

# Barre DPW Highlights in Movement

## Completing changes in a trial mode: **PARKING ISSUES**

The City manages its streets, water, sewer and stormwater infrastructure all across the City. We are seen out there working, but our downtown serves us all and is visited... brief stops, long stops by us all as well. City parking lots are maintained by DPW with help in assessing needs, occupancy rates and parking distribution from our City's Policy Planning and Assessment Department. Most of this work is behind the scenes.

The City is examining changes to improve parking accessibility and operations:

The **Pearl St parking lot** to improve safety, ease of maintenance and the number of spaces available. A proposal has been presented to the City' Development Review Board for the Pearl ST Parking Lot The proposal intends to create a perimeter traffic flow and realign the parking spaces to be parallel to Summer St. In addition, the parking lot will be a single level access surface that can be plowed in one direction – away from the businesses served by the parking lot. You can find the proposal here: [http:](http://) **Target date 7/11/19**



**Ayers St parking** which has been on the south side of the street for a very long time, will be moved to the north side of the street for a trial. The reason behind the move is safety based. Placing parking



spaces in the inside of the curve reduces sight distance for driver on that same side of the street. The tracking (rear) wheels of a vehicle always run inside the lead wheels, so every vehicle but especially trucks have their rear wheels closer to the parked cars and pedestrians exiting the driver's side of the vehicle. Placing the parking spaces on the north side of the street eliminates both of these risks. An added benefit is that the yellow curb markings are being retained to assure that driveways aren't blocked. **Trial start date 6/17 /19**



**Franklin St** will have four spaces added adjacent to the Mathewson Playground. With the conversion of lower Franklin St to one way to help reduce speeds in the neighborhood, there is more than adequate passage for traveling vehicles and parked cars. Spaces are on the right side of the street. **Trial Start Date 6/19/19**



**Keith Avenue and Pearl Street Pedestrian Way** contracts construction contracts are prepared for signature with an anticipated construction start-up on/about June 24<sup>th</sup>, with completion so that parking lot occupancy will be available again by September 1<sup>st</sup>. Temporary parking arrangements have been worked out and those with permitted parking privileges have been notified.



Respectfully,

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