



**BROCKTON TRAFFIC COMMISSION**  
**Thursday, September 27, 2018**  
**6:00 p.m.**

**AGENDA - UPDATED**

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. NO QUORUM for August 23, 2018 meeting.

**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:**

- **PAINT THE DOUBLE YELLOW LINE ON MILL ST AROUND THE CURVE (DASHED) TO MILL CONNECTOR RD**

- PAINT THE WHITE FOG LINE AS WIDE AS POSSIBLE ON MILL ST AROUND THE CURVE (DASHED) ONTO MILL CONNECTOR RD
- PLACE DEAD END SIGN FOR NORTHBOUND TRAFFIC 6' NORTH OF POLE #2 ON MILL ST ON THE WEST SIDE OF THE STREET
- PLACE DEAD END SIGN FOR NORTHBOUND TRAFFIC ACROSS FROM ABOVE SIGN ON EAST SIDE OF MILL STREET
- PLACE A W1-1 YELLOW SIGN WITH 90\* LEFT TURN ARROW AT MILL ST AND SHIELDS AVE FOR NORTHBOUND TRAFFIC TURNING ONTO MILL CONNECTOR RD.
- PLACE W1-6 LARGE YELLOW SIGN ON THE NORTHWEST CORNER OF MILL ST & MILL CONNECTOR RD FOR NORTHBOUND TRAFFIC.
- MOVE THRU TRAFFIC MUST TURN LEFT SIGN FROM MILL & SHIELDS TO POLE # 1 ON LIBERTY ST FOR NORTHBOUND TRAFFIC.
- CHANGE THE LIGHT ON POLE #3 MILL ST TO A HIGH INTENSITY LED
- TURN THE LIGHT ON POLE 1 ON MILL ST 90\* TO MILL ST
- CHANGE THE LIGHT ON POLE 1-1 TO THE LOWEST LED AVAILABLE.

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:**

- PROHIBIT AND POST ALL STREET PARKING ON THE NORTH SIDE OF WINTHROP ST FROM FULLER ST TO BROOK ST.

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:**

- PLACE 12' GUARDRAIL AS CLOSE TO THE HYDRANT AS POSSIBLE WEST 12'
- PLACE 12' GUARDRAIL 6' EAST OF THE TELEPHONE POLE EASTERLY

- **BOTH GUARDRAILS TO BE PLACED AT THE STREET SIDE OF THE SIDEWALK TO PROTECT PEDESTRIANS ON THE SIDEWALK.**

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:**

- **REPLACE MISSING 30 MPH SPEED LIMIT SIGNS ON N MAIN ST.**
- **REFER TO POLICE FOR ENFORCEMENT - COMMERCIAL VEHICLES.**

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:**

- **PLACE TRAFFIC SIGNAL AHEAD SIGNS W3-3 AT THE FOLLOWING LOCATIONS**
- **POLE 18 ON MANOMET ST FOR SOUTHBOUND TRAFFIC**
- **POLE 3-94 ON BOUVE AVE FOR NORTHBOUND TRAFFIC**
- **POLE 33 ON FOREST AVE FOR EASTBOUND TRAFFIC**
- **FOREST AVE & GRAFTON ST NORTHWEST CORNER FOR WESTBOUND TRAFFIC**

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:**

- **STOP SIGNS HAVE BEEN PLACED.**

**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. Resident claims that there used to also be a “Resident Only” sign in front of residence and now he is being ticketed. Would like sign replaced to avoid being ticketed.*

**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: brochure was previously provided for the 8/23/18 meeting).*

**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 were previously provided for the 8/23/18 meeting).*

**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 DRIVE AND COUNTRY CLUB LANE TO ACCESS SOUTHWORTH STREET**  
*Request of Ward 4 Councilor Susan Nicastro on behalf of Ms. Cheryl Anderson of 210 Country Club Lane to address her concerns with large trucks, car carriers and tractor trailers steadily using Country Club Drive and Country Club 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. **60/64 AUGUSTA AVENUE**  
*Resident appeared at the 8/23/18 meeting that had no quorum and requested a No Parking signs.*
  
17. **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.*

**SUBCOMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION:**

**A LARGER MORE COMPREHENSIVE REVIEW IS REQUIRED BEYOND THAT WHICH THE TRAFFIC -SUB CAN COMPLETE.**

**18. 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.*

**SUBCOMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION:**

- **REPLACE FADED NO PARKING SIGNS**

**19. 1151 NORTH MONTELLO STREET**

*Request received from Mayor's Office on behalf of constituent Amy Kostant, regarding her quality of life issues. The Mayor's Office received a call from Kostant, who resides at [1151 North Montello Street](#), explaining her frustrations with trucks that are continuously idling by her home. Kostant stated that the waste management company, Champion City Recovery, doesn't open until 7AM but trucks are lined up as early as 5:45AM, waiting for the business to open. Kostant states that the truck drivers completely disregard the "no idling" sign located on Wilder Street Ext and she is concerned for her families quality of life. The trucks are lining up right by her daughters bedroom window and the debris from the trucks have made its way onto her daughters belongings. She is requesting some police presence/traffic enforcement on Wilder Street Ext, during early mornings.*

**20. TRAFFIC SWITCH CONTAINERS/ELECTRIC BOXES**

*Request received from Councilor Anne Beauregard to discuss painting traffic switch container or electric boxes.*

**21. TEMPORARY NO PARKING ZONE IN FRONT OF 60 MAIN STREET**

*Request received from Robert Malley, Executive Director, Brockton Parking Authority, to create a temporary no parking zone in front of 60 Main Street to shuttle customers displaced by the new garage project to work from the BAT garage. He is hoping to create this space in what is now the first two parking spaces on the east side of Main Street just north of Centre Street. This condition would last only until the garage is completed, and then revert to the way it is now.*

**22. 472 NORTH QUINCY**

*Request received from Sue Dauwer on behalf of her aunt that resides at 472 North Quincy Street to get an update on the cement poles that were supposed to be put behind the guardrail at her Aunt's house at [472 North Quincy Street](#). Also, the speeding machine that was down on North Quincy Street was never working, it is not there now but it should be on the other side of the road coming up North Quincy Street towards her house.*

### 23. MCGRATH AVENUE/HEMLOCK STREET

*Request of Ward 4 Councilor Susan Nicastro on behalf of a constituent, who observes fast traveling vehicles taking the 90 degree corner turn from McGrath Avenue onto Hemlock Street without slowing down, for a stop sign on McGrath Avenue at its intersection with Hemlock Street, or such other relief as the Traffic Commission may deem appropriate.'*

#### **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).*
- *Tamara Pringle, 99 Weston Street – Requesting signage to address safety concerns as cars are parked on both sides of the street, cars are speeding, recent accident in front of her home where vehicle ended up in her front yard close to her door (Board members: pictures attached) and there is a school bus stop on Prospect Street. (Board members: see attached form submitted).*
- *John & Tina Yackevicz, 72 Hollis Street – Requesting signage (No Parking, Do Not Block Driveway) to address safety concerns when backing out of driveway. There is a slight curve where their driveway starts and they cannot see up the street when backing out and it is especially dangerous when there is a car parked in front of the fence. (Board members: see attached form submitted).*
- *Councilor Anne Beauregard – Requesting a stop sign on behalf of resident at the intersection of Intervale Street and Circle Street. Resident believes there was a stop sign there previously and perhaps lost in winter storm. \*No record of stop sign installed. (Board members: see attached form submitted).*

#### ➤ **DISCUSSION:**

*Handicapped parking signs on Main Street.*