



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

MINUTES

The Traffic Commission held its regular monthly meeting at 6:00 p.m. on Thursday, July 26, 2018 at the War Memorial Building, War Memorial Building, 156 W. Elm Street, Brockton, MA 02301.

Present were Traffic Commissioners: Captain John Hallisey, Kenneth Galligan, DPW Commissioner Larry Rowley, Councilor Timothy Cruise and Councilor Thomas Monahan.

Also present was: Kimberly Joyce, Robert Lynch, Kevin Costello, Rob May, Jon Van Kuiken, Councilor Anne Beauregard and Gene Lawton.

There being a proper quorum, the meeting was called to order by Commissioner Hallisey. Upon motion made by Councilor Cruise, seconded by Councilor Monahan, and a unanimous vote off all members present, it was voted to waive the reading of the June 28, 2018 Minutes.

OLD BUSINESS

1. **HOVENDON AVENUE AND WINTER STREET – MCKINLEY PARK**

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

SUBCOMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION:

- **CROSSWALK WEST JUNCTION ON HOVENDON AVE. BY SHELDON ST.**
- **CROSSWALK SIGN IN FRONT OF POLE #4 ON HOVENDON AVE.**
- **2ND CROSSWALK SIGN ACROSS THE STREET FROM POLE#4 (WB)**
- **ON POLE #1 NO PARKING HERE TO CORNER TO WINTER ST.**

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

VOTED: TO APPROVE SUBCOMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION.

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

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

SUBCOMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION: REPAINT CROSSWALKS - ADDITIONAL INFO TO FOLLOW.

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

VOTED: TO APPROVE SUBCOMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION TO REPAINT CROSSWALKS.

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

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

3. **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.

SUBCOMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION:

WEST SIDE SOUTH BOUND TRAFFIC PEARL ST. ACROSS FROM CUMBERLAND FARMS

FROM MASS HIGHWAY BOUNDARY (MHB) MARKER – RIGHT NEXT TO TELEPHONE POLE

- **13 FEET NO PARKING SIGN**
 - **121 FT. NO PARKING SIGN**
 - **204 FT. NO PARKING SIGN**
 - **300 FT. NO PARKING SIGN**
 - **385 FT. NO PARKING SIGN**
 - **510 FT. NO PARKING SIGN**
- **6 POSTS NEEDED**

STARTING AT STONEHILL STREET, ABOVE RESULTS IN NO PARKING WEST SIDE OF PEARL STREET NORTHERLY FROM BELMONT STREET.

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

VOTED: TO APPROVE SUBCOMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION.

4. **LELAND STREET**

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

SUBCOMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION:

- **(2) ONE WAY SIGNS ON LELAND ST.**
- **ADD TWO STOP SIGNS END OF LELAND ST. BY GERALD AVE.**
- **ADD TWO DO NOT ENTER SIGNS ON LELAND ST. BY GERALD AVE.**
- **REMOVE STOP SIGN ON LELAND ST. BY N. QUINCY ST.**
- **NO LEFT TURN SIGN WEST SIDE FOR SOUTHBOUND TRAFFIC IN FRONT OF TREE AT 60-66 GERALD AVENUE**

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

VOTED: TO APPROVE SUBCOMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION.

5. **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.

SUBCOMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION: NO ACTION AT THIS TIME.

Discussion: Ken Galligan stated that currently although not marked, the right lanes are used as travel lanes. As a courtesy, vehicles taking a turn onto East Ashland Street (left heading westbound, right heading eastbound) pull to the left to allow vehicles to pass. If this practice is prohibited then traffic would be back up to Court Street.

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

VOTED: TO APPROVE SUBCOMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION.

6. **NORWICH ROAD**

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

SUBCOMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION: 30 MPH SPEED LIMIT SIGNS ON BOTH SIDES OF THE ROAD.

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

VOTED: TO APPROVE SUBCOMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION.

7. 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.

SUBCOMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION:

- **BETWEEN #15 AND #21 EAST BOUND TRAFFIC 30 MPH SPEED LIMIT SIGN**
- **BETWEEN #156 TO #146 WEST BOUND TRAFFIC 30 MPH SPEED LIMIT SIGN**

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

VOTED: TO APPROVE SUBCOMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION.

8. 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.

SUBCOMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION:

- **PAINT CROSSWALKS**
- **FLASHING SIGN APPROVED PENDING FUNDING FOR RRFB**

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

VOTED: TO APPROVE SUBCOMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION.

9. 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".

SUBCOMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION:

- **BOTH EXISTING CUTOUTS CROSSWALKS (BY POLICE AND FIRE MEMORIALS)**
- **REPLACE NO PARKING SIGN ON 2ND POST SOUTH SIDE EAST OF MAIN ST. WITH CROSSWALK SIGN**

Upon motion duly made by Councilor Monahan, on the motion, Ken Galligan stated that the following was missed as a subcommittee recommendation:

- **PLACE CROSSWALK SIGNS ON VFW PARKWAY ON EAST ELM ST. BY THE FIREFIGHTER MEMORIAL AND ANOTHER BY THE GARAGE EXIT BY THE PARKING GARAGE.**
- **REMOVE CURRENT NO PARKING SIGN ON POST BY EXIT TO PARKING GARAGE AND REPLACE WITH CROSSWALK SIGN.**
- **PLACE TWO (2) NO PARKING EITHER SIDE SIGNS ON THE STREET LIGHT POLES ON THE EAST SIDE OF THE STREET 2ND AND 4TH POST NORTHERLY FROM CRESCENT STREET.**

Motion was seconded by Councilor Monahan, and a unanimous vote of the members present, it was

VOTED: TO APPROVE SUBCOMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION.

10. **NOYES AVENUE AND CARLTON AVENUE**

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

SUBCOMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION: PLACE STOP SIGN ON NOYES AVENUE AT CARLTON AVE FOR NORTHBOUND TRAFFIC.

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

VOTED: TO APPROVE SUBCOMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION.

11. **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.

SUBCOMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION: TO REFER TO TRAFFIC FOR ENFORCEMENT.

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

VOTED: TO APPROVE SUBCOMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION.

12. **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: Council President Eaniri called and asked that this matter be referred to Subcommittee and either he or Councilor Sullivan will be at the site with Mr. Epstein.

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

VOTED: TO REFER TO SUBCOMMITTEE.

13. **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). *At 7/26/18 meeting,*

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.

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

VOTED: TO APPROVE SUBCOMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION.

14. **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.

SUBCOMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION: 30 FT GUARDRAIL WEST SIDE OF KELLOG AVE. NORTHERLY FROM TRIBOU STREET.

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

VOTED: TO APPROVE SUBCOMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION.

15. **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.

SUBCOMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION: PLACE NO DUMPING POLICE TAKE NOTICE SIGN AT THE CUL DE SAC.

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

VOTED: TO APPROVE SUBCOMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION.

16. **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.

SUBCOMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION: FURTHER ACCIDENT HISTORY AND OBSERVATION NEEDED. *Secretary requested 7/10/18

Discussion: Accident history indicated one accident in 3 years. Recommended to refer to traffic enforcement (as available) during rush hours (morning/evening) and Saturday's around noontime.

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

VOTED: TO APPROVE SUBCOMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION AND REFER TO TRAFFIC FOR ENFORCEMENT (AS AVAILABLE) DURING RUSH HOURS (MORNING/EVENING) AND SATURDAY'S AROUND NOONTIME.

17. **NEW HEIGHTS CHARTER SCHOOL**

Letter received from Mary-Joe Perry of MassDOT 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.

AT THE 6/28/18 MEETING VOTED: TO CONTINUE THE ISSUE OF THE NEW HEIGHTS CHARTER SCHOOL FLASHING SCHOOL ZONE LIGHTS UNTIL NEXT MONTH.

From 2/22/18 Traffic Commission Agenda:

NEW HEIGHTS CHARTER SCHOOL – 1690 MAIN STREET

Request received from the New Heights Charter School, Head of School, Mrs. Janice Manning, who would like to discuss their needs for signs and crosswalks. Initially, Mrs. Manning was referred to the state because the state highway ends after the school's driveway. Mrs. Manning contacted the state who referred her to the MUTCD Section 7E-5 School Zone Signs on State Highways. According to Mrs. Manning, they further highlighted pages 66 & 67 which highlighted the following language:

7E-5 School Zone Signs on State Highways

"It is the policy of the department to install standard warning signs at all approaches to potentially hazardous locations. In the case of a school abutting a State Highway, the Department will, by permit, authorize the establishment of School Zones at the request of the municipality wherein the highway lies. All costs for the establishment and maintenance of a school zone speed limit on State Highway shall be borne by the municipality. A permit for each School Zone will be issued to the municipality setting forth the applicable terms for the zone operation."

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

VOTED: TO SEND TO DEPUTY SUPERINTENDENT MIKE THOMAS FOR GUIDANCE AND OPINION ON WHO IS RESPONSIBLE TO PAY.

NEW BUSINESS

18. 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.

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

VOTED: TO REFER TO SUBCOMMITTEE.

19. BROCKTON REDEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY & ENTERPRISE CENTER CONSTRUCTION TEAM

Request received from City Planner Rob May requesting that Robert Jenkins from the BRA and the Enterprise Center garage Construction Management team appear to discuss construction of the garage and the alterations to Petronelli Way during said construction. The center section of Petronelli Way will need to be closed and the ends at Main and Montello converted to two-way traffic.

Discussion: Rob May provided copies of drawings prior to the meeting and introduced Alicia Toney, Project Director with Pinck & Co., Kimberly Joyce, Project Manager with Colantonio Construction and Kevin Costello, Project Superintendent with Colantonio Construction.

Mr. Costello stated that the drawing show basically day-to-day operations and that they are looking to temporarily close Petronelli Way while constructing the new parking garage due

to break ground on September 13, 2018. He stated that there would be quite a bit of signage along with having police details.

Ken Galligan commented that they were basically looking to make a portion of Main Street two lanes so that cars can get into the parking lot behind the old court building and the same thing on Montello Street. Ken further commented that a lot of cars come down Pleasant Street to Warren Avenue to Green Street down Petronelli Way to get to Montello Street to get to Centre Street. If cars come down Green Street to get to Montello Street, they will have to take a left onto Main Street and get into the right lane to take a left onto Court Street so it would be wise to place signs on Warren Avenue and Green Street stating the Petronelli Way so that cars can continue down to Legion Parkway onto Centre Street.

Temporarily rescind one way on Petronelli Way to allow DUA employees to come out and turn left onto Main Street.

Mr. Costello stated that usually there is a lockbox in the event emergency personnel needed access on Petronelli Way.

DPW Commissioner Rowley voiced his concern with snow removal and Councilor Cruise asked Mr. Costello if they could take care of snow removal and was told that they will work with the City throughout the construction.

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

**VOTED: TO RESCIND ONE-WAY STATUS AND ALLOW STREET CLOSURE
TEMPORARILY WITH APPROPRIATE SIGNAGE ON TOP OF
WARREN AVENUE.**

20. 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).

Discussion: Robert Lynch appeared and stated that there have been 6 accidents in the 13 years he has been property manager. The latest accident being on June 27, 2018 that he provided pictures of and a previous one occurring on June 8th. He would like to see a guardrail there. There is no working fire hydrant at this time due to the last accident. Ken Galligan stated that they wanted to put in a guardrail but it would have had to go on the backside of the sidewalk due to where the fire hydrant was located then I think there is an underground telephone conduit and it would have been very difficult to put a guardrail in so in the interim the yellow sign was put up. I think this is going to require DPW getting in touch with the telephone company to see how much room we have to work with. Ken asked if the hydrant could be relocated. Commissioner Rowley stated if you put in a guardrail, because it is a narrow sidewalk a wheelchair would be unable to utilize the sidewalk. Ken suggested that behind the current fence that a cement wall be put up to

prevent anyone from going through because of the problems there trying to put up a guardrail. Mr. Lynch said that the end of Rockland Street coming onto Pleasant Street is at a 30° slope so the cars are going at a high rate of speed.

Ken recommended what to do right now was to put up a double stop sign at Rockland Street and Pleasant Street and a large fluorescent Stop Ahead sign (already a post).

Commissioner Rowley stated that Dig Safe would need to be called.

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

VOTED: TO REFER TO SUBCOMMITTEE ON 8/21/18 @ 9:00 A.M. WITH COMMISSIONER ROWLEY IN ATTENDANCE TO DISCUSS GUARDRAIL PLACEMENT AND TO CALL MR. LYNCH WHEN VISITING SITE.

21. 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.

Discussion: Councilor Cruise stated that Councilor Asack texted him and Councilor Monahan letting them know that she was unable to make the meeting and neither could the resident. She asked that the matter be referred to subcommittee.

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

VOTED: TO REFER TO SUBCOMMITTEE.

22. 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.

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

VOTED: TO REFER TO SUBCOMMITTEE.

23. 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.

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

VOTED: TO REFER TO SUBCOMMITTEE.

24. **SOUTHWORTH STREET, WEST CHESTNUT STREET, COPELAND STREET**

Request for clarification received from Stephen Ippolito, resident of 47 Southworth Street on the truck weight limit/No Trucks signage on Southworth Street, West Chestnut Street and Copeland Street. Same issue has been brought up by Brewster Ambulance and First Student (Board members: emails attached).

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

VOTED: MAKE SURE 15,000 SIGNS ARE UP AT WEST CHESTNUT STREET & SOUTHWORTH STREET THEN REFER TO TRAFFIC FOR ENFORCEMENT.