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**Christine Joyce**

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**From:** Corey York  
**Sent:** Tuesday, May 29, 2012 4:33 PM  
**To:** Steve Ledoux  
**Cc:** Christine Joyce; 'Scott Hayes'  
**Subject:** RE: Proposed Street Parking Spaces on Spruce Street  
**Attachments:** PLAN - Spruce Strreet - On-Stret Parking - 1495PRK4.pdf

Steve L,

I've reviewed the Spruce Street parking proposal from Scott Hayes in his email below dated May 16, 2012 and have the following comments:

**Existing Conditions**

- There is a No Parking Zone on Spruce Street along the westerly side between Massachusetts Ave and Arlington Street. This was approved by the Town on May 6, 1958.
- The Traffic Rules and Orders specifies a general parking prohibition on public ways within 20 feet from an intersection.
- The Highway Department reconstructed the existing sidewalk on the westerly side of Spruce Street last year.
- The Engineering Department has heard concerns about the lack of parking within West Acton Center. These concerns have generally been focused on Mass Ave (Route 111).

**Proposed On-Street Parking**

- The road pavement for Spruce Street will be no less than 24 feet wide.
- The three (3) proposed parking spaces will be 22 feet in length by 8 feet wide. This conforms to the parking standards established in the Zoning Bylaw.
- The proposed parking will have a 20 foot minimum offset from the paved intersection rounding at Arlington Street. This will conform to the TR&Os general parking prohibition at/near intersections.
- These spaces will remain open to the public
- The new parking spaces are shown to remain entirely within the Spruce Street layout

**Recommendations:**

- Traffic Rules and Orders  
 I would agree that the Town should approve a time restriction for these spaces. If these parking spaces are approved, the Engineering Department will prepare an amendment to the existing Traffic Rules and Orders to remove the No Parking Restriction at this location and establish a 2-hour parking restriction to be consistent with the other streets in the area. The Town would then furnish and install the signage for the parking restriction.
- Existing Public Sidewalk  
 The relocated granite curbing should not impact the existing 5 foot wide concrete sidewalk along Spruce Street.
- Construction Requirements  
 The typical cross-section for the bituminous concrete should, at a minimum, comply with the standards set forth in the Subdivision Rules and Regulations for a street.

The granite curbing should be installed in the same manner as approved on their Spruce Corner development plans.

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- Pavement Markings

The applicant should be responsible for the pavement markings to delineate the three (3) parking spaces.

I recommend that the parking spaces be approved to help mitigate some of the parking issues that are occurring in West Acton Center. It is also my understanding that the applicant is also working on modifications to the Spruce Corner plans to provide additional parking spaces on their own property.

Let me know if you need any additional information.

Thank you,  
Corey York

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**From:** Scott Hayes [<mailto:scott@foresite1.com>]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, May 16, 2012 2:29 PM  
**To:** Manager Department  
**Cc:** Corey York; Roland Bartl; Mark Roderick  
**Subject:** Proposed Street Parking Spaces on Spruce Street

Dear Mr. Ledoux,

Attached please find a sketch plan for 3 proposed parallel street parking spaces on the west side of Spruce Street just southwest of the corner of the intersection of Arlington St. and Spruce St. Our client, West Acton Trio, LLC, is currently constructing the 'Spruce Corner' mixed use (residential and office/retail) project on the opposite side of the street and would like to add these parallel street parking spaces within the public right of way for the intermittent use of the neighborhood and general public. We propose these spaces to be posted with a 2 hour parking limit sign during normal business hours. Our client is willing to pay the cost to construct these spaces, however, is unsure of the process by which to get approval from the Town to do so. Corey York in the Engineering Dept. suggested I send this request directly to your office that you might be the best person to contact to get the ball rolling.

I am available to attend a BOS meeting if necessary to present this to the Board if that would be helpful. Please let me know what our next steps should be to move this forward.

Thank you in advance for your consideration.

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**From:** Roland Bartl  
**Sent:** Wednesday, May 16, 2012 3:13 PM  
**To:** Christine Joyce; 'Scott Hayes'; Manager Department; Frank Widmayer  
**Cc:** Corey York; Mark Roderick  
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This is a village street location where in principle on-street parking makes a lot of sense and should be encouraged. The plan seems to work in general. While zoning does not apply within a street right-of-way, the proposed dimensions would comply with the zoning bylaw requirements. I defer to Engineering for any specific details.

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Your comments I am sure would help in reviewing this request to the BOS, so, please forward comments to Steve

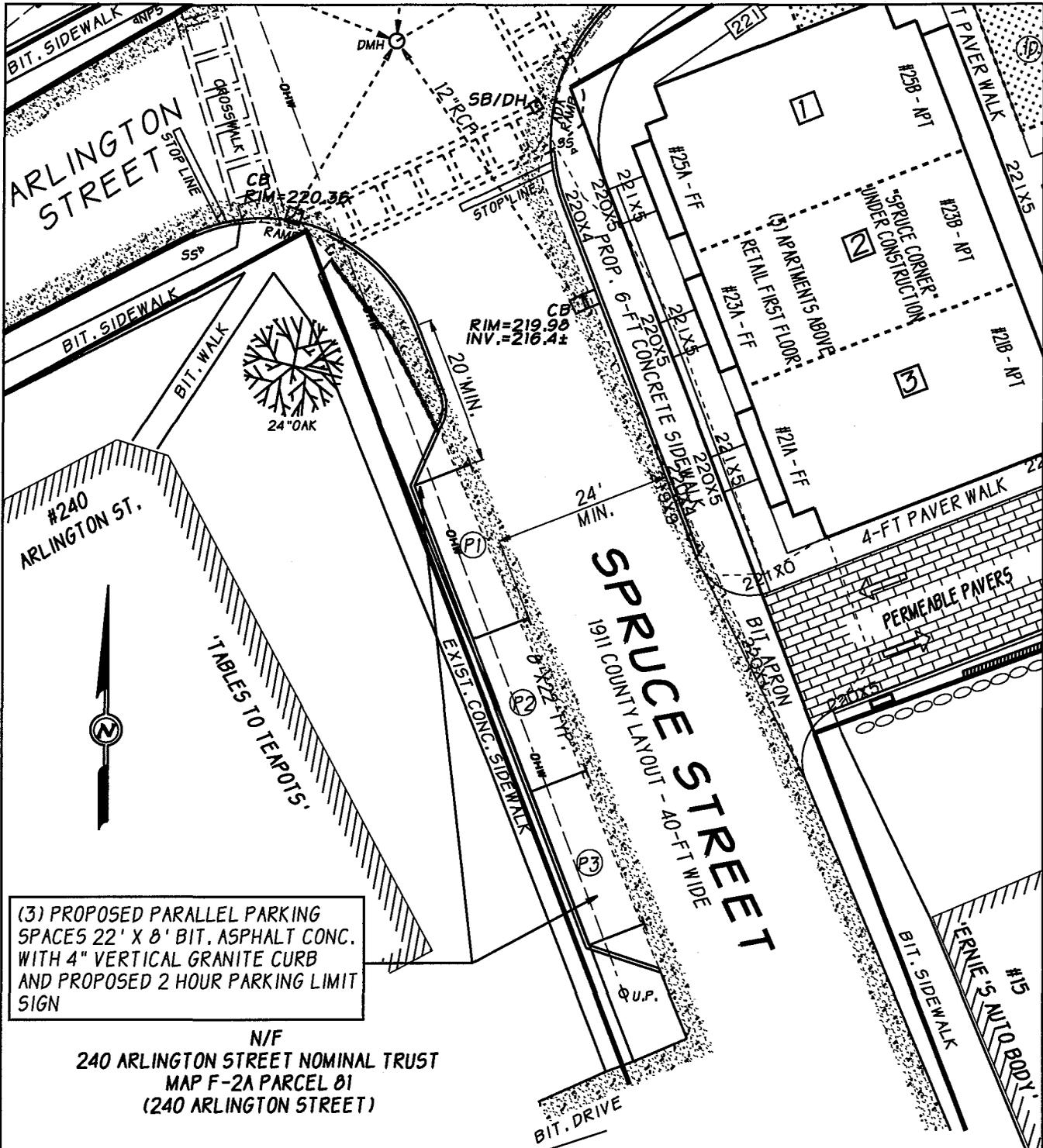
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(3) PROPOSED PARALLEL PARKING SPACES 22' X 8' BIT. ASPHALT CONC. WITH 4" VERTICAL GRANITE CURB AND PROPOSED 2 HOUR PARKING LIMIT SIGN

N/F  
240 ARLINGTON STREET NOMINAL TRUST  
MAP F-2A PARCEL 81  
(240 ARLINGTON STREET)

N/F  
CASSIANA N BOTTOS, TRUSTEE  
MAP F-2A PARCEL 92  
(10 SPRUCE STREET)

**CONCEPTUAL PARKING PLAN  
WEST SIDE OF SPRUCE STREET  
ACTON, MASSACHUSETTS**

DATE: MAY 16, 2012  
SCALE: 1 INCH = 20 FEET

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