

In order for this plan to work buses must access Sharpe Road from Washington Street. As you know, the road can become quite narrow when both sides are used for parking and there is a turn on Sharpe Road just before school property. Parking must be restricted to ensure unimpeded access for buses. Currently parking is partially restricted only along a portion of 39 Sharpe Road, the inside of the curve.

The committee is being asked to consider the following:

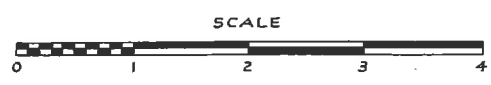
- Restrict parking on the odd side of Sharpe Road, Monday thru Friday, 8 am to 9am and 1 pm to 3 pm.
- Restrict parking on both sides of the curve along the entire frontage of 39 Sharpe Road and along 36, and 42 Sharpe Road Monday thru Friday, 8am and 3 pm.
- Change the signage currently posted at the curve and in the turn-in to "No Parking 8 am to 3 pm: School Bus Access Only".

Sharpe Road residents have been invited to attend the June 15th TAC meeting.



No Parking Mon - Fri
8-9 am and 1-3 pm

No Parking Mon - Fri
8 am - 3 pm



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 Restricted Parking Area – Sharpe Road
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