



## BROCKTON TRAFFIC COMMISSION

Thursday, June 28, 2018

6:00 p.m.

### MINUTES

The Traffic Commission held its regular monthly meeting at 6:00 p.m. on Thursday, June 28, 2018 at the War Memorial Building, War Memorial Building, 156 W. Elm Street, Brockton, MA 02301.

Present were Traffic Commissioners: Deputy Fire Chief Kevin Galligan, Kenneth Galligan, Councilor Thomas Monahan, Craig Pina and Steve Hooke.

Also present was: Attorney Christopher Veale, Cary and Paula Snow, Brian McGuire, Carol Randolph-Brown, Councilor Anne Beauregard and Councilor Susan Nicastro.

There being a proper quorum, the meeting was called to order by Deputy Galligan. Upon motion made by Craig Pina, seconded by Steve Hooke, and a unanimous vote of all members present, it was voted to waive the reading of the April 26, 2018 Minutes.

### OLD BUSINESS

#### 1. 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 placed in front of his residence. The churches goers around his home continually block his driveway and when he parks in the church spaces, they call the police on him.*

**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" ON BOTH SIDES**

#### **SUBCOMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION:**

- (1) PLACE "NO PARKING" SIGNS ON BOTH SIDES OF STREET;**
- (2) SEND A LETTER TO RESIDENTS OF APT. #1, 2 AND 3 AT 12 PLEASANT PLACE TO SEE IF HANDICAPPED SIGN ON STREET IS NEEDED. IF NOT, REMOVE CURRENT SIGN, AND**
- (3) ON PLEASANT STREET: REPLACE PARKING SIGNS FROM WARREN AVENUE TO MAIN STREET**

Currently there is no parking allowed on the south side of Pleasant Street from Main Street to Warren Avenue.

Upon motion duly made by Craig Pina, seconded by Steve Hooke, and a unanimous vote of the members present, it was

**VOTED: TO APPROVE SUBCOMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION.**

**2. 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.*

**SUBCOMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION: TO REFER TO TRAFFIC ENFORCEMENT WITH NO SIGNAGE.**

Upon motion duly made by Craig Pina, seconded by Steve Hooke, and a unanimous vote of the members present, it was

**VOTED: TO APPROVE SUBCOMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION.**

**3. 124 NORWOOD STREET**

*Request of Ward 4 Councilor Susan Nicaastro 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 maybe appropriate.*

**SUBCOMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION: PLACE "NO PARKING HERETO CORNER" 30 FT. WEST OF SUMMER STREET.**

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

**VOTED: TO APPROVE SUBCOMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION.**

**4. 24 DUDLEY AVENUE**

*Request of Ward 4 Councilor Susan Nicaastro 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.*

**SUBCOMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION: TO REFER TO TRAFFIC ENFORCEMENT\*.**

Discussion: Councilor Nicastro asked what referring to Traffic Enforcement meant so that she could explain to her constituent. Deputy Galligan explained that the Traffic Commission would inform the police department and they would send a cruiser to the area to monitor for traffic enforcement. Deputy Galligan also informed Councilor Nicastro about the “Children At Play/Slow Children” signs that the board decided not to approve per the traffic engineer’s report that was presented to the Traffic Commission at a past meeting. It was the opinion that these signs do not affect the traffic, they do no slow down the speeder and provides a false sense of security to the child that is playing in the street, is a potential liability and it becomes sign overload where you just see so many signs and you stop looking at them. Ken Galligan stated that there are signs already up in the area. Councilor Nicastro stated that she has met with the Captain regarding traffic enforcement and was informed that they do not have the manpower. She asked what was she supposed to tell her constituents. The response was to keep calling the Captain and the Mayor, as well. If you’re not happy with the Captain’s response then contact the Chief. The Traffic Commission places signs and regulates traffic and that’s as far as we can go.

Councilor Nicastro further commented on the fact that people are driving too fast throughout the city and it’s out of control. Ken Galligan stated that what is frustrating to the board is that people are asking for 30 mph signs, Go Children Slow signs, etc. No matter how many signs we put up people pay no attention. Ken further stated that what is needed is police that are strictly doing traffic enforcement. Currently, they’re running from call to call and they don’t have the time to sit somewhere for half an hour.

Councilor Monahan suggested to Councilor Nicastro that she call Captain Hallisey for traffic enforcement. Ken Galligan suggested to her to obtain the time(s) of day that enforcement would be needed the most.

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

**VOTED: TO APPROVE SUBCOMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION.\***

\*Councilor Nicastro asked to be copied with the referral

**5. 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.'*

**SUBCOMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION:**

- (1) PLACE GUARDRAIL ON NORTHEAST CORNER 10 FT. WEST OF WALKWAY- 24 FT. CURVED GUARDRAIL 8 FT. OFF THE STREET;**
- (2) PLACE LEFT CHEVRON FOR WESTBOUND TRAFFIC BETWEEN 102 AND 98 EAST STREET;**
- (3) PLACE CHEVRON FOR EASTBOUND TRAFFIC ON EAST STREET ACROSS FROM KAME ST.**

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

**VOTED: TO APPROVE SUBCOMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION.**

**NEW BUSINESS**

**6. HOVENDON STREET AND WINTER STREET- MCKINLEY PARK**

*Request received from Mayor Carpenter for signage, lights and either installing or repainting ladder crosswalk.*

Discussion: Ken Galligan stated that the subcommittee walked the area a couple of years ago and made recommendations. \*He asked the secretary to research and advise.

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

**VOTED: TO REFER TO SUBCOMMITTEE.**

\*Secretary researched and found that the below was originally discussed at the 8/24/17 Traffic Commission meeting with the below subcommittee recommendation approved at the 9/28/17 meeting:

**MCKINLEY PARK**

*Request received from Councilor Jack Lalley on behalf of parents concerned about the public safety issue at McKinley Park. Parents are concerned for the children's safety and would like fencing put around the park on Winter Street, Hovendon Avenue and Sheldon Street.*

**SUBCOMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION: THE PARK IS BEING DONE OVER AND WE WILL REVISIT THIS WHEN THE PARK IS DONE.**

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

*Request received from Mayor Carpenter for either installing or repainting crosswalks and install pedestrian signal.*

Discussion: Recommendation made to request a professional opinion from the traffic engineer, Dan Murphy on what is allowed at a signalized intersection.

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

**VOTED: TO REQUEST OPINION FROM TRAFFIC ENGINEER\*  
AND REFER TO SUBCOMMITTEE.**

\*Opinion requested via email 6/29/18

8. **827 PEARL STREET**

*Request received by Craig Pina on behalf of Cary and Paula Snow of 827 Pearl Street regarding the rebuilding of Cumberland Farms. They stated that it is very dangerous at times there due to the fact that trucks park on the sidewalks on both sides of Pearl St. to go into Cumberland Farms to get coffee. They wanted to request that the city put "No Parking Any Time" signs on both sides to prevent this problem from continuing.*

Discussion: Mr. Snow stated that he wasn't sure what kind of signage he is looking for because there is a lot of traffic but the general issue is that the traffic backs up every day, 3 times a day. It is difficult for him to exit his drive way because of people speeding coming around the corner and because of where the delivery trucks are parked on both sides including at a bus stop. It is difficult to see around the trucks and also they are actually parking on the sidewalks. Mr. Snow suggested that a stop light be put up on the right turn on Belmont Street or at least a sign and put a left turn arrow onto Belmont Street from Pearl Street. He understands that it is the state that decides but suggested a traffic study be done. Mr. Snow also suggested that the Traffic Commission, City Council and Planning Board look at this intersection.

Deputy Galligan stated that the parking situation will be looked at to see what the current signage is and what signs may be needed. Mr. Snow stated that there are no signs. Deputy Galligan responded by saying that there may have been signs that have disappeared and need to be put back up.

Ken Galligan stated that several years ago when they rebuilt that intersection they re-engineered Mill Street and created Mill Connector Road. They took a light cycle out and allowed a light cycle for Stonehill Street for about 3 seconds so maybe 2 cars could get out. To take the Mill Street light out, they created the left turn lanes on Belmont Street. He further stated that it was his information that the volume of traffic if they put the other left turn lanes in it would affect the build-up of cars on Belmont Street. Mr. Galligan fully agreed with Mr. Snow and said that what was true 5 years ago is much different than it is today and stated that where Mr. Snow lives on the west side of Pearl Street, that inside lane is a travel lane. Mr. Galligan stated that when they rebuilt that intersection, we had to agree to state regulations that there could be no parking within so many feet of that intersection. We had to adopt those as part of the city getting the okay to do that. He further commented that he wouldn't be surprised if records were researched or records that there is no parking at least down to Mr. Snow's house and those signs have disappeared. Mr. Snow stated that they have lived there for 42 years and there have never been any no parking signs.

Mr. Galligan said that they will go and take a look but as far as cars on Belmont Street turning right onto Pearl Street, there was a yield sign there that could have been taken down during snow plowing. If that is the case, then the state can be contacted to put the sign back up.

Mr. Snow stated that his concern was when they come around the corner they don't yield even when the sign is there and they hit the cars coming out of Cumberland Farms.

Ken Galligan asked if the vehicles parked in front of his house are owned by the same company. Mr. Snow replied that the gas company, W.B. Mason, Penske and Garvey park their vehicles there some on the east side of Pearl Street and some in front of his house. Ken asked if the board ever contacted the state about putting a left turn light in. Deputy Galligan stated that the board did request but he did not think a response was received yet. Ken Galligan asked to have the matter followed up on. *\*Secretary located request and response from MA DOT and emailed Deputy Galligan and will attach to subcommittee agenda.*

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

**VOTED: TO REFER TO SUBCOMMITTEE TO LOOK AT THE PARKING SITUATION.**

9. **PONDVIEW CIRCLE AND TORREY STREET**

*Request received from Craig Pina for a Stop sign at the ends of Pondview Circle heading onto Torrey Street that residents claim was there before the street was re-paved.*

***\*No record of Stop sign being there previously***

Discussion: Craig Pina stated that residents were agreeable to having stop lines painted along with the work "Stop" painted on the pavement.

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

**VOTED: TO PLACE STOP SIGN FOR SOUTH BOUND TRAFFIC ON PONDVIEW CIRCLE AT TORREY STREET.**

10. **LELAND STREET**

*Request received from Councilor Jack Lally for a One Way street sign heading west.*

Discussion: Councilor Lally and residents were present at last month's meeting with no quorum and all in attendance were in favor. Councilor Lally was getting in touch with residents to find out if they were all in favor and report back to the board.

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

**VOTED: TO REFER TO SUBCOMMITTEE.**

**11. CONNELL AVENUE & RUTH ROAD**

*Request received from Councilor Jack Lally for a 4-way Stop.*

Discussion: Residents were in attendance at last month's meeting along with Councilor Lally but there was no quorum. Deputy Galligan stated that if the board votes to approve the one-way on Leland Street, it would create more traffic on Connell Avenue and Ruth Road. Deputy Galligan commented that the board has been at this location for this request 3 times in the past and it was voted down. Motion was made to put a 4-way stop sign and on the Motion, Ken Galligan stated that the board has never approved a 4-way stop sign in the past and nothing has changed. If we are looking at Leland Street at subcommittee and make it a one-way, this will have a negative affect on Connell Avenue and Ruth Road and if this is the case, the two should be tied together.

Upon motion duly made by Craig Pina, seconded by Steve Hooke, and a 4-1 vote in favor (Ken Galligan opposed), it was

**VOTED: TO PLACE 4-WAY STOP SIGN AT THE INTERSECTION OF CONNELL AVENUE AND RUTH ROAD.**

**12. INTERSECTION OF EAST ASHLAND STREET AND NORTH QUINCY STREET**

*Request received from Councilor Jack Lally on behalf of residents for "Single Lane" signage northbound and southbound on North Quincy Street before the intersection.*

Discussion: Ken Galligan stated that he went up and looked at this intersection and the cars on North Quincy Street wanting to take a left onto East Ashland Street automatically pulled over to the center line to allow cars behind them to go around to the right. If this was made a single lane, cars on North Quincy Street wanting to take the left onto East Ashland Street would never get across the cars heading south on North Quincy Street. He further stated that he was not in favor of this item as if there is single lane traffic, traffic would be backed up and during rush hours backed up to Court Street.

Upon motion duly made by Craig Pina, seconded by Steve Hooke, and a unanimous vote of the members present, it was

**VOTED: TO REFER TO SUBCOMMITTEE.**

**13. NORWICH ROAD**

*Request received from Councilor Jack Lally for posted speed limit signs and "Slow Children" signs on both ends of Norwich Road.*

Discussion: The board reiterated its policy on putting up "Slow Children" signs. Ken Galligan stated that the resident was at last month's meeting with no quorum and this policy was explained to him and he was agreeable.

Upon motion duly made by Craig Pina, seconded by Steve Hooke, and a unanimous vote of the members present, it was

**VOTED: TO REFER TO SUBCOMMITTEE TO GET LOCATIONS AND NUMBER OF 30 MPH SIGNS.**

**14. TINA AVENUE**

*Request received from Councilor Jack Lally on behalf of the residents on Tina Ave who would like some "Slow Children" signs because of people speeding on newly paved road.*

Discussion: It was reiterated that the board were not likely to put up "Slow Children" signs but may put up speed signs.

Upon motion duly made by Councilor Monahan, seconded by Steve Hooke, and a unanimous vote of the members present, it was

**VOTED: TO REFER TO SUBCOMMITTEE.**

**15. EAST MIDDLE SCHOOL- 464 CENTRE STREET**

*Request received from Councilor Anne Beauregard on behalf of a parent who called about re-painting crosswalks and also one of those flashing signs.*

Discussion: Councilor Beauregard stated that the parent also wants the same on Crescent Street near Miko's restaurant. Councilor Beauregard suggested that if the board is unable to get the flashing signs then use the flashing signs that point to the crosswalk. Neon signs are noticeable. Deputy Galligan informed Councilor Beauregard that the flashing signs are around \$10,000.00 each.

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

**VOTED: TO REFER TO SUBCOMMITTEE.**

**16. VFW PARKWAY-JAMES J. ADAMS GARAGE**

*Request received from Councilor Anne Beauregard for a crosswalk for City Hall employees to use when they come out of the parking garage and for a sign that says caution in huge letters "pedestrian crossing".*

Discussion: Deputy Galligan stated that he looked at the site and the curb cuts are already present and he spoke with the Planning Department and there are no plans to do any type of decorative crosswalk so if the board voted to paint the crosswalk, he would have no opposition.

Upon motion duly made by Steve Hooke, seconded by Councilor Monahan, and a unanimous vote of the members present, it was



**VOTED: TO REFER TO SUBCOMMITTEE FOR SIGN PLACEMENTS AND LINE PAINTING.**

**17. SALISBURY PARK-CRESCENT STREET SIDE**

*Request received from Councilor Anne Beauregard for a crosswalk for people that hang out at Salisbury Park on the Crescent St side.*

Discussion: The Old Colony Planning Council (OCPC) is planning changes to this area. Therefore, Councilor Beauregard withdrew her request.

Upon motion duly made by Steve Hooke, seconded by Councilor Monahan, and a unanimous vote of the members present, it was

**VOTED: TO TAKE NO ACTION.**

**18. NOYES AVENUE AND CARLTON AVENUE**

*Request received from Gertrude Vocci for a Stop sign at the end of Noyes Avenue and Carlton Avenue.*

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

**VOTED: TO REFER TO SUBCOMMITTEE.**

**19. 629 PLEASANT STREET**

*Request received from Attorney John McCluskey on behalf of the developer who would like the board to review the redesigned plans for a new commercial use. (Previously discussed at the 8/25/16 and 1/28/16)*

Discussion: The redesigned plans include a raised traffic island with the yellow center line moved over. Ken Galligan commented that the plans show 69 parking spots and 84 spaces are needed and also questioned whether there was an area designated for deliveries and was there sufficient space for delivery trucks.

Deputy Galligan stated that the Traffic Commission concerns are access in and out of driveways, double yellow line and do not block intersection and recommended that the Planning Department confirm the number of parking spaces and that this board is concerned about access for deliveries because of the potential of back up of traffic onto Pleasant Street because of delivery trucks stop right in front of the building to the east.

Ken Galligan stated that this item should go to subcommittee but Deputy Galligan disagreed because this item was on the agenda the previous month that did not move forward due to lack of quorum and members had ample time to review site if interested. Ken Galligan also brought up that the prior plans had a do not block the box sign with hash marks on the street.

Deputy Galligan favorably recommended the plans as drawn with the addition of the hash marks and with a note to the Planning Department to confirm the number of parking spaces and that the board is concerned with access during deliveries because of the potential for traffic being back up onto Pleasant Street.

Upon motion duly made by Councilor Monahan, seconded by Craig Pina, and a 4-1 vote of the members present (Ken Galligan opposed), it was

**VOTED: TO RECOMMEND THE PLANS AS DRAWN FAVORABLY WITH THE ADDITION OF THE HASH MARKS AND WITH A NOTE TO THE PLANNING DEPARTMENT TO CONFIRM THE NUMBER OF PARKING SPACES AND THAT THE BOARD IS CONCERNED WITH ACCESS DURING DELIVERIES BECAUSE OF THE POTENTIAL FOR TRAFFIC BEING BACKED UP ONTO PLEASANT STREET.**

**20. 15 ELLIS STREET**

*Request received from Orgeo Berto of 15 Ellis Street, requesting a Slow Down sign on the street due to cars speeding. Also, he states that there are a lot of children living on Ellis Street.*

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

**VOTED: TO REFER TO SUBCOMMITTEE.**

**21. 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.*

Discussion: Ken Galligan stated that the board put a sign up there "All Through Traffic Must Turn Left" at the next intersection and unfortunately, the sign was put up right at the intersection.

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

**VOTED: TO REFER TO SUBCOMMITTEE.**

**22. 64 HILL STREET**

*Request received from Juan Santiago for a handicapped sign in front of his residence while he is recuperating from surgery. Mr. Santiago currently has a HP placard due to expire on 8/1/18 but he will seek an extension to October, 2018.*

Discussion: This is inside the Brockton Housing Authority property. The resident should address his request to them.

Upon motion duly made by Councilor Monahan, seconded by Steve Hooke, and a unanimous vote of the members present, it was

**VOTED: TO TAKE NO ACTION.**

**23. MAIN STREET & LEGION PARKWAY**

*Request received from Deputy Chief Kevin Galligan to discuss "Pedestrian safety improvements at Main Street & Legion Parkway."*

Discussion: Deputy Galligan would like to establish an ad hoc committee with the ability to make rapid decisions on the spot as there may be funding available from a different project. Deputy Galligan recommended that he, Councilor Monahan, Traffic Commissioner, Captain John Hallisey and DPW Commissioner Larry Rowley be on the ad hoc committee. Deputy Galligan stated that would is being looked at is a possible bump out.

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

**VOTED: TO ESTABLISH AD HOC COMMITTEE CONSISTING OF DEPUTY FIRE CHIEF KEVIN GALLIGAN, COUNCILOR THOMAS MONAHAN, TRAFFIC COMMISSIONER, CAPTAIN JOHN HALLISEY AND DPW COMMISSIONER LARRY ROWLEY.**

**24. 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 (picture attached).*

Discussion: Councilor Beauregard reiterated that the resident walks her kids to school and does not think the request is unreasonable. Deputy Galligan explained that there is currently a crosswalk and it will get painted during line painting and further stated that with the RFFB being so close to traffic signal, he has to check with the engineer and there is no pedestrian phasing at those traffic signals so there is no button for a pedestrian to push.

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

**VOTED: TO REFER TO SUBCOMMITTEE.**

**25. 217 NILSSON STREET**

*Request received from Linda Fulton who resides at 217 Nilsson Street who would like a guardrail installed due to an accident that took place on her street where the driver went through her fence.*

Upon motion duly made by Steve Hooke, seconded by Councilor Monahan, and a unanimous vote of the members present, it was

**VOTED: TO REFER TO SUBCOMMITTEE.**

**26. GERALYN ROAD**

*Request received from Councilor Susan Nicastro who is requesting a "No Loitering" and/or "No Littering" sign on the portion of GERALYN ROAD that ends at a cul de sac beside the wetland. Residents informed her that cars pull into the cul de sac to do mischief.*

Discussion: Loitering would be a police matter but the board will take a look at it at subcommittee for possible "No Parking" signs. Littering would be a Board of Health issue or the task force.

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

**VOTED: TO REFER TO SUBCOMMITTEE.**

**27. 70 TILTON AVENUE**

*Request received from Brian McGuire of 70 Tilton Avenue requesting a 4-way stop sign be installed at Tilton Avenue and Levering Street due to the high volume of cars speeding by.*

Discussion: Mr. McGuire stated that the corner is a school bus stop and cars are going 40-50 mph and use this area as a cut through to avoid the lights/intersection on Pleasant Street and West Street. Ken Galligan suggested that the accident history be obtained.

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

**VOTED: TO REFER TO SUBCOMMITTEE.**

**28. SIGN REQUEST FORM (attached)**

Discussion: Form will be available online as well as in the Traffic Commission Office.

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

**VOTED: TO ACCEPT THE SIGN REQUEST FORM AS THE OFFICIAL TRAFFIC COMMISSION REQUEST.**

## COMMUNICATIONS

### NEW HEIGHTS CHARTER SCHOOL

*Letter received from Mary-Joe Perry of Mass DOT in response to 3/29/18 Traffic Commission request relating to guidance/permission for proceeding with design and implementation as required under c.85, §2 for school zone within state highway Route 28 limits.*

Discussion: Received response from Mary-Joe Perry of MassDOT that Deputy Galligan read to those present. According to MassDOT, the board is unable to designate as a school zone due to the lack of crosswalks and sidewalks. Deputy Galligan stated that the original request was for school zone flashing signals and the board should go back to that request and make a decision on that request. It would either be deny all together. Ken Galligan asked why the board should deny it. If the traffic commission supports it then it goes to the City of Brockton and somebody has to come up with the funding. If they fail to do so, then the request is dead but if the funding is or becomes available, then it could get done. Ken further commented on why deny on the anticipation of there being no funds. It would be embarrassing to the board to find out after the denial that funds were available. Deputy Galligan agreed and reiterated if the board denied this, it would be dead but if it was approved and funding ever became available then it could get done and recommended to approve pending funding. Ken Galligan recommended that the Traffic Commissioner, Captain Hallisey have a conversation with Jay Condon, CFO or the Mayor regarding whether funding is available and he can report back to the board.

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

**VOTED: TO CONTINUE THE ISSUE OF THE NEW HEIGHTS CHARTER SCHOOL FLASHING SCHOOL ZONE LIGHTS UNTIL NEXT MONTH.**

### NORTH QUINCY STREET AND NORTH CARY STREET

1. 6/13/18 - Email received from Bill McNulty, Senior Transportation Planner, OCPC - Road Safety Audit in September - need last 3 years of crash records
2. 6/14/18 - Email received from Susan Dauwer on behalf of her Aunt who lives at 472 North Quincy Street and is 101 years old requesting that a street light be installed as a result of the recent accident that damaged the fence, gate, guardrail, lawn and the house had structural damage.
3. 6/16/18 - Email received from Michael & Pauline Crowley who live at the curve at 470- 472 North Quincy Street regarding the recent accident and request for a traffic light.

Discussion: Deputy Galligan stated that there were 3 accidents within the last week. He went up and put a flashing curve arrow and was up there with the Mayor 2 days ago. The guardrail was supposed to be replaced yesterday and the telephone pole has been replaced 3 times. Where we are now is we asked OCPC to conduct a safety

audit and they've responded back that they want to wait until September to get a more accurate count with school back in session because it will change the count significantly. This is the first step in getting any traffic signals there which is years away. The residents were notified of this. The street light that has been missing up there for quite some time was supposed to be up there yesterday as well. There is also a yellow blinking light on a mast up there and it blinks alternately with the flashing curve sign. They have also put barrels in the street along the newly painted hooked center line area at the 90° angle it forces people to hook right.

Ken Galligan wanted it noted that the LED light was requested last January and after numerous requests, still hasn't been done. Deputy Galligan was told the light would be done yesterday. Ken Galligan further commented on the fact that this board had promised the residents that we would do these things and they haven't been done and it is embarrassing. The other thing that bothers him is we went up there for subcommittee and spent a considerable amount of time laying out where we thought the guardrail should go but when the guardrail was put up it was not put where it should go. The problem about placement is that there are so many driveways and a car can go right through the driveway along with the fact that some residents do not want a guardrail on their property. The most critical thing that could have been done immediately and put the LED light up. We were told in January that the street light would be put up the next day. There is a breakdown somewhere. Another thing Ken wanted to suggest is contacting the transportation engineer to have him take a look at this intersection and provide his input/ideas. He may see something that we are missing. Deputy Galligan agreed. It was suggested by Ken to ask the engineer if it would be appropriate to put a 3-way stop sign there. These accidents aren't happening during school, they're happening at midnight and later because the drivers are under the influence. He commended Deputy Galligan for putting up the flashing curve sign because it's made a huge difference up there. Deputy Galligan stated that we want and need short term solutions because the long term solution is in the works with OCPC but it won't start until September so if we can get the engineer up there in the meantime for short term solutions. The other piece when he was up there was the Mayor called the police chief up there and requested high visibility traffic enforcement immediately.

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

**VOTED: TO HAVE DEPUTY CHIEF GALLIGAN REQUEST SHORT TERM RECOMMENDATIONS FROM THE ENGINEER.**

## OTHER MATTERS

Carol Randolph Brown of Fairview Avenue appeared before the board to discuss her concerns about the number of accidents and fatalities in the City of Brockton. Ken Galligan commented that she was in attendance for the meeting and heard the frustration of the board members. It is important to her the we as a city do something. Ms. Randolph Brown explained that she reads about the horrendous accidents occurring in the city in the newspaper and does not understand why this issue does not occur as much in the surrounding towns.

Ms. Randolph Brown stated that she met with Councilor-At-Large Win Farwell back in April and is waiting to meet with the Mayor.

Some thoughts she had to deter people were increased police enforcement. She felt that is the number one deterrent for any kind of car accidents, speeding, etc. She does not understand why the city can't put more police out for enforcement.

Ms. Randolph Brown continued saying that she noticed her insurance rates have gone up because of the number of accidents which pales in comparison to someone losing their life.

Ms. Randolph Brown suggested using speed bumps to minimize people speeding through and was told that speed bumps could not be installed due to snow plowing.

Ms. Randolph Brown suggested using a speeding and red light camera and was told by Deputy Galligan that the state does not allow them, that they are not allowed throughout the state.

Ms. Randolph Brown informed the board that she was going into Boston to meet with her representatives to discuss this issue.

Ms. Randolph Brown brought up signs that say speed monitored by radar...and asked if this is done. Deputy Galligan stated that there are three officers assigned to traffic enforcement and are sometimes pulled to be put in cruisers. Councilor Monahan stated that one night there were 277 calls for 14-15 officers out there.

In her meeting with Councilor-At-Large Farwell, she stated that she obtained police statistics from 2013-2016 that showed that police enforcement had gone down for traffic enforcement which did not make sense to her.

Ms. Randolph Brown stated that the reason she came before this board was to see if there was anything that the traffic commission could do about this situation.

Deputy Galligan responded that it was good that she attended the entire meeting and heard all of the items and the frustrations of the board members and those in attendance. He explained that he handles the city's traffic signals and that they have already passed last year's amount of hits (cars knocking down traffic signals). He further commented that they all share in the frustration and that a lot of enforcement is needed.

Councilor Monahan added that the budget and minimal number of police assigned for enforcement is the problem. People are running stop signs, going through red lights, etc. and we need more

enforcement but the money is the problem. He wasn't sure if there was grant money available for this. He further commented that people do not drive in surrounding towns like they do in Brockton because they know that they will be stopped. Ms. Randolph Brown stated that she did not understand why police officers are paid overtime rather than hiring officers and have them assigned to traffic enforcement.

*Respectfully submitted,*

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