

Traffic Advisory Committee

November 9, 2017

Minutes

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Committee Members Present: Peter Curro, Michael Lanza (Clerk), Laurence MacDonald (Chair), Donald Mercer, Dana Miller (Vice Chair), Sue Pew

Ex Officio Committee Members Present: Glenn Clancy (Town Engineer), Sgt. Ben Mailhot (Belmont Police representative to the committee)

Residents Present: Janice Sotu, Elements Massage, 693 Belmont St., Kathy Allen, 33 Wellington Ln.

7:10pm

Request for 15 Min parking spaces to be created at 687 Belmont St

Resident and business owner, Janice Sotu, states her business has been at its current location for 8 years. Her concerns are the amount of spaces Ani's Catering is requesting. States it would take up 30% of the available street parking. Also states that once a week during trash collection day, they cannot park due to barrels on the street in front of businesses. During winter, spots are also lost due to snow banks. States Ani catering has 2 vehicles, one being parked in front of their business most of the day and the other being a van that can take up 2 spaces due to its size. Also states that they have a back loading zone but they load their van in the front of the business. Janice states her staff parks on side streets. States Ani's vehicles are there most of the day and are sometimes left there for extended periods of time (4 hours lately).

Janice Sotu, Belmont resident and business owner, states that the lack of short term parking spaces available on her block is affecting her business and others, negatively.

The TAC voted to recommend to the BOS (Board of Selectmen) that one 15-min parking space be provided on the street.

7:15pm:

Request for 1 Handicap parking space to be created at 161 Belmont St

Town Engineer, Glenn Clancy, mentions that handicap spot would benefit everyone in that area and the committee members agree.

The Committee voted to recommend to the BOS that one handicapped-parking space be provided at 161 Belmont St.

7:30:

Meeting adjourned

12/14/17 APPROVED



Traffic Advisory Committee

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Date: November 3, 2017

To: Members – Traffic Advisory Committee

From: Glenn R. Clancy, Committee Liaison

Subject: Agenda for Meeting on **Thursday, November 9, 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 – 7:10 Minutes (October 12, 2017)

7:10 – 7:15 Public Hearing – Request for 15 Minute Parking Spaces *1 - 15 min space*
• 687 Belmont Street (Ani Catering – John Janessian)

7:15 – 7:20 Public Hearing – Request for Handicap Parking Space *HP space*
• 161 Belmont Street (Dr, Prathima Bayisetty)

7:20 – 7:25 Old Business
• No Known Items

7:25 – 7:30 New Business
• No Known Items

7:30 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
Phyllis Marshall, Interim Town Administrator
Sgt Ben Mailhot, Belmont Police Department
Richard McLaughlin, Belmont Police Chief
Jay Marcotte, Director, Department of Public Works



OFFICE OF COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

MEMO

MEMO TO: Board of Selectmen

FROM: Glenn R. Clancy, P.E. 

SUBJECT: 687 Belmont Street – 15 Minute Parking Space Request

DATE: December 5, 2017

The business owner of Ani Catering located at 687 Belmont Street requested three 15 minute parking spaces along the building where he operates his business.

The Traffic Advisory Committee held a hearing on November 9, 2017. Two other business owners commented on the proposal, one via e-mail and one at the hearing. Both had the same concern; three spaces would be too much as it would impact parking for their customers. Both were conformable with one 15 minute space.

The Traffic Advisory Committee voted to recommend one 15 minute parking space.

I respectfully request approval from the Board of Selectmen.



2017 OCT -4 A 10:00

September 30, 2017

Jim Williams
Chairman of Board of Selectmen
455 Concord Avenue, 2nd Floor
Belmont, MA 02478
United States

Dear Mr. Williams and members of the Board

My Name is John Janessian, owner of ANI Catering and Café at 687 Belmont Street, Belmont.

For years our business has been Catering only. 5 years ago we added a retail outlet to our operation, where people will call in orders, and come and pickup or ask for delivery.

Our business has grown, and pickup order amounts have grown.

However we are facing a difficult parking situation for our customers.

Our block is occupied by Ani Catering, Gentle Pet grooming, Maxi Hair Salon, Elements Massage parlor, and Chop-chop.

Most of the time the off street parking is occupied by the Message Salon Clients parked cars, for a minimum of one hour, which doesn't leave spaces for our pick up customers, to park for their pickups or space to unload our food deliveries, or catering deliveries.

Furthermore, The Gentle groom next door faces the same situation, her clients, drop off the pet, and come back in an hour and pickup.

I spoke with Mr. Glenn Clency, the Director of Community Development about this and he suggested that I write to you and ask for a restricted parking zone for 2 or 3 car spaces, allowing 15 min parking for pickup and drop off only.

This will help tremendously our take out business for existing customers, and will draw more pass by customers to pull over grab a bite and go.

I spoke with the owner of Gentle Groom, Sandy and she was thrilled with the idea of having a 15 min parking only for few cars.


Therefore, I am asking your board to look into the possibility of granting this permission and instruct the concerned departments to establish this.

I will be very happy to answer any questions or concerns you might have.

I can be reached, by mail, e-mail (john@anicatering.com) or by phone (617) 484-6161.

I thank you in advance for looking into this request, and waiting for a favorable response

Sincerely;



John Janessian
ANI Catering

Clancy, Glenn

Subject: FW: Parking restrictions 689 - 691 Belmont Street

-----Original Message-----

From: Kerry Zirpolo [<mailto:linkerbell033@icloud.com>]

Sent: Tuesday, November 07, 2017 8:56 AM

To: Selectmens Mailbox

Cc: linkerbell033@comcast.net

Subject: Re: Parking restrictions 689 - 691 Belmont Street

I am the owner and sole employee of Moxie Salon, 691 Belmont St., Belmont. I feel so fortunate to have been able to establish a successful, Best of Boston Award winning salon in Belmont. As a small business owner who worked out of Cambridge and Lexington, I chose my location in Belmont because of the parking accommodation it offered-no meters/time restrictions in a residential area. The number of available parking spots in front of our businesses is limited, and during inclement weather, even more so. What is being requested, 2-3 spots will present a hardship to my business. The large majority of my clients drive to my salon. I understand John's frustration, and want to be a good neighbor. I feel that one 15 minute spot is a compromise that is fair and reasonable to both of us.

Thank you

Kerry Zirpolo


Sent from my iPhone



OFFICE OF COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

MEMO

MEMO TO: Board of Selectmen

FROM: Glenn R. Clancy, P.E. 

SUBJECT: 161 Belmont Street – Handicap Parking Space Request

DATE: December 5, 2017

Dr. Prathima Bayisetty, owner of a business located at 161 Belmont Street, requested a handicap parking space in front of her building to help accommodate her patients as well as other businesses in the area.

The Traffic Advisory Committee held a hearing on November 9, 2017. No one spoke in opposition.

The Traffic Advisory Committee voted to recommend the placement one handicap parking space near 161 Belmont Street.

I respectfully request approval from the Board of Selectmen.

Clancy, Glenn

From: Prathima Bayisetty <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Wednesday, September 27, 2017 6:53 AM
To: Clancy, Glenn
Subject: request for handicap parking spot

The office of Prathima Bayisetty of 161 Belmont st Belmont , Ma. 02478 [617-484-5473](tel:617-484-5473). We are requesting a handicap parking space if front of our office. We are finding more and more that are handicap/ senior citizen patients are having trouble parking in the area and are handicap . Please consider this

Thank you

Kristin Lyons
Dr. Prathima Bayisetty's Office
161 Belmont St
09/20/2017