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Nancy R. Rollins, Chair
Board of Selectman, Town of New London
375 Main Street
New London, NH 03257

Dear Selectman Rollins,

As I will be out of State for the Board of Selectman's meeting on Thursday, I wish to share some comments for the Public Hearing on the parking restrictions proposed for the area around the Barn Playhouse.

I have spoken to the residents on Sawyer Lane and several of the residents on Pressey Court. I have also emailed Peggy Theroux for her thoughts as they are not back yet.

Basically, I presented this as one of two options, the proposed even side parking for Sawyer Lane with strong consideration to make the beginning of Pressey Court from Main Street to Sawyer Lane "No Parking" either side.

The second option is that which you presented for "No Parking" at all for both streets. I explained the downside of this being that it would apply to residents as well and could hamper some large parties or family gatherings. There was little concern about this, and everyone felt they could live with this.

Ultimately, the consensus was that either option was viable with some strong voices for the no parking any time due to the number of children living and playing in the neighborhood.

I hope you will consider these remarks in your deliberations. On page 2 is the explanation that I made to Peggy Theroux.

Sincerely

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Cc: Kim Halquist, Town Administrator

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The original proposal is to reinstate the restrictions enacted near the end of summer in 2019. This consisted of even side only parking for Barrett Road, Pressey Court and Sawyer Lane. William Street would be no parking either side and no parking signs would be placed on Main Street near the intersections to keep the intersections clear and visible. I believe the signage will become permanent instead of the temporary cardboard signs. After some discussion, a suggestion was made to restrict parking on both sides of Pressey Court. It was noted that by providing adequate distances from the corners and busy driveways, there would only be room for maybe 3 spaces anyway.

This is basically Option 1.

It was later brought up to eliminate all parking on Pressey Court and Sawyer Lane primarily because they are dead-ends with no turn-around. While I would be happy to see this enacted, I do not want to be considered one of the NIMBY's and understand that if parking is eliminated in one area, another area will see an increase. The other downside of this is that it will be year-round and could possibly impact the residents when they are hosting a large party or family gathering. It does seem that most of the neighbors have adequate parking or driveway space, so it probably is not an issue.

This would be Option 2.

Except for you and you two neighbors across the street, (I haven't reached them yet) I have received comments that support either options or support Option 2 mainly because of the number of kids that play around the neighborhood.