



BROCKTON TRAFFIC COMMISSION
Thursday, April 26, 2018
6:00 p.m.

MINUTES

The Traffic Commission held its regular monthly meeting at 6:00 p.m. on Thursday, April 26, 2018 at the Brockton High School, Red Café, 470 Forest Avenue, Brockton, MA 02301.

Present were Traffic Commissioners: John Hallisey, Deputy Fire Chief Kevin Galligan, Kenneth Galligan, DPW Commissioner Larry Rowley, Councilor Tim Cruise, Craig Pina and Steve Hooke.

Also present was: Councilor Jack Lally.

There being a proper quorum, the meeting was called to order by Commissioner Hallisey. Upon motion made by Deputy Fire Chief Kevin Galligan, seconded by Councilor Thomas Monahan, and a unanimous vote of all members present, it was voted to waive the reading of the February 22, 2018 Minutes.

OLD BUSINESS

1. WINTER PARKING BAN

Request received from Councilor Thomas Monahan to put the Winter Parking Ban on the agenda to discuss putting up signs on the affected streets.

Discussion: DPW Commissioner Rowley stated that he has requested pricing for approximately 200 signs and has not received the cost yet. Ken Galligan asked if there was any common areas to place approximately twelve (12) signs. Commissioner Rowley responded and said that the City could do what most area towns do and place signs on entryways into the City but further commented that people do not read signs and there are too many of them to begin with. He suggested to do a mailing in the water bills.

Upon motion duly made by Councilor Tim Cruise, seconded by Craig Pina, and a unanimous vote of the members present, it was

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2. **FALMOUTH AVENUE**

Request received from Councilor Thomas Monahan on behalf of a resident seeking signage.

SUBCOMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION: PLACE A STOP SIGN NORTHBOUND BY PROSPECT STREET ON THE BACK SIDE OF THE SIDEWALK.

Upon motion duly made by Ken Galligan, seconded by Councilor Tim Cruise, and a unanimous vote of the members present, it was

VOTED: TO APPROVE THE SUBCOMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION.

3. **RESIDENT REQUESTS**

Further discussion on the procedures to be followed when the Traffic Department receives requests from residents who are requesting signs, guardrails, handicapped parking, etc.

Discussion: The policy of residents contacting either their City Councilor or Councilor-At-Large with their request for signage, guardrails, etc. be put on the monthly agenda was further discussed. Some board members preferred that residents contact the secretary directly to have the item added to the agenda. It was also recommended to develop a "Sign Request" form that would be available in the office for residents to complete and submit that would also be available online. Because some councilors indicated that they would prefer the current policy of being contacted by their constituents, it was suggested that the councilors be informed by the secretary either by email or by sending a copy of the "Sign Request" form. Councilor Cruise stated that they received the Agenda's with Commissioner Hallisey stating that the Agenda is also posted online. Commissioner Hallisey will receive all requests to approve/deny being put on the Agenda.

Councilor Nicastro stated that she would prefer to be notified so that she can act on behalf of her constituents. Deputy Chief Galligan suggested that the resident be informed to contact their councilor when submitting their request. Councilor Cruise requested that the councilors be notified of resident's request by email.

Ken Galligan asked that the secretary report back next month to see how the recommendations are work.

Upon motion duly made by Councilor Tim Cruise, seconded by Craig Pina, and a unanimous vote of the members present, it was

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NEW BUSINESS

4. 12 PLEASANT PLACE

Request received from Councilor-At-Large Moises Rodrigues asking on behalf of the home owner at 12 Pleasant Place to have "residents only parking signs placed in front of this residence", and/or "don't block the driveway" signs place in front of his residence. The churches goes around his home continually block his driveway and when he parks in the church spaces, they call the police on him.

Discussion: Ken Galligan stated that he thought this item came up previously before the board and the request was denied.

Upon motion duly made by Deputy Chief Kevin Galligan, seconded by Councilor Tim Cruise, and a unanimous vote of the members present, it was

VOTED: TO HAVE SECRETARY RESEARCH RECORDS TO CONFIRM WHETHER OR NOT THIS ITEM WAS VOTED ON PREVIOUSLY AND REFER TO SUBCOMMITTEE.

****RECORDS INDICATE "NO PARKING EXCEPT SUNDAY'S BOTH SIDES"**

5. WESTON STREET AND PLEASANT STREET

Request received from Councilor Thomas Monahan for a "No Parking From Here To Corner" sign on Weston Street and Pleasant Street.

Discussion: Ken Galligan believed that there was a "No Parking From Here To Corner" sign there previously when Red Cross was there.

Upon motion duly made by Councilor Tim Cruise, seconded by Craig Pina, and a unanimous vote of the members present, it was

VOTED: TO HAVE SECRETARY RESEARCH RECORDS TO CONFIRM SIGN WAS PREVIOUSLY THERE.

****RECORDS INDICATE "PARKING PROHIBITED – EASTSIDE FROM PLEASANT STREET NORTHERLY FOR A DISTANCE OF 70 FEET" May 1, 1974**

6. 26 POPLAR ROAD

Request received from resident Georgia Bruce who is concerned with the amount of speeding taking place on Poplar Road. She would like to have a Slow Down sign installed at each end of Poplar Road.

Discussion: It was agreed to send this issue to Traffic Enforcement.

Upon motion duly made by Ken Galligan, seconded by Councilor Tim Cruise, and a unanimous vote of the members present, it was

VOTED: SEND TO TRAFFIC ENFORCEMENT AND REFER TO SUBCOMMITTEE.

7. **124 NORWOOD STREET**

Request of Ward 4 Councilor Susan Nicastro on behalf of Ms. Betty Mattoli, 124 Norwood Street, who observes cars belonging to Summer Street residents being parked on Norwood Street just beyond the corner of Summer Street, making it harder to take the turn onto Norwood Street, Please evaluate this area for the addition of 'No Parking' sign or such other relief as may be appropriate.

Discussion: Ken Galligan stated that he thought this item came up before the board approximately 2 years ago and was denied. That request was for a sign on the north side of Norwood Street between Summer Street and Maryann Avenue.

Upon motion duly made by Deputy Chief Galligan, seconded by Craig Pina, and a unanimous vote of the members present, it was

VOTED: TO REFER TO SUBCOMMITTEE.

8. **24 DUDLEY AVENUE**

Request of Ward 4 Councilor Susan Nicastro on behalf of Mrs. Debbie Manon, 24 Dudley Avenue, who requests action to protect local children playing on Dudley Avenue near her home from fast passing cars travelling from Parker Avenue to Blueberry Circle. Please evaluate the area for the addition of "Slow Children Playing" signage or such other relief as may be appropriate.

Upon motion duly made by Deputy Chief Kevin Galligan, seconded by Councilor Tim Cruise, and a unanimous vote of the members present, it was

VOTED: TO REFER TO SUBCOMMITTEE.

9. **98 EAST STREET**

Request of Ward 4 Councilor Susan Nicastro on behalf of Mr. Lincoln Z. Vonleh of 98 East Street, at the corner of Oakland, whose house was struck by a truck one evening last week. The truck was traveling west on East Street at about 9:30pm; while turning left onto Oakland Street, it instead struck Mr. Vonleh's deck, destroying it. His family gathers on the deck during the warm month evenings so this has really affected them. Please evaluate the street corner for the addition of a guardrail or such other relief as may be appropriate.'

Discussion: Councilor Susan Nicastro and Mr. Vonleh spoke about the recent accident and damage caused. Mr. Vonleh provided pictures and video of the accident where his porch was hit along with a fire hydrant.

Upon motion duly made by DPW Commissioner Larry Rowley, seconded by Craig Pina, and a unanimous vote of the members present, it was

VOTED: TO OBTAIN ACCIDENT HISTORY AND REFER TO SUBCOMMITTEE.

10. **LIMITING THE NUMBER OF ITEMS ON THE AGENDA**

Discussion: It was discussed that you cannot limit items on the agenda.

Upon motion duly made by Deputy Chief Kevin Galligan, seconded by Craig Pina, and a unanimous vote of the members present, it was

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Respectfully submitted,

Mary Milligan
Secretary to the Traffic Commission

Meeting adjourned at 7:05 p.m.