



Warwick Police Department
Incident Report

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Incident #: 21-3300-OF
Call #: 21-38661

Date/Time Reported: 06/21/2021 1113
Report Date/Time: 06/21/2021 1133
Status: No Crime Involved

Reporting Officer: Officer Derek Mourato
Approving Officer: Sergeant Aaron Kay

Signature: _____

Signature: _____

EVENTS(S)

LOCATION TYPE: Highway/Road/Alley/Street Zone: RD 201 (POST 12)
153 CHARLOTTE DR @ 9 ROBERT AVE
WARWICK RI

1 Traffic Survey- POTOWOMUT- NO PARKING AREAS

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On 06/18/21, The Warwick Police Traffic Unit received a request for a traffic study, which was submitted by Councilman Gebhart, for the neighborhood of Potowomut. The study was to cover recommendations for current signage. A recommendation for No Parking, No Parking One Side, etc. Estimated number of viable parking spaces if recommended are adopted, and any other relevant information gathered for Overlook Drive, Baycliff Avenue, Lakedell Drive, Beachwood Drive, Sawyer Avenue, Hopkins Avenue, Collins Avenue, Robert Avenue, Hale Avenue, and Charlotte Drive.

On several occasions I responded to this location to conduct this study. I did observe this area on a sunny, 90 degree day and on weekends where there would be a greater desire to access the waterfrontage areas present here. I did not observe any parking issues/violations during those times. I responded to the streets, and observed the current signage with the measurements of the roads in question. This neighborhood is shore lined, which abutts Greenwich Bay. Due to this, many complaints have been made for parking in places where are not permitted or safe to park, which would cause difficulties with Fire and Rescue to respond. There has also been an issue with parking on Beachwood Drive, which is the waterfront section.

At the conclusion of the survey that was completed, I recommend the following:

Beachwood Drive, which is the primary street for the waterfront, and the portion of Beachwood Drive, which is the waterfront where the beach is, which the majority of the traffic and no parking complaints come from, should remain No Parking Either Side based on the road width only being approximately 19 to 20 feet wide, which does not allow the safe passage of another vehicle, especially an emergency vehicle. From the beginning of Beachwood Drive at Rosedale, which continues northwest and becomes a dead end at Sally Rock Point, currently has signs for No Parking Either Side on almost every utility pole on this whole section of Beachwood Drive. I recommend all signs be approved by city council to be legitimate and enforceable signs, Current signs that are faded should be replaced with No Parking Either Side.

Overlook Drive, I do not recommend any signs added, due to the fact that the road is approximately 28 to 30 feet wide, and allows for safe passage on both lanes.

Baycliff Avenue to Sommerset Road, I recommend No Parking Either Side, due to the road width being under 20 feet.

Lakedell Drive has a No Parking at the beginning of the street at the intersection with Beachwood Drive. I recommend No Parking signs at that intersection, where the streets intersect. I do not recommend any signs be added to the remainder of Lakedell Drive to Ives Road.

Rosedale Ave is also very narrow, and currently had no signage in place. I recommend signs be added for No Parking Either Side, due to the fact that the road is under 15 feet in width.

Lawndale Drive, I do not recommend any new signs added to either side to the entire portion of this road.

Sawyer Avenue, I do not recommend any new signs from Ives Road to Charlotte Drive intersection. That portion does not need No Parking signs. The section of Sawyer Avenue, north of Charlotte Drive to where it

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becomes a dead end and the road is narrow. I recommend No Parking Either Side signage north of Charlotte Drive section of Sawyer Avenue.

Hopkins Avenue and Collins Avenue, I recommend no signs be added because the road is wide enough for vehicles to safely pass.

Robert Avenue, currently there are No Parking Either Side signs posted. I recommend that these signs be approved by City Council as legitimate and enforceable signs, due to the road being very narrow, and does not allow for parking on either side. I recommend the current signage be updated with newer signs, as the current ones are faded.

Hale Avenue, No Parking both side signs are currently erected and posted on the utility poles. I recommend these signs be approved by City Council as legitimate and enforceable signs. The faded signs need to be replaced with newer signs so they can be clearly read.

Charlotte Drive, I recommend from Charlotte Drive to Robert Avenue to the dead end, where the boat launch and beach portion are, to be No Parking on one side. The No Parking signs can be placed on the utility pole on the southern part of the road. If there is No Parking signs on one side, it does allow for the vehicles and emergency vehicles to safely pass through due to the width being wide enough. At the further end of Charlotte Drive, where the waterfront public access point is, could see more congestion. I recommend No Parking Either Side on this portion closer to the dead end.

In conclusion, I believe that the current signs erected on these streets are necessary and should be approved by the City Council to be legal and enforceable. The signs that are faded should be replaced with clearly legible signs.