

Protection Committee Report

October 5, 2016

Public Hearing on Parking Changes near Vaughan Woods Litchfield Road trailhead

The Protection Committee held a public hearing on September 8th to receive public comment on a proposal to change on-street parking near the Vaughan Woods Litchfield Road trailhead. There was a general consensus from those who attended that parking has been an issue at this area seasonally for many years, but in the past few years the use of this entrance has increased significantly. In some instances, cars have been parked on both sides of Litchfield Street from the base of Second Street to west of Middle Street and onto sections of Summer Street creating public safety concerns.

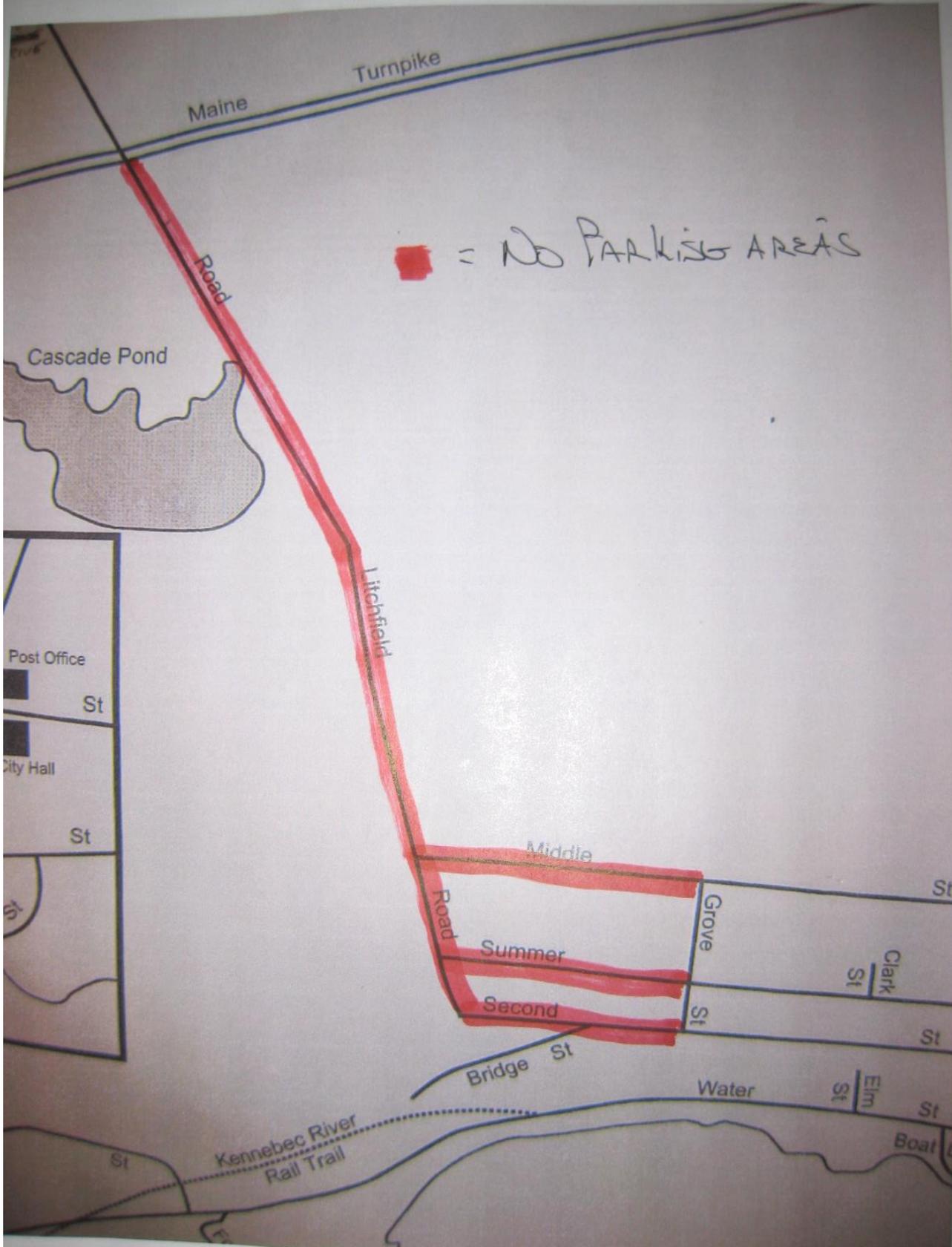
The proposal being reviewed by the public was to eliminate on-street parking on both sides of the Litchfield Road east of the Maine Turnpike, and Middle Street, Summer Street, and Second Street north to Grove Street (see included map). This would have effectively limited parking to only the Vaughan Woods parking lot on Litchfield Road. Additional parking to access the Vaughan Woods that is available behind Hall-Dale High School would be unchanged.

Those who attended the public hearing were in support of the proposal with one minor change. Residents from Summer Street suggested continuing to allow parking on both sides of Summer and reevaluating the issue in the future if it becomes a problem. Other comments focused on the need to ensure proper signage as any parking changes are implemented, and changing the orientation of the signs so that they are perpendicular to the street instead of the parallel as they currently are.

The committee unanimously agreed to propose to the City Council that it amend the City Ordinances to eliminate on-street parking on both sides of Litchfield Road east of the Maine Turnpike, and Middle Street and Second Street north to Gove Street.

Proposed Motion: To amend to the Revised Code of Ordinances, Subchapter IV-Parking, Section 4-405 No Parking, by adding:

- **28. On the south side of the Litchfield Road from Second Street to Middle Street**
- **29. On both sides of Second Street from the Litchfield Road to Gove Street**
- **30. On the Litchfield Road from Middle Street to the Maine Turnpike overpass**
- **31. On both sides of Middle Street from the Litchfield Road to Grove Street**



■ = NO PARKING AREAS

Maine Turnpike

Road

Cascade Pond

Litchfield

Middle

Summer

Second

Grove

Clark

St

Elm

Boat

Kennebec River Rail Trail

Bridge

Water

Post Office

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**CITY OF HALLOWELL
PROPOSED ORDINANCE**

Relating to No Parking Areas

BE IT ORDAINED by the City Council of the City of Hallowell that Section 4-405 of the Revised Code of Ordinances, City of Hallowell (1997) is amended as follows:

1. Subsection 27 of Section 4-405 is amended to read:
 27. No parking on ~~the north side~~ both sides of Litchfield Road from Second Street to Middle Street.

2. Subsections 27 through 31 of Section 4-405 are enacted to read:
 28. On the south side of Litchfield Road from Second Street to Middle Street.
 29. On both sides of Second Street from Litchfield Road to Grove Street.
 30. On Litchfield Road from Middle Street to the Maine Turnpike overpass.
 31. On both sides of Middle Street from Litchfield Road to Grove Street.

First Reading: July 11, 2016
Amended: _____
Second Reading: _____
Third Reading: _____

Ordinance No: _____
Effective Date: _____

City Clerk