



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

2021-14

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 waterfront 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 from Beachwood Dr to Sommerset Road only, I recommend **No Parking Either Side**, due to the road width being under 20 feet. The rest of the roadway should be allowed to have parking on both sides.

Lakedell Drive has a No Parking at the beginning of the street at the intersection with Beachwood Drive. I recommend **No Parking Either Side** signs on Lakedell Dr from Beachwood to Sommerset Rd, 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. There are currently no signs in place and should remain as such. Normal parking allowed as with most other side streets of this width within the city. This street is far enough away from the shore line that it doesn't present a

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concern for a high volume of beach goers making their way to this street to utilize for parking.

Sawyer Avenue, I do not recommend any new signs from Ives Road to Charlotte Drive intersection. That portion does not need No Parking signs and can allow for vehicles to park on both sides. The section of Sawyer Avenue, north of Charlotte Drive to where it becomes a dead end and the road narrows. 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. These roads currently have No Parking Either Side signs. These should be removed as it is wide enough to support parking on both sides (again following normal parking restrictions).

Robert Avenue and **Hale Ave**, 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 these roads 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.

Charlotte Drive, I recommend the eastern portion of Charlotte Drive from Robert Avenue continuing easterly to the dead end (towards Hale Ave and Sidney Ave), to be **No Parking Either Side**. This road narrows and could see more congestion due to the water access points and the beach area.

At the western end of Charlotte Drive from Robert Ave westerly towards Sawyer Ave (towards Collins Ave and Hopkins Ave). I recommend **No Parking This Side** on this portion traveling west to Sawyer. 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.

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.