



BROCKTON TRAFFIC COMMISSION
Thursday, October 25, 2018
6:00 p.m.

MINUTES

The Traffic Commission held its regular monthly meeting at 6:00 p.m. on Thursday, October 25, 2018 at the War Memorial Building, War Memorial Building, 156 W. Elm Street, Brockton, MA 02301.

Present were Traffic Commissioners: Captain John Hallisey, Deputy Fire Chief Kevin Galligan, Kenneth Galligan, DPW Commissioner Larry Rowley, Councilor Timothy Cruise, Councilor Thomas Monahan and Stephan Hooke.

Also present was: Joyce Asack, Ward 6 School Committee, Michael Thomas, BPS Deputy Superintendent, Councilor Jack Lally, Councilor Anne Beauregard, Dr. Sheila Lyons, Paul Bellofatto and Macy Garcia (representing Imany Pina).

There being a proper quorum, the meeting was called to order by Commissioner Hallisey. Upon motion made by Deputy Chief Galligan, seconded by Councilor Monahan, and a unanimous vote of all members present, it was voted to waive the reading of the September 27, 2018 Minutes.
Location:

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:*

Discussion: Deputy Chief Galligan was informed that the contract has not been executed as yet but was in the Law Department for review.

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

VOTED: TO POSTPONE UNTIL THE 12/6/18 MEETING.

2. **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.

Discussion: Deputy Chief Galligan was informed that the contract has not been executed as yet but was in the Law Department for review.

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

VOTED: TO POSTPONE UNTIL THE 12/6/18 MEETING.

3. **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.

Discussion: Ward 6 School Committee member Joyce Asack and Deputy Superintendent Mike Thomas appeared before the board to discuss the possibility of painting crosswalks around schools a different color. There are 25 schools with approximately 2 crosswalks per school. Ms. Asack continued by informing the board that the state approves 5 colors and the paint is not slippery. All surrounding towns have their crosswalks painted and she wanted to know why Brockton did not. Abington is green, the Bridgewater's are red, Rockland is blue, etc. Deputy Superintendent Mike Thomas reiterated that the state has 5 colors that they allow and when asked by Commissioner Hallisey whether he had anything in writing from the state indicating the approved 5 colors, Mr. Thomas stated that he did not. Commissioner Hallisey then referred to the MUTCD (Manual on Uniform Traffic Control Devices) that states for added visibility, you can paint lines (i.e. diagonal lines) but it does not say anything about color. Commissioner Hallisey was concerned about liability if crosswalks were painted with color that was not approved by the state. Mr. Thomas stated that the information on painting crosswalks with color was obtained by Road Safe in Avon who paints crosswalks for towns. Deputy Chief Galligan then explained that one of the key pieces in the MUTCD is uniformity so that the same rules apply for vehicles traveling from town to town, state to state. He further stated that the color green is used for bike lanes in the city. The question of who is going to maintain the crosswalks when the paint fades in 6 months was a concern for the board. It was suggested that the state be contacted to confirm what was presented regarding crosswalks painted in color and to contact Road Safe in Avon to find out the history of color painted crosswalks, what towns they paint crosswalks for, what color is/was used and whether they had state approval to do so. Also find out the cost from the line painting company to paint approximately 50 white ladder crosswalks. Commissioner Hallisey informed the board that line painting is finished for the season. It was recommended that Ms. Asack and Mr. Thomas put a list of priority crosswalks together so that diagonal lines could be painted when line painting resumes in April/May, 2019. The Traffic line item for the FY20 budget will have to be increased to reflect the additional charges. Mr. Thomas informed the board that they have a line painting machine that they use in parking lots on school property. Because the Traffic budget does not currently have the funding to do the crosswalks, Councilor Cruise suggested that the school department and their personnel paint as many crosswalks as they can now weather permitting.

Commissioner Hallisey stated that line painting is usually done between 9:30 p.m. and 4:30 a.m. and police detail is required. Contact

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

VOTED: ALLOW THE SCHOOL DEPARTMENT TO MOVE FORWARD AND PAINT AS MANY CROSSWALKS (LADDER STYLE) AS THEY CAN NOW UNDER THE DIRECTION OF CAPTAIN HALLISEY, WEATHER PERMITTING.

4. 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.'

SUBCOMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION:

- **STOP SIGN IN FRONT OF POLE #2 SOUTHBOUND TRAFFIC ON MCGRATH @ HEMLOCK ST.**

Discussion: Ken Galligan requested that the stop sign be equipped with red reflector tape.

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

VOTED: TO APPROVE SUBCOMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION.

SIGN REQUEST(S):

- *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.*

SUBCOMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION:

- **WESTON ST NO PARKING BOTH SIDES 60 FEET SOUTHERLY FROM PROSPECT 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.

- 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.

SUBCOMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION:

- **STOP SIGN AND POST WEST BOUND TRAFFIC ON CIRCLE ST @ INTERVALE ST.**

Discussion: Ken Galligan requested that the stop sign be equipped with red reflector tape.

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. **DISCUSSION:**

Handicapped parking signs on Main Street.

SUBCOMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION:

- **SPOKE WITH MR. MALLEY OF PARKING AUTHORITY HE WILL MOVE SIGNS AND PAINT APPROPRIATE MARKERS**

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

VOTED: TO ACCEPT SUBCOMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION.

NEW BUSINESS

6. **MONUMENT STREET**

Jim Carvalho appeared to request signage to address his concerns with tractor trailers being able to exit and enter Monument Street.

SUBCOMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION:

- **NO PARKING MONUMENT ST TO SYLVAN 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.

7. **SIGN REQUEST - RUFUS STREET & COURT STREET**

Request received from Joe Lacouture, a resident of Rufus Street that is a dead end, for No Parking signs due to commercial vehicles parking on Rufus Street.

SUBCOMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION:

- **NO PARKING RUFUS ST, EAST SIDE 100 FEET SOUTH FROM COURT ST**

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

VOTED: TO APPROVE SUBCOMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION.

8. **KINGMAN AVENUE AND REED AVENUE**

Request received from Councilor Anne Beauregard that the issue of parking on sidewalks be addressed as it blocks people's vision and it is around a school bus stop.

SUBCOMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION:

- **KINGMAN ST. NO PARKING EAST SIDE FROM REED ST. 280 FEET SOUTH**

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

VOTED: TO APPROVE SUBCOMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION.

9. **6 PALM PLACE**

Request received from Dulce Pina who is requesting a handicapped parking sign in front of her residence. She lives in a 3 family with a small driveway. She has a handicapped child and is unable to park in front of the house due to many cars parking there on a small street.

Discussion: A copy of the handicapped placard will be sent to the Traffic secretary prior to approving installation of sign.

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

VOTED: TO REFER TO SUBCOMMITTEE.

10. **2018-2019 WINTER PARKING BAN**

Attached notice will be published in The Enterprise on November 1, 2018 and DPW will be printing notices.

Discussion: Ken Galligan brought to the board's attention that there were several major streets missing from the list (Summer Street, North Cary Street from Ames Street should be North Cary Street from Court Street to N. Quincy Street, Plain Street and East Ashland Street). It was

discussed to hold off possibly holding off on amending the current list until next year. Councilor Cruise made a motion that if anyone had streets that needed to be added, to have them contact DPW Commissioner Larry Rowley for review and determination of being added. Motion was seconded by Councilor Monahan. On the motion, Deputy Chief Galligan pointed out the Frederick Douglas Street should be Frederick Douglass Avenue. Ken Galligan stated that what happens is when a snow emergency is declared, people move their vehicles off the street and the snow plows come by and plow a few feet away of the curb thereby making the streets narrower when the vehicles are returned. Commissioner Hallisey suggested to put it off until next year as notices are ready to be printed for this year. DPW Commissioner Rowley when the publication was put in the paper and was told usually around November 1st and was told that it is only published in English. Because his notices are printed for 4 languages, a recommendation was made that the Winter Parking Ban notices be published in The Enterprise of the same 4 languages (English, Spanish, Portuguese and Haitian (French)). In addition, the notices will be put on the City website, cable television channels and are printed on the back of utility bills. Councilor Beauregard then made a suggestion that the mobile/digital signs be used to inform drivers of the Winter Parking Ban. Deputy Chief Galligan stated that the Fire Department had a mobile sign. It was suggested that the sign be placed on heavily traveled main roads for a few days at each location to inform drivers of the upcoming ban and list the City website for further information. DPW Commissioner Rowley stated that notices are put on cars in problem areas 3 times prior to December 1st.

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

VOTED: TO ACCEPT THE WINTER PARKING BAN NOTICE AND PUBLISH IN (FOUR) LANGUAGES IN THE BROCKTON ENTERPRISE.

11. NORTH MAIN STREET BY OAK STREET

SUBCOMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION:

- **DO NOT BLOCK DRIVEWAY SIGNS AT ENTRANCE TO THE BANK ON OAK STREET**

Discussion: Florescent yellow signs to be placed at the Oak Street entrance heading west because of the traffic tie up caused on Main Street due to people not being able to take a left into the bank parking lot.

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.

12. JACOB STREET

Request received from Paul Bellofatto of 198 Pine Street for a stop sign at Jacob Street plus painted lines for bikes/pedestrians as there is a school up the street and there is a lot of

pedestrian traffic. Vehicles drag race on Pine Street, plus ATV's and off-road motorcycles during summer, fall and spring.

SUBCOMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION:

• **TRAFFIC HISTORY OF ACCIDENTS NEEDED**

Discussion: Mr. Bellofatto spoke on his concern for pedestrian safety due to cars speeding on the road which is very wide. There are a lot of parents with strollers walking as well as kids walking to school and the street has no sidewalks. He suggested painting lines to make the street narrower or paint lines on the sides with one side for pedestrians, the other for bikes. He also suggested to put a stop sign up. Mr. Bellofatto stated that he has called the police several times and the busiest time for pedestrian traffic is before and after school. Councilor Beauregard pointed out that the Old Colony Planning Council (OCPC) is reviewing Thatcher Street to Pine Street, Pine Street to Summer Street and Pine Street to Thatcher.

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

VOTED: TO REFER BACK TO SUBCOMMITTEE.

13. **283 BOYLSTON ST**

Request received from Renee Jackson for guardrail as she is concerned that someone is going to crash into her property as they race down her street all the time.

SUBCOMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION:

• **POLICE ENFORCEMENT RECOMMENDED.**

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 POLICE FOR ENFORCEMENT.

14. **PROSPECT AVENUE AND AUGUSTA**

Request received from Councilor Tom Monahan on behalf of Sheila Lyons who would like the issue of cars running stop signs in her area addressed.

Discussion: Dr. Lyons appeared to discuss her concerns about the lack of traffic enforcement because of people blowing through the stop sign at a high rate of speed. There is another neighbor's home health care aide who consistently runs the red light on Pleasant Street. Dr. Lyons explained that she travels a lot because of her occupation and is not in Brockton a lot of the time but when she has to drive in Brockton, she cannot believe how bad it is with the way people drive. She continued by reiterating the importance of traffic enforcement and it was her opinion that if individuals are given citations then they will realize there are consequences. There are so many accidents at the light that she can tell by the sound how many cars were involved.

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

VOTED: TO REFER TO SUBCOMMITTEE AND TRAFFIC FOR ENFORCEMENT.

LATE ADDITION TO 10/25/18 TRAFFIC AGENDA

****FROM 9/28 AND 10/26/17 AGENDA/MINUTES:**

1. TREMONT STREET

Request received from Councilor Studenski on behalf of residents on Tremont Street who would like the "No Parking" signs replaced that were previously on one side of the street.

Discussion: According to the records dating back to 1950's there were no parking signs from Main Street to Fulton Street coming back westerly was all that could be found and that the records show that there were no parking signs from Fulton Street to Main Street on the north side of the street.

SUBCOMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION: REPLACE "NO PARKING" SIGNS FULTON STREET TO MAIN STREET ON THE NORTH SIDE AND REVISIT IN SUBCOMMITTEE SIGNAGE FROM WARREN AVENUE TO FULTON STREET.

VOTED: A motion was made by Ken Galligan to vote on the recommendation and send the rest of the street back to subcommittee to see if it is warranted, seconded by Councilor Shirley Asack to approve the subcommittee recommendation.

10/25/18 Meeting:

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

VOTED: Refer back to subcommittee for making north side of Tremont Street no parking from Main Street to Warren Avenue.

DISCUSSION

Ken Galligan brought up the issue of there not being red reflector tape on stop signs that have been replaced by the private company and that the City paid for the tape to be put on when first installed. DPW Commissioner Larry Rowley stated that this was not included in the original bid but will have the red reflector tape replaced on the stop signs that are missing it and that red reflector tape will be used on all stop signs going forward.

MORAIN STREET & SYCAMORE STREET

Councilor Cruise asked if the subcommittee could review this intersection and put on the December 6th agenda. Ken Gilligan suggested that they review Spring Street back to Sycamore Street.

Ken Galligan brought up that a request was made a couple of meetings ago to put up a DETOUR sign on Warren Avenue and Green Street to alert drivers that Petronelli Way is closed and they can continue down to Legion Parkway to get onto Montello Street instead of getting stuck in traffic on Main Street. The secretary informed him that Robert Jenkins of the Brockton Redevelopment Authority was contacted at that time and stated he would have the sign put up. Because it was not done, it was recommended that the secretary contact Bob Malley of the Brockton Parking Authority. ****This was done on 10/26/18 and secretary was advised that the sign is up.***

Respectfully submitted,

Mary Milligan