



**BROCKTON TRAFFIC COMMISSION**  
**Thursday, August 23, 2018**  
**6:00 p.m.**

**AGENDA**

Location: **War Memorial Building**  
**156 W. Elm Street**  
**Brockton, MA 02301**

1. Call to Order
2. Quorum
3. Reading or Waiving and acceptance of the July 26, 2018.

**OLD BUSINESS**

1. **OAK STREET ENTRANCE TO D.W. FIELD PARK**

*Request received from Mayor Carpenter for either installing or repainting crosswalks and install pedestrian signal. \*At 7/26/18 meeting:*

**VOTED: POSTPONE UNTIL 8/23/18 MEETING TO ALLOW DEPUTY FIRE CHIEF GALLIGAN TO OBTAIN THE COST FOR INSTALLING PEDESTRIAN SIGNAL.**

2. **SHIELDS AVENUE AND MILL STREET**

*REQUEST: From Ward 3 Councilor, City Council President Dennis Eaniri and Councilor-at-Large Robert Sullivan, for a STOP sign at Shields Ave., and Mill Street, (headed west direction). Request is coming from Gary Epstein, owner of Timeless Antiques. He has traffic related issues. Mr. Epstein will be present at the meeting.*

**SUBCOMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION:**

3. **CRESCENT STREET**

*Request received from Heather Russell and Councilor Anne Beauregard who would like a bright fluorescent crosswalk painted on Crescent Street by Miko's and a blinking flashing light.*

**VOTED: TO POSTPONE TO ALLOW DEPUTY FIRE CHIEF GALLIGAN TO OBTAIN COST AND CHECK WITH STATE TO SEE IF LEGALLY TWO (2) CROSSWALKS CAN BE PUT THAT CLOSE TOGETHER.**

**4. 155 WINTHROP STREET**

*Brockton resident Maureen Fenton at [155 Winthrop Street](#) states she would like either a "No Parking" sign or "Resident Parking Only" sign due to her having difficulty exiting her driveway. She is an elderly woman and says although she doesn't have any problems with the people at Edgar's park, it is the parking that gets a little out of control. When cars are parked on both sides of her driveway, she can't see properly coming out especially with Winthrop Street being a two way street.*

**SUBCOMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION:**

**5. 985 PLEASANT STREET – WESTSIDE COLONIAL**

*Request received from Rose Davids, of Hamilton Oaks for a guardrail near the main entrance/pool, at the fence area in light of the recent accidents (Board members: email & pictures attached).*

**SUBCOMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION:**

**6. NORTH MAIN STREET & WILDER, STUDLEY & WALDO STREETS**

*Request received from Councilor Shirley Asack on behalf of a resident of Wilder street to have the commission relook at speeding and traffic signage along North Main St. and side streets Wilder, Studley and Waldo streets.*

**SUBCOMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION:**

**7. FOREST AVENUE & BOUVE AVENUE**

*Request received from Deputy Fire Chief Kevin Galligan to accept and adopt a intersection improvement plan for Forest Ave & Bouve including:*

*Install Traffic Signal Ahead Signs (MUTDC Sign W3-3) for Forest Ave & Bouve Ave as recommended in a CDM report on improvements to the existing traffic signals. Signs to be placed a minimum of 100' from the intersection.*

**SUBCOMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION:**

**8. ROCKFORD STREET**

*Request received from Councilor Tim Cruise on behalf of Erin Leach-Ogden, who reside at 47 Rockford Street, regarding ongoing safety issues the entire time they have lived here. Below are the issues and some possible solutions, as well as an image of the street map (Board members: see attached) where the issues take place:*

- 1. There is **no posted Speed limit** on Rockford Street, so many cars routinely speed down our street with absolute carelessness, as they use Rockford as a*

"shortcut" to get from Torrey Street to Belmont (via Bigney), or vice versa. If Speed limit signs could be posted and monitored, I believe that may help somewhat.

2. There are **no stop signs in ANY direction** at the 4-way intersection of Rockford St, Dawes Rd and Rockland Ave, and I witness near-miss accidents on a WEEKLY basis (including during the time it's taken me to write this note)!! No one is actually required to stop, so cars are routinely pulling onto Rockford Street into oncoming traffic. That combined with the speeding makes for a very dangerous spot. I recommend having Stop signs installed for at least one of the directions so that this safety issue does not continue.
3. There are **no sidewalks on Rockford Street**, so the fact that people are speeding down the street makes it even more unsafe for pedestrians, including children riding their bikes and walking to and from their bus stop, etc. My husband and I have BOTH almost been struck by cars going too fast and/or almost running through the stop sign at the intersection of Rockford and Bigney.

It is very frustrating to feel unsafe on our own street, particularly when we see that the neighborhood just across Torrey Street (on Fairview Ave) has extra-wide streets that are beautifully paved and include new concrete sidewalks, while our road continues to be neglected. It feels as if those with a higher income who live closer to Thorny Lea golf course get better services from the city than those of us who are working class and live 1/10th of a mile further. We pay our property taxes on time and without fail, so why the disparity in road safety and quality? I realize that Brockton is a large city and there are many roads that need attention, so I do not send this message frivolously.

#### **SUBCOMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION:**

#### **12 PLEASANT PLACE – HANDICAPPED PARKING SIGN UPDATE**

Listed owners and residents of Apartments #1, 2 and 3 were sent letters both certified mail and U.S. Mail inquiring into the continued need for the handicapped parking sign in front of the residence and that if no response was received by July 31<sup>st</sup>, the signs would be removed. No response was received and sign was removed on August 1, 2018.

#### **NEW BUSINESS**

#### **9. DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTION – MASSCOR**

Request received from Brenda Sjoquist and Steve Cristol of MassCor Industries to come before the board to discuss their sign program (**Board members: see attached brochure**).

#### **10. 533 & 553 NORTH CARY STREET- CURTIN FARM ESTATES**

Request received from J.K. Holmgren Engineering on behalf of their client, Scott Burgess, to discuss a possible subdivision (**Board members: plans attached**).

**11. NORWOOD STREET**

*Request received from Councilor Susan Nicastro on behalf of resident Betty Mattoli. The Traffic Commission approved and had installed "No Parking" signage on Norwood Street near Summer Street to keep Summer Street residents from parking there. Now cars are parking on Norwood Street just beyond that sign. Ms. Mattoli is requesting signage to keep cars from parking on Norwood Street, as it has always been.*

**12. COUNTRY CLUB ROAD AND LANE TO ACCESS SOUTHWORTH STREET**

*Request of Ward 4 Councilor Susan Nicastro on behalf of Ms. Cheryl Anderson of 206 Country Club Lane to address her concerns with large trucks, car carriers and tractor trailers steadily using Country Club Road and Lane to access Southworth Street. She requests signage and such other remedies as the Traffic Commission determines will address this problem.*

**13. PINE AVENUE**

*Request of Ward 4 Councilor Susan Nicastro on behalf of Rita Meaden of 53 Pine Avenue to address her concerns with large trucks and tractor trailers using Pine Avenue and all vehicles speeding on Pine Avenue. She requests signage, police details and such other remedies as the Traffic Commission determines to address these problems.*

**14. DAWES ROAD AND ANGELO STREET**

*Request received from Councilor Tim Cruise on behalf of Chris Desmond who was asking if a stop sign could be considered at the corner of Dawes Road and Angelo Street as the residents at 45 Angelo Street don't even bother to stop before proceeding across Dawes Road. The other day I witnessed a black Jeep MA Reg 7DY 529 just drive without stopping to looking for oncoming traffic on Dawes Road. I live on the corner of Angelo and always stop at the end of the street before I turn briefly before going into my driveway and also when I loop around to make sure no one is coming before proceeding. One of these days one of these people is going to hit someone coming up or down Dawes Road.*

**15. MEADOWBROOK ROAD (SALISBURY RIVER SIDE)**

*Request of Ward 4 Councilor Susan Nicastro to address concerns with excess vehicles being parked, in some cases for days, on the Salisbury River side of Meadowbrook Road by several nearby repair businesses. 'No Parking' signage is requested and/or such other remedies as the Traffic Commission determines will address this problem.'*

**16. SIGN REQUEST(S):**

- *Deidre Sligh, 6 Addison Avenue – Requesting Children Playing, Deaf Child sign due to cars speeding and having a deaf child (Board members: see attached form submitted).*

**\*\*ADDITIONS TO 8/23/18 AGENDA\*\***

**MAIN CROSSWALKS AROUND SCHOOLS**

*Request received from Ward 6 School Committee member Joyce Asack to discuss safety concerns of the major crosswalks around school areas and ways to make them safer and more visible.*

**27 JAMES STREET**

*Ebony Glass who resides at 27 James Street. The pole located in front of her home had a "No Parking" sign posted to it. That sign has since moved to the opposite side of the pole and now where the "No Parking" sign was is replaced with a "Blind Child" sign. Resident is stating with the "No Parking" sign on the other side, people can't see it and will pull up alongside in front of her home. They pull up so close that they end up blocking the stairs not realizing. She also stated to her knowledge, she is not aware of any blind child living on the street and would like the sign placed back where it originally was and replaced with a new "No Parking" sign as the current one is faded. Please advise if she will need to attend a Traffic meeting? Also I have attached pictures for your review.*