



BROCKTON TRAFFIC COMMISSION

Thursday, January 24, 2019

6:00 p.m.

MINUTES

The Traffic Commission held its regular monthly meeting at 6:00 p.m. on Thursday, January 24, 2019 at the War Memorial Building, War Memorial Building, 156 W. Elm Street, Brockton, MA 02301.

Present were Traffic Commissioners: Captain John Hallisey, DPW Commissioner Larry Rowley, Captain Joseph Solomon, Kenneth Galligan, Councilor Anne Beauregard, Councilor Jack Lally and Stephan Hooke.

Also present was: Councilor Susan Nicastro, Rosemary Iglide, Marc Stu, Sam Loutzenhiser, Dierdra Bell and Patricia Gorman.

There being a proper quorum, the meeting was called to order by Commissioner Hallisey. Upon motion made by Captain Solomon, seconded by Councilor Beauregard, and a unanimous vote of all members present, it was voted to waive the reading of the December 6, 2018 Minutes.

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.

SUBCOMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION:

- 1. LADDER CROSSWALKS (CAN BE DONE IN SPRING WITH LINE PAINTING)**
- 2. SUPPORT PEDESTRIAN SIGNALS AFTER STUDY AND RECONSTRUCTION OF STREET**

Discussion: Ken Galligan stated that according to Deputy Chief Kevin Galligan, will require an expenditure to change the traffic signal control box and reconstruction of a couple of sidewalks.

Deputy Galligan was also assisting in grants and this will be followed up on by Captain Solomon.

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

VOTED: TO ACCEPT SUBCOMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION.

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.

SUBCOMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION:

- 1. USE CROSSWALK AT SIGNAL LIGHT @ ALGER STREET**
- 2. ON RT 14 SIGN LOCATED IN THE MIDDLE OF THE ISLAND, CROSSWALK SIGNS WITH DOUBLE ARROWS INDICAT**
- 3. CARS COMING FROM WHITMAN, ON THE TRAFFIC SIGNAL MAST CROSSWALK AHEAD SIGN (WEST BOUND TRAFFIC)**
- 4. "CROSSWALK AHEAD" SIGN AT ALGER STREET FOR CARS HEADING EAST ON CRESCENT STREET**
- 5. ON ALGER STREET NEAR MAY STREET, 200 FT FROM CORNER "TRAFFIC SIGNAL AHEAD" SIGN FOR WESTBOUND TRAFFIC ON ALGER STREET**
- 6. REMOVE CROSSWALK AT LEWISTON (IN SPRING WILL BE PAINTED BLACK)**

Discussion: Ken Galligan stated that the crosswalk at Lewiston Street and Crescent Street will be removed because it illegal. Use the crosswalk at the signal light at Alger Street. There is a sign in the middle of the island that says Route 14. We will put a sign with a double arrow indicating there is a crosswalk. Coming from Whitman heading west to Crescent Street, you do not see the traffic signal light until you make the turn.

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

VOTED: TO ACCEPT SUBCOMMITTEE RECOMMENDATIONS.

3. AUGUSTA AVENUE AND FAIRFIELD STREET

Request received from Philip Strangis of 47 Fairfield Street for a stop sign on both sides of Augusta Avenue at the intersection of Fairfield Street. Mr. Strangis would prefer a 4-way stop to alleviate the constant speeding and accidents that have happened.

SUBCOMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION:

DO NOT RECOMMEND (TOO CLOSE TO STOP SIGN ON PROSPECT ST)

Discussion: Currently there are 2 stops signs for eastbound traffic on Fairfield Street and 2 stop signs for westbound traffic on Fairfield Street. The distance between these stop signs and the requested location on Augusta Avenue is less than a city block.

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

VOTED: TO ACCEPT THE SUBCOMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION.

4. WINONA STREET (ASH STREET END)

Request received from Councilor Tom Monahan on behalf of a resident who is looking for a “No Parking Here To Corner” sign on both sides of Winona Street from the Ash Street end.

SUBCOMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION:

2 SIGNS NO PARKING AND NO PARKING HERE TO CORNER (SOUTH SIDE 75 FT EAST FROM ASH ST)

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

VOTED: TO ACCEPT SUBCOMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION. NORTH SIDE CAN BE REVISITED IF PROBLEMS ARISE.

5. 71 DOWNEY ROAD

Request received from Councilor Jack Lally on behalf of Patricia Gorman who resides at 71 Downey Road and is requesting a “No Parking” sign in front of her house because the neighbors routinely park in front of her house.

Discussion: Ms. Gorman was informed that the resident across the street was sent a letter to remove his fence because it was on city property. She stated that she will look into putting up “No Trespassing” sign.

SUBCOMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION: DENIED

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

VOTED: TO ACCEPT SUBCOMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION.

6. 92 ARTHUR STREET

Request received from Councilor Jack Lally on behalf of resident who would like a “Resident Parking Only” sign in front of their house.

SUBCOMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION: DENIED

Discussion: All of the houses have driveways.

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

VOTED: TO ACCEPT SUBCOMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION.

3 SIGN REQUEST(S):

7. 4 NORTHFIELD STREET

Request received from Adilson Pina for a “No Stopping, Standing At Anytime” on both side of the street because she does not have access to her driveway all the time.

SUBCOMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION:

- 1. NO PARKING EITHER SIDE OF NORTHFIELD BETWEEN EAST CHESTNUT STREET AND SNELL PLACE (ON BOTH POLES)**
- 2. NO PARKING ON STREET SIGN NORTHFIELD STREET**

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

VOTED: TO ACCEPT SUBCOMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION.

8. LINNEA AVENUE

Request received from Virginia Kraus of 21 Linnea Avenue requesting a “No Parking This Side” sign in front of 7 Linnea Avenue and another one halfway up the street. She is requesting this because people are parking on both sides of the street.

SUBCOMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION:

NO PARKING NORTH SIDE OF STREET 300 FEET WESTERLY OF NASON STREET SPACED APPROPRIATELY.

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

VOTED: TO ACCEPT SUBCOMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION.

9. RAINBOW CIRCLE

Request received from Councilor Shirley Asack on behalf of Smith Vil who resides at 59 Rainbow Circle. Mr. Vil is requesting signage to control speeding or making the street a one-way. (Board Members: see attached diagram).

SUBCOMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION:

- 1. REFER FOR TRAFFIC ENFORCEMENT**
- 2. 2 STOP SIGNS (1) FOR SOUTHBOUND TRAFFIC ON OAK RIDGE DRIVE EAST @ RAINBOW CIRCLE AND (2) FOR SOUTHBOUND TRAFFIC ON OAK RIDGE DRIVE WEST @ RAINBOW CIRCLE**

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

VOTED: TO ACCEPT SUBCOMMITTEE RECOMMENDATIONS.

10. WAITT FUNERAL HOME – 850 NORTH MAIN STREET

Request received from Councilor Shirley Asack on behalf of Greg Belcher to review the traffic issue on North Main Street and traffic blocking funeral home driveway.

SUBCOMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION:

- 1. MOVE THE POST AND SIGN (SINGLE LANE TRAFFIC) NORTHERLY BETWEEN 856 AND 864 NORTH MAIN ST.**
- 2. WHERE PREVIOUS SIGN WAS PLACE “DO NOT BLOCK DRIVEWAY” (IDENTICAL TO OAK STREET/HARBOR ONE SIGN)**
- 3. IN SUMMER PAINT LADDER IN FRONT OF DRIVEWAY.**

Discussion: Mr. Belcher should be notified to stop using the construction barrel placed by his driveway.

Upon motion duly made by, Captain Solomon, seconded by Stephan Hooke, and a unanimous vote of the members present, it was

VOTED: TO ACCEPT SUBCOMMITTEE RECOMMENDATIONS.

11. 71 HIGHLAND TERRACE

Request received from Councilor Tom Monahan on behalf of Moses Mohammed for a Handicap Street Sign in Front of 71 Highland Terrace, Brockton MA 02301 for his mother, Zaitoon Mohammed. Medical documentation has been received.

SUBCOMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION:

RESIDENT HAS A LONG DRIVEWAY AND WHEN MOTHER WAS ASKED, STATED THAT SHE DID NOT NEED SIGN.

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

VOTED: TO TAKE NO ACTION.

12. ADAMS STREET –

Per Councilor Beauregard, residents are having problems with students parking and the no parking signs are faded. Deputy Chief Galligan suggested they take a look at this at subcommittee and if the sign(s) are faded they can be replaced without a vote, just a work order.

Discussion: Resident Only signs and No Parking signs are faded. Councilor Beauregard stated that the initial request should have read the residents wanted the “Resident Only” signs removed and replaced with “No Parking” signs. Ken Galligan asked Councilor Beauregard which residents wanted these signs removed because several years ago, residents on the left side at the top of Adams Street had come before the Traffic Commission requesting these signs so that they could park in front of their house. If no parking signs were put up then nobody can park in front of their house including the residents. Councilor Beauregard stated that the residents at

the end of Adams Street that comes to Quincy Avenue approached her to request the resident only signs be removed. Steve Hooke spoke to say that his parents live on the north side of Adams Street and knows that they do not want the resident only sign removed the problem is that they signs are faded and people are not paying attention. On the opposite side of the street there is no parking and those signs are also faded so people are parking there as well and the residents are having a difficult time. Commissioner Hallisey suggested to replace the signs and traffic enforcement to solve the problem and this was agreeable.

SUBCOMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION:

REFER TO DPW FOR SIGN REPLACEMENT AND TRAFFIC FOR ENFORCEMENT.

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

VOTED: TO ACCEPT SUBCOMMITTEE RECOMMENDATIONS

13. SCHOOL ZONE FLASHING SIGNALS

Through further investigation, the letter to the Mayor was vetoed by the Commissioner as problem was solved.

Discussion: Refer these signals to Deputy Superintendent Mike Thomas. According to City Ordinance Sec. 12-22, the DPW Highway Department is responsible for maintain traffic signals, signage. Contact Building Department if signals are knocked down. Ken Galligan commented that in all the years he has served on the Traffic Commission, he could not recall ever dealing with these signals and he believes these types of signals were first done under a grant.

NEW BUSINESS

14. EAST MAIN STREET

Request received to review the parking issue on East Main Street by the clock.

Discussion: Ken Galligan explained that there are no parking signs next to the clock when they did this area over they put a bump out onto East Main Street so that no one could park on the west side of Main Street from North Main street by the clock up to the end of the park. Because the auto body shop across the street was parking there, no parking signs were put up from the south junction of North Main and East Main along past the clock up to the bump out to the end of the property line of the park where the clock is then it goes into the original curb sidewalk. It's all posted no parking. For some reason, one additional no parking sign was put up in the bump out which is not needed.

Because there is nothing in the records, Ken made a motion to recommended that the board create a no parking zone on the west side of East Main Street from the south junction of North Main and East Main northerly to the end of the layout for Snow clock property. He stated that a wheel should be used to get exact measurements for the records.

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

VOTED: FOR THE RECORDS, TO CREATE THE NO PARKING ZONE ON THE WEST SIDE OF EAST MAIN STREET FROM THE SOUTH JUNCTION OF NORTH MAIN AND EAST MAIN NORTHERLY TO THE END OF THE LAYOUT FOR SNOW CLOCK PROPERTY AND TO REMOVE THE ADDITIONAL NO PARKING.

15. CABOT STREET

Request received from Councilor Anne Beauregard for no parking signs placed on uneven side of Cabot Ave. Nothing exists there right now and people are parking and blocking driveways or parking on lawns of some of the residents. Those on the even side are having trouble pulling out of their driveways because there is limited room. This is not a big street.

Discussion: Diedre Bell appeared to discuss the parking problem she is having with the 2 family house across the street (#23). She stated that she has lived on Cabot Street for over 40 years and has never had a problem. They have a driveway that will fit about 8 cars and they have at least 12 cars. She stated There's too many people living in the house with too many cars. She has been having problems since the people moved in about 3 years ago. She explained that her mother is ill and on oxygen and has had to call emergency vehicles. She went on to say that she has done everything including talking to the residents and she is still having the problems. They even parked on her lawn. Ms. Bell provided pictures of how bad the parking issue is.

Ken Galligan asked how long the house across the street was a 2 family and Ms. Bell said since she lived there, it has always been a 2 family but it used to be a single family. Ken said that is it zoned residential and if it was converted into a multi-family then it was converted illegally. Ken suggested that Ms. Bell contact the Building Department to see if it is assessed as a single family or multi-family and if it's assessed as a single family, it's in violation which will be another route for her to take in addition to the parking issue before this board.

DPW Commissioner commented that there is a Quality of Life meeting every Thursday and Captain Solomon was asked to give this information to Captain Eddie Williams to have discussed.

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

VOTED: TO REFER TO SUBCOMMITTEE.

16. JORDAN STREET

Request received from Councilor Jack Lally for no parking from here to corner signs on both sides of Jordan Street closer to Hovendon Avenue.

Discussion: Councilor Lally appeared to speak on this item as well as item #17. There are a lot of tow trucks/tractor trailers parked on Jordan Street which cuts down on the visibility and the ability to exit Jordan Street. Bushes need to be trimmed Jordan Street onto Wellsford Street. A resident in attendance explained that Jordan Street heading towards

Wellsford Street, there are a lot of bushes that need to be trimmed. The area in the summer, you can't see.

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

VOTED: TO REFER TO SUBCOMMITTEE.

17. 8, 12 & 18 WELLSFORD STREET

Request received from Councilor Jack Lally for resident only parking as residents from other street is parking there.

Discussion: Councilor Lally stated that there are a lot of cars parked on Wellsford and residents aren't sure where the vehicles are from. People parking there are more than likely from people that do not live on the street. Therefore, they are looking for resident only signage. Ken Galligan wanted to point out that if resident only signs are put up and the resident has guests or family members visiting, they will get ticketed.

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

VOTED: TO REFER TO SUBCOMMITTEE.

18. NORTH QUINCY STREET

Request received from Councilor Jack Lally for "No Jake Brake" for northbound traffic around 73 North Quincy Street.

Discussion: DPW Commissioner Rowley was not in favor of the sign and voiced his concern about the City's liability in the event a "No Jake Brake" sign was installed and a truck was involved in an accident because of it. Commissioner Hallisey agree and both were voting against it. "Truck Quiet Zone" signs are used in West Bridgewater. This type of sign was agreeable to board members.

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

VOTED: TO REFER TO SUBCOMMITTEE.

19. HOWARD STREET

Request received from Councilor Jack Lally for "No Jake Brake" for southbound traffic at 213 Howard Street.

Discussion: Councilor Lally appeared and stated that he understood the board's position for not authorizing the requested sign due to liability and asked if the sign could limit the use of a jake brake. Commissioner Rowley stated that this issue came before the board and he was concerned about the liability and because of this, wants to vote against it. Commissioner

Hallisey agreed.

Ken Galligan stated that in West Bridgewater he noticed he thought in West Bridgewater a fluorescent yellow sign that said "Truck Quiet Zone". Everyone was in favor of this signage.

Ken suggested the issue still be referred to subcommittee so that Captain Solomon could check the MUTCD to see what kind of sign the state would approve. Commissioner Rowley was meeting with Dan Murphy on Friday and he will ask him.

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

VOTED: TO REFER TO SUBCOMMITTEE.

20. ANNE MARIE DRIVE

Request received from Mayor Carpenter to discuss solutions for speeding and using Anne Marie Drive as a cut through.

SUBCOMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION:

- 1. TRAFFIC ENFORCEMENT**
- 2. SIGN ON POLL #5 AND POLE #9**
 - **POLL #5 TRAFFIC ENTERING LEFT,**
 - **POLL # 9 TRAFFIC ENTERING RIGHT.**
- 3. DISCUSSION 25 MPH SPEED LIMIT IN RESIDENTIAL AREAS ON A CASE BY CASE BASIS.**

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

VOTED: TO ACCEPT SUBCOMMITTEE RECOMMENDATIONS.

SIGN REQUESTS:

21. 83 AUBURN STREET

Request received from Michael St. Jean for a resident only parking sign in front of his home. For the past 30 years, there was a handicapped child sign there that was knocked down. His handicapped child is now an adult is and lives at home. Mr. St. Jean also has a handicapped placard but is looking for resident only parking, not handicapped parking replacement.

Discussion: Secretary was asked to check records to see if a "Handicapped Child" sign was approved. If not, will have to establish for the records. ***No record of sign on file.**

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

VOTED: TO REFER TO SUBCOMMITTEE.

22. BOYS & GIRLS CLUB OF BROCKTON – 233 WARREN AVENUE

Request received from Derek Heim, President and CEO of the Boys & Girls Club who is looking for no parking/idling sign at several locations in front of their facility. This is requested for the safety of club kids and traffic on Warren Avenue.

Discussion: Sam Loutzenhiser, Unit Director of the Boys & Girls Club appeared and explained that this request was made out of concern for the safety of the kids that go to the club. Cars are parked all along Warren Avenue and traffic is congested and back up. There is a parking lot for parents to park in to pick up the kids and there are also 2 “No Parking” signs around the club. Maybe one more “No Parking” sign could be put up. Commissioner Hallisey asked if the kids of the parents parking illegally could be prohibited from going to the club because of it and was told that the club did not want to take the parents actions out on the kids. The worst time was drop off times in the mornings and evenings. Councilor Lally agreed that the issue was problematic because he’s noticed it while traveling to the Arnone School for council meetings.

*Secretary check records of No Parking signs on Warren Avenue, West Elm Street and Belmont Street. ***No record of signs on file.***

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 AND LOOK AT BOTH SIDES OF WARREN AVENUE BETWEEN WEST ELM STREET AND BELMONT STREET.

23. 11-13 MITCHELL ROAD

Request received from Rosemary Iglide requesting no parking signs on the left side of the road close to her driveway to prevent her driveway from being blocked.

Discussion: Ms. Iglide appeared to explain the difficulty she is having with her driveway blocked by neighbors’ cars. There are no parking signs on the left side of the street and Ms. Iglide lives on the right side. The 2 issues are people parking in no parking area and blocking the driveway. Commissioner Hallisey provided Ms. Iglide with the date when they would be out to look at the issue for subcommittee.

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

VOTED: TO REFER TO SUBCOMMITTEE.

24. COURT STREET

Request received to review the no parking signage on south side of Court Street from Main Street to Commercial Street and on the north side from Plymouth Street to North Main Street. Also, to look at the signage on the north side of Court Street from North Manchester Street easterly to Taber Avenue.

Discussion: Ken Galligan stated that there may be a new business going in where the old Court Street Market was located. If approved, this will create a parking problem. The board needs to establish no parking in the area.

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

VOTED: TO REFER TO SUBCOMMITTEE.

25. WELCOME TO CAPTAIN JOE SOLOMON WHO WILL BE REPLACING DEPUTY CHIEF KEVIN GALLIGAN ON THE TRAFFIC COMMISSION.

AGENDA ADDITION – LATE FILE

26. 861 MAIN STREET

Request of Ward 4 Councilor Susan Nicastro on behalf of Holy Tabernacle Ministries Pentecostal Church, for a second handicapped parking space in front of the Church's Main Street entrance, to accommodate handicapped attendees, and erection of related signage.

Discussion: Councilor Nicastro appeared and stated that the associate pastor has a handicapped placard and there are approximately 100 parishioners, some of whom may also have handicapped placards.

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

VOTED: TO REFER TO SUBCOMMITTEE.

27. CORNER OF CLIFTON AVENUE & GREEN PLACE

Request of Ward 4 Councilor Susan Nicastro on behalf of a constituent, seeking the placement of a Stop Sign on Green Place, at its intersection with Clifton Avenue, to address repeated vehicular accidents at this location, or such other relief as the Traffic Commission may deem appropriate.

Discussion: Ken Galligan requested that the accident history be obtained and the records checked to see if there was a stop sign previously approved. ****No record of stop sign approved.***

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

VOTED: TO REFER TO SUBCOMMITTEE.

28. CORNER OF MONTELLO AND NILSSON STREETS

Request of Ward 4 Councilor Susan Nicaastro on behalf of a constituent, seeking placement of a Stop Sign on all or some of the corners of this intersection, to address repeated vehicular accidents, or such other relief as the Traffic Commission may deem appropriate.

Discussion: Ken Galligan requested that the accident history be obtained prior to the subcommittee and explained to Councilor Nicaastro the actions the Traffic Commission previously took in this area. Ken Galligan made a motion to refer to subcommittee and Commissioner Hallisey disagreed because action has already been taken (11 months ago). The accident history can be obtained and enforcement assigned.

It was suggested by a resident in attendance to paint the sidewalks yellow in the no parking zones rather than put up signs. The problem would be the money involved in adopting this.

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

VOTED: TO REFER TO SUBCOMMITTEE AND OBTAIN TRAFFIC HISTORY.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary Milligan, Secretary