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**NOTICE OF HEARING:**  
**DESIGNATION OF FIRE LANE ON PARK VALE**

To: Abutting Property Owners  
From: Paul D. Ford, *Chief*, Brookline Fire Department  
Date: February 2, 2015  
Re: Public Hearing – Park Vale Fire Lane

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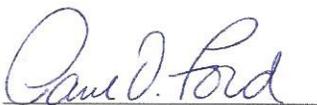
The Brookline Fire Department will hold a Public Hearing on Thursday, February 25, 2016, at 6:00 PM in the Community Room of the Public Safety Building located at 350 Washington Street.

On December 3, 2015, the Brookline Fire Department held a hearing to announce the designation of a fire lane on the private way known as Park Vale in the Town of Brookline. At that hearing, the Fire Chief and other representatives of the Town took comments and questions from those in attendance, including many abutters to the private way who would be affected by the designation.

In response to certain concerns raised at that hearing and in subsequent discussions, the Fire Department has reexamined the proposed designation, and has formulated a new concept for the fire lane that, if respected by the abutting residents when parking their cars, will allow emergency vehicle access while minimizing the loss of parking spaces. The new fire lane will be designated as the portion of the private way at the eastern corner of 5 Park Street/2 Park Vale and the western corner of 5 Park Vale. This is the area that has impeded emergency access in the past by creating a choke point. If it is kept entirely clear, as will be required by both state statute and Town By-Law, emergency vehicles will be able to navigate the remainder of the private way using the lane kept clear as a matter of custom.

This proposal, if enacted, will be supported by signage on the abutting buildings, and potentially striping on the private way as well. More importantly, this proposal also necessitates agreement from both the owners and occupants of those addresses that they will not park beyond the edges of their respective buildings. Repeated failure to do so will result in a return to the originally described fire lane, with its attendant loss of parking spaces.

The public is encouraged to attend this hearing and provide comment or ask questions about this new plan.

By:   
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