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Petition Review for 71 King Philip Avenue- no parking block request:

11-02-23 updated memo for 71 King Philip Avenue:

Mr. and Mrs. Traghella are requesting a no parking block be created in front of their residence to allow passage for their son Ethan, with special needs. In May 2023, I spoke with Mr. Traghella regarding his request for a no parking block in front of the property. I was informed that when vehicles park in front of his property, they are having a hard time getting their son from their property to a school bus which stops in the roadway on King Philip Avenue for pick-ups and drop-offs.

71 King Philip Avenue is situated to the left of 73 King Philip Avenue, which is a rental property, generally rented to Roger Williams University students. This type of rental property typically brings in an increased number of vehicles to the neighborhood, which can take up a lot of the available street parking on King Phillip Avenue to include parking in front of 71 King Phillip Avenue (Traghella residence). Notably, I believe that this same situation is occurring and possibly aggravating the Traghella family. Parking is allowed on both sides of this street and I'm sure that at times this location can get congested with street parking. In checking our dispatch records, I found that during the last 18 months, we have received 7 parking complaints for this address. 6 were unfounded and one summons was issued for parking within 15 feet of intersection.

On 11-02-23, I spoke with Statewide Transportation bus driver, Mr. Chris Gallagher, regarding this bus stop. Mr. Gallagher operates a minivan school vehicle which is equipped with flashing school bus lighting. Additionally, there is a bus monitor with Ethan to assist with all pick-up and drop-offs. Mr. Gallagher informed me that in over a year of handling this bus stop, he has never witnessed an incident with Ethan having a problem getting to or from the bus due to vehicles parked in front of the residence, however, he does understand the concern that Ethan may try to run from his parents while making his way to or from the bus. I again explained the petition request received from Mr. and Mr. Traghella and asked Mr. Gallagher if Dyer Street was an option for this bus stop. Mr. Gallagher informed me that Dyer Street would be a better option and a shorter route from the residence, which may be better for Ethan in inclement weather and also reducing the possible risk of Ethan running from his parents. It should be noted that Dyer Street has an active no parking on the north side of the street, which will allow the bus to pull up close to the side of the residence for unobstructed access.

I again spoke with Mr. and Mrs. Traghella regarding the feasibility of switching this bus stop to Dyer Street. They informed me that they tried moving this stop to Dyer Street over a year ago and were

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unsuccessful. Representatives from Statewide Transportation told them that if the address of the residence is on King Philip Avenue, then they would need to use the front of the residence as a pick-up location. I spoke with Mr. Gallagher and Elizabeth Fontes from Statewide Transportation explaining that Dyer Street would be a much safer bus stop location for Ethan. Dyer street bus stop location was approved and activated on 11-02-2023 for the pm drop-off. Mr. and Mrs. Traghella are willing to try this new bus stop location for the next 30 days and they will be in contact with any concerns.

Due to the active no parking on the north side of Dyer Street, this will not require an ordinance change. It is my recommendation that we keep the 15' no parking block on King Philip Avenue, which has already been created as an alternate site. I am also requesting that this matter be placed on the December 27th Town Council Docket for further review. This will allow the Traghella Family ample time to review this location and ensure that Ethan is comfortable with this transition.

Lastly, if the council was to consider an (extension) of a no parking area to provide ancillary ease in the front of the Traghella household (71 King Phillip Avenue) it would require an additional 10' on top of the 15' already marked to reach their front door. This would still provide 24' of parking space in front of their home for parking.

Typically, the average length of a car is around 14.7 feet. Different manufacturers and models will have varying car sizes, and standard automobiles and trucks are typically between 10-18 feet long. A midsize sedan is around 14 feet long, while a smaller car like a Mini Cooper will be about 10 feet long.

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Please see photos below:

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STEVEN CONTENTE
Town Administrator



Statewide transportation school bus with school bus lighting



71 King Philip @ Dyer Street, West view



71 King Philip Ave. - side view- new bus stop location

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Dyer Street view of 71 King Philip Ave. -new school bus stop location



71 King Philip Ave.- 49 feet of frontage from 73 King Philip Ave to Dier Street.

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