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Date: July 19, 2014  
To: Common Council  
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Subject: Hospital Request to Discontinue Segments of Ridge and Church Streets

On July 14<sup>th</sup>, the Planning Commission considered Stoughton Hospital's request to discontinue a portion of Ridge Street and a portion of Church Street and reconfigure their parking. Questions raised and discussion that took place identified the need for clarification and more information.

Notification to Neighbors –

Stoughton Hospital sought signatures from property owners along the segments of Ridge and Church Streets that would remain open to the public if the discontinuous is approved. They obtained support from 60% of the remaining property owners along Church Street and 50% of the remaining property owners along the full length of Ridge Street both east and west of the Hospital campus even though Ridge Street is not continuous.

While a public hearing is not required, but due to expected Council interest in this topic, a public hearing was published and scheduled to be held at the Common Council on July 22<sup>nd</sup>. Specific notice for this meeting was initially sent to all property owners on Church and Ridge Streets and published in the newspaper in three consecutive weeks.

Consistent with their request to discontinue these segments, Stoughton Hospital applied for a Conditional Use Permit (CUP) for a modified parking lot configuration. This reconfiguration utilizes these street segments and is intended to improve steep grade issues, internal traffic patterns, pedestrian safety, stormwater management, aesthetics, etc. A public hearing notice for the CUP application was widely distributed to all property owners within 300 feet (or more) from their proposed parking lot modifications. This public hearing was held at the July 14<sup>th</sup> Planning Commission meeting.

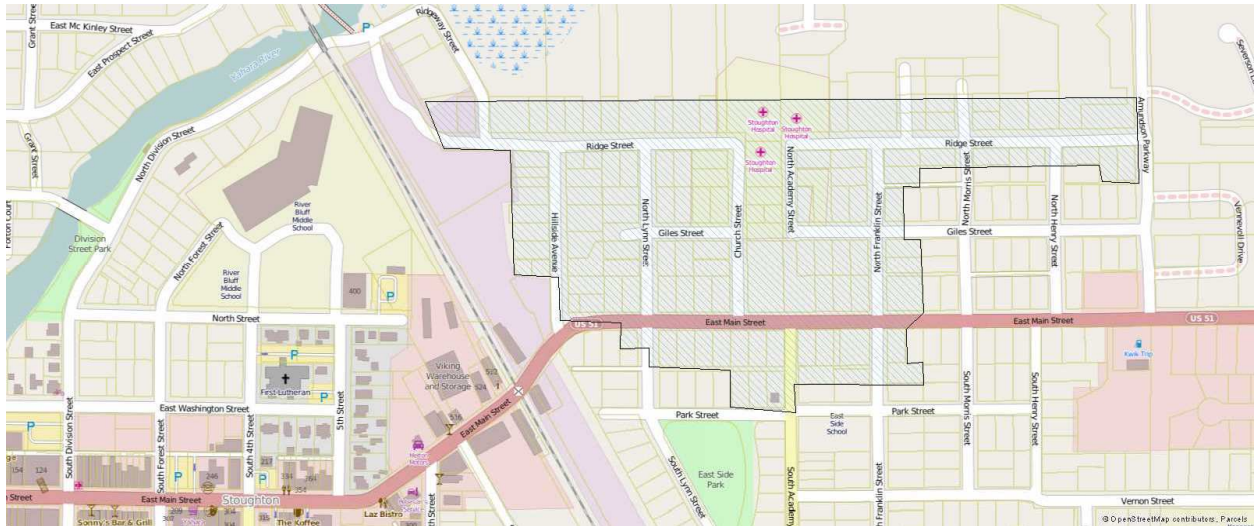
Lastly, a follow up public hearing notice for the Public Hearing to be held on July 22<sup>nd</sup> was sent to all property owners which included all of the above described areas as well as the full length of Hillside Avenue (minus the property zoned Planned Industrial on the corner of Main St. and Hillside Avenue). Please see the attached map that identifies the area where property owners received 1, 2 or 3 notices related to the discontinuance public hearing and the Conditional Use Permit.

#### Traffic Observations –

The Planning Commission discussed future traffic patterns in the Ridge and Church Street areas if the proposed segments are discontinued. At that time, no traffic observations were available. Therefore, the City and the Hospital jointly observed traffic on Ridge Street on Wednesday, July 16<sup>th</sup>. Wednesday has been identified by the Hospital as the day they have the largest staff count, which should generally reflect their largest patient count. The observations took place from 6:30 am to 3:00 pm and are attached for your review. The observation point was for traffic on Ridge at the Emergency Main Entrance. To summarize, during this 8 ½ hour period 57 (Average – 6.7 cars/hour) cars used Church Street to access Ridge Street of which 31 came from Main Street and 26 came from the Hospital-Dean Parking Lot. During the same period, 33 (Average – 3.9 cars/hour) cars came from the west up Ridge Street of which 26 continued to Main Street and 9 stopped in the Hospital-Dean Parking lots.

If you have any questions, please contact me.





## STOUGHTON HOSPITAL TRAFFIC STUDY - JULY 16, 2014

### TRAFFIC COMING FROM EAST TO RIDGE STREET

<u>TIME SLOT</u>	<u>PASSING THROUGH FROM MAIN STREET</u>	<u>COMING FROM HOSPITAL-DEAN</u>
6:30 - 7:00 AM	0	0
7:00 - 7:30 AM	2	3
7:30 - 8:00 AM	2	0
8:00 - 8:30 AM	2	1
8:30 - 9:00 AM	3	1
9:00 - 9:30 AM	1	1
9:30 - 10:00 AM	0	0
10:00 - 10:30 AM	2	4
10:30 - 11:00 AM	7	2
11:00 - 11:30 AM	3	3
11:30 - 12:00 AM	1	4
12:00 - 12:30 PM	1	3
12:30 - 1:00 PM	2	0
1:00 - 1:30 PM	2	0
1:30 - 2:00 PM	1	0
2:00 - 2:30 PM	1	2
2:30 - 3:00 PM	1	2
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>31</b>	<b>26</b>

## STOUGHTON HOSPITAL TRAFFIC STUDY - JULY 16, 2014

### TRAFFIC COMING FROM WEST UP RIDGE STREET

<u>TIME SLOT</u>	<u>PASSING THROUGH TO MAIN STREET</u>	<u>COMING TO HOSPITAL-DEAN</u>
6:30 - 7:00 AM	0	0
7:00 - 7:30 AM	3	2
7:30 - 8:00 AM	2	1
8:00 - 8:30 AM	0	0
8:30 - 9:00 AM	1	0
9:00 - 9:30 AM	2	0
9:30 - 10:00 AM	0	0
10:00 - 10:30 AM	2	1
10:30 - 11:00 AM	2	0
11:00 - 11:30 AM	0	1
11:30 - 12:00 AM	2	2
12:00 - 12:30 PM	2	0
12:30 - 1:00 PM	0	0
1:00 - 1:30 PM	1	1
1:30 - 2:00 PM	2	0
2:00 - 2:30 PM	0	1
2:30 - 3:00 PM	5	0
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>9</b>