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MEMORANDUM

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RE: Roadway Safety Request TAC Referral - *No Parking* Signage Request on North Union St.

This memorandum summarizes Town Staff's recommendation for the Select Board to refer a Roadway Safety Request to the Transportation Advisory Committee for further analysis and final recommendation.

Town Staff received a Roadway Safety Request on April 30, 2024, to implement *No Parking* signage on North Union St. from Broadway to Norcross St. The requestor, a resident in the project area, explained how parking on both sides of the street during sporting events narrows the travel lane width to a single lane and prevents two-way traffic. They also explained how this creates difficulties for residents entering and exiting their driveways when parking is at its capacity on both sides of the street.

The request was reviewed by Town Staff on May 14, 2024 and the following comments were made:

- Implementing *No Parking* signage could eliminate approximately 26 parking spaces on the street.
- Further observation of parking is needed at both peak and non-peak periods.
- The Director of Parks & Recreation should be consulted to determine how the proposed *No Parking* regulation would impact access to recreational activities at the adjacent fields.
- If *No Parking* signage were to be implemented, this may push the issue to Everett St., which is another two-way street that runs adjacent to the fields.

Based on the substantive nature of this request, Town Staff recommend that the Select Board refer this request to the Transportation Advisory Committee for further analysis and final recommendation.