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In response to your request for input, Supt. of Streets Craig Hughes and Police Chief Peter McGowan met last week and walked the parcel at #14 Dedham Street. The following is a list of concerns, recommendations, and general thoughts:

Parking WILL be an issue.

1. Strongly recommend/insist on no parking posted westbound on Dedham Street from the edge of the Legion Property to railroad tracks/the corner of the driveway access point. Outbound/eastbound will need to be monitored for the need for no parking signs.
2. The middle strip (Railroad Ave) between Dedham Street and Springdale Ave will also be a place for quick stops as people "just run in for a second". This will need to be monitored and addressed.
3. The two spots directly in front of the proposed new entrance should be designated as Handicapped. (in submitted pictures, two cars are shown parked facing the wrong way in front of the building. We fear this will be the norm unless clearly marked.)
4. Parking is prohibited on the north side of the driveway entrance, all along the church property line, down to where it opens up into the parking area. This is to be striped and lined and posted NO STANDING. NO PARKING.

5. Parking spots in front of the current stairs/entrance: Remove first one, post as No Parking. Remaining two/three spots OK.

6. Employee parking in dirt lot (behind/east of building). Remainder of parking in public lot?

Sight Lines

1. Remove/Relocate address sign post on corner to improve sightline.

2. Recommend full traffic study. This is an awkward intersection with limited sight lines and visibility. Traffic into and out of this property have four (4) options (left, right, straight, straight/right around tracks) and with more volume than that driveway already handles, there is a significantly increased risk of crashes.

Pedestrian Traffic

Understand that this location will be attractive to pedestrians and cyclists. Designated bike parking is encouraged, to avoid the dropping of bikes everywhere as is the case at other businesses in town currently. Accentuation of crosswalk is also encouraged, to keep pedestrians safe in and out.

Hours

Recommend hours of operation restricted to 6a-8p. No Loitering signage needed to allow PD to remove people hanging around nights/weekends.

Miscellaneous

1. Dumpster to be placed behind building (employee parking area) should be fenced in and secure to discourage illegal dumping.

2. Lighting should be adequate to ensure safety of people using public lot, with minimal disruption to neighbors/abutters.