



BROCKTON TRAFFIC COMMISSION

Thursday, April 25, 2019

6:00 p.m.

MINUTES

The Traffic Commission held its regular monthly meeting at 6:00 p.m. on Thursday, April 25, 2019 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 Joseph Solomon, DPW Commissioner Larry Rowley, Kenneth Galligan and Councilor Anne Beaugard.

Also present was: Barbara Balestra.

There being a proper quorum, the meeting was called to order by Commissioner Hallisey. Upon motion made by Deputy Chief Solomon, seconded by Ken Galligan, and a unanimous vote of all members present, it was voted to waive the reading of the March 21, Minutes.

OLD BUSINESS

1. WILDER STREET & NORTH MAIN STREET

Request received from Councilor Shirley Asack on behalf of Ward 7 resident Jody Price, 43 Wilder St. To the March agenda she is requesting a zebra crosswalk from Wilder St to Dairy Queen. It's hard in the winter to get across N. Main at that spot. But it's horrific and treacherous in the summer, with so many children and families trying to get from the Wilder side of N. Main to Dairy Queen. The closest crosswalk is just south of North End Deli, across to the VCA North Main Vet Clinic.

SUBCOMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION:

- **CROSSWALK FROM SW CORNER OF N MAIN ST AND BURKESIDE AVE TO NE CORNER OF N MAIN ST AND WILDER STREET**
- **“CROSSWALK AHEAD” SIGN IN FRONT OF 1150 N MAIN ST.**
- **REMOVE (PRESERVE WATER AND HEART SAFE SIGNS) REPLACE WITH “CROSSWALK AHEAD” SIGN.**

- **FOR NORTH BOUND TRAFFIC “CROSSWALK AHEAD” SIGN ON POLE IN FRONT OF 1105 N MAIN ST.**

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

VOTED: TO APPROVE SUBCOMMITTEE RECOMMENDATIONS.

2. MERIAN TEMPORARY ON STREET PARKING

Request received from City Planner Rob May on behalf of Merian Tuxedos. The developer of 121 Main Street (NeighborWorks) needs to provide some customer parking for Merian Tuxedos while the City parking lot is being used for NeighborWorks construction lay down yard. Merian is the only business on the west side of that block that requires convenient customer parking. Since the lot will be unavailable for 18 months, the City is recommending that the Commission set aside 4 on street spaces on Main Street for Merian customers.

Once construction has been completed, and the lot become available for parking, the on street spaces would be released for public use. NeighborWorks will pay for any signage, and their instillation, at their own expense. (Board members – see attached).

SUBCOMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION:

4 SIGNS:

- **1ST POST AT 143 MAIN ST ARROW POINTING NORTH**
- **2ND REMOVE 1HR PARKING REPLACE WITH MERIAN SIGN**
- **3RD POST IN FRONT OF MERIANS AND SIGN**
- **4TH ON LIGHT POST AT CORNER OF MAIN STREET AND THE DRIVEWAY GOING INTO MERIAN’S PARKING LOT**

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

VOTED: TO APPROVE SUBCOMMITTEE RECOMMENDATIONS.

3. ILLEGALLY PARKED CARS ON CITY STREETS

Request received from Councilor Anne Beauregard requesting the situation of the illegally parked cars so much of the time be discussed on streets like Addison Ave, Sprague Street, Sherman Street, and cut throughs throughout the city like Belcher Ave, and Quincy Street, just to name a few.

SUBCOMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION: REFER TO POLICE FOR ENFORCEMENT.

Upon motion duly made by Commissioner Hallisey, seconded by Deputy Chief Solomon, and a unanimous vote of the members present, it was

VOTED: TO APPROVE SUBCOMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION.

4. QUINCY STREET AND NORTH QUINCY STREET

*Request received from Councilor Anne Beauregard who thought there was not suppose to be any parking on Quincy St and No Quincy St on either side yet people are parking for hours on end and for example at 216 Quincy St near Pinehurst St intersection (also another street with trucks and stuff parked all night on street) this woman cannot get her physically challenged mother into her car to get her to medical appointments since people are parked in front of her house. *See sign request below.*

SUBCOMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION:

- **NO ACTION AT THIS TIME**

Discussion: Commissioner Hallisey stated that he will refer this matter to Sergeant Mark Reardon for Code Enforcement and Deputy Fire Chief Solomon will refer to Deputy Fire Chief Ed Williams for Quality of Life.

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

VOTED: TO REFER TO CODE ENFORCEMENT AND QUALITY OF LIFE.

5. M & M SEAFOOD, 1124 MAIN STREET

Request received from Councilor Anne Beauregard on behalf of the owners (they own two places one north and one south in the city) and on the south side they are having people park all day in front of their establishment when it says one hour parking.

SUBCOMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION:

- **LIMIT 1 HR PARKING**
- **PLACE (3) "~~NO PARKING~~ 1 HR PARKING" SIGNS FROM PERKINS AVE TO EAST MARKET STREET ON THE EAST SIDE OF MAIN STREET SPACED APPROPRIATELY.**

Discussion: Commissioner Hallisey stated that walking beats will monitor the parking situation during the warmer weather.

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

VOTED: TO APPROVE SUBCOMMITTEE RECOMMENDATIONS.

6. WEST STREET @ PLEASANT STREET

Request received to have street light installed to illuminate sign illuminated on island (Board members - picture attached).

SUBCOMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION: TAKE NO ACTION.

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

VOTED: TO APPROVE SUBCOMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION.

7. HEALEY TERRACE AND CARRLYN ROAD

Request received from Councilor Tim Cruise on behalf of a resident concerned about high traffic shortcuts.

SUBCOMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION:

- **TRAFFIC ENFORCEMENT**

Discussion: Commissioner Hallisey stated the traffic enforcement was assigned during the hours of 8:00 a.m. – 10:00 a.m. and again at 5:00 p.m. Councilor Beauregard asked how many speeding tickets were issued and Commissioner Hallisey stated that there were no tickets issued at that time and that all drivers were obeying the 30 mph speed limit.

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

VOTED: TO APPROVE SUBCOMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION.

8. MANTHALA GEORGE SCHOOL – 180 COLONEL BELL DRIVE

Request received that “No U Turn” signs be put up.

SUBCOMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION:

- **ON COLONEL BELL DRIVE NORTHBOUND SIGN “NO U TURN” ON POLE #7, POLE #6 AND POLE #5 UNDER CURRENT SIGN EAST SIDE OF STREET.**

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

VOTED: TO APPROVE SUBCOMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION.

9. (1) SIGNS ON ASH STREET & (2) CROSSWALK AT ENTRANCE TO KENNEDY SCHOOL

Request received from Councilor-At-Large Robert Sullivan on behalf of Mrs. Jeanne Savage who is requesting (2) items for the Traffic Commission to address:

(1) To install 2 signs on Ash Street (such as "Slow Children"; "School Ahead"). She said currently there are only the 2 blinking lights used in the morning & afternoon. She thinks the signs should be installed before each blinking light pole.

Councilor-At-Large Sullivan is in agreement after driving there this week and looking at the area. Additional signage (properly placed on Ash Street) will help the students attending the Kennedy Elementary School.

Mrs. Savage's suggestion is as follows:

"In looking at placement for signs I drove from West Chestnut to the Kennedy School. I think a sign between 944 and 922 Ash St would be helpful. This is on the opposite side of Partridge Circle. For the other sign I felt that after Julie Ave and 779 Ash St to 775 Ash St would be a good choice for placement. Thank you once again for your assistance. "

(2) Mrs. Savage also brought to Councilor-At-Large Sullivan's attention that at the entrance to Kennedy School there is a crosswalk from the Ash St sidewalk to the grassy area. But there is no crosswalk from the grassy area to the Ash St sidewalk at the school exit.

She is correct - they never finished the cross walk markings. This is a student and resident safety issue.

Councilor-At-Large has spoken to the Ward 3 Councilor (Mr. Dennis Eaniri) and he fully supports these two (2) requests.

SUBCOMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION:

- **FOR SOUTHBOUND TRAFFIC "SCHOOL AHEAD" SIGN WITH POST AND YELLOW STRIPE IN FRONT OF POLE #81 ON ASH ST BY JULIE AVE**
- **NEW CROSSWALK BY SCHOOL EXIT OPPOSITE BURROUGHS RD (LINE PAINTING TO BEGIN 5/15/19 WEATHER PERMITTING)**
- **FOR NORTHBOUND TRAFFIC "SCHOOL AHEAD" SIGN WITH POST AND YELLOW STRIPE BETWEEN #918 & #922 ASH STREET AT END OF WHITE FENCE AT BACKSIDE OF SCHOOL SIDEWALK**

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

VOTED: TO APPROVE SUBCOMMITTEE RECOMMENDATIONS.

10. HERROD AVENUE

Request from Councilor Shirley Asack on behalf of Ann Paul @ [15 Herrod ave Brockton](#) requesting a do not block driveway sign. People blocking driveway at all times. They have gone door to door out of courtesy but she states it's getting out of hand and has gone on long enough she stated A lot has to do with the Adult learning center across the street. Councilor Asack explained the traffic commissions process and that it's against the law to block a driveway for her to call the police, she stated that they have called and we're told by police operator to go knock on doors to see who the car belongs to.

SUBCOMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION:

- **“NO PARKING” SIGN BETWEEN DRIVEWAYS OF 15 AND 25 HERROD AVE ON BACK OF SIDEWALK.**

Discussion: Councilor Beauregard asked how much is the ticket for blocking a driveway and was informed by Commissioner Hallisey that he thought it was \$25.00 and subject to tow. Councilor Beauregard suggested increasing the violation amount.

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

VOTED: TO APPROVE SUBCOMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION.

11. OAK STREET

Request received from Councilor Asack relook at the cross walk @ Mexican restaurant Casa Vallarta. There is no courtesy to pedestrians as vehicles can't see it from a distance. Possibly signage to inform oncoming traffic of the crosswalk.

SUBCOMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION:

- **BY MEXICAN RESTARAUNT 610 OAK ST CROSSWALK SIGN WITH POST AND YELLOW STRIPE ARROW POINTING DOWN EAST BOUND TRAFFIC**
- **OPPOSITE POLE #67 ADDITIONAL CROSSWALK SIGN FOR WEST BOUND TRAFFIC 10 FT. EAST OF CROSSWALK ON THE BACK SIDE OF SIDEWALK.**

Discussion: It was suggested to DPW Commissioner Rowley to take a look at the street lighting by Pole #67. He said he would and make it brighter and also asked board members to contact his office if they see dim street lights and get pole numbers so that they can be replaced with brighter ones.

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

VOTED: TO APPROVE SUBCOMMITTEE RECOMMENDATIONS.

12. FOOTJOY – 144 FIELD STREET

Request received from Councilor Lally on behalf of employees of Footjoy who are requesting a crosswalk.

SUBCOMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION:

- **CROSSWALK SIGN WITH POST AND YELLOW STRIPE FOR EAST BOUND TRAFFIC IN FRONT OF FENCE POST (THAT HAS PRIVATE PARKING ONLY SIGN) 50 FT WEST OF INTERVALE ST**

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

VOTED: TO APPROVE SUBCOMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION.

13. MENLO STREET BY GRAFTON STREET

Request received to place a “No Parking Here To Corner” sign at this location.

SUBCOMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION:

- **“NO PARKING HERE TO CORNER” SIGN AND POST NORTH SIDE OF MENLO STREET 30 FEET EAST OF GRAFTON STREET (BACK SIDE OF SIDEWALK EAST SIDE OF THE WALKWAY).**

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

VOTED: TO APPROVE SUBCOMMITTEE RECOMMENDATIONS.

14. SIGN REQUEST:

216 QUINCY STREET

Request received from Sandra Balestra of 216 Quincy Street who would like a “Resident Only” or “No Parking” sign in front of her residence in front of Pole #21. Family member is wheelchair bound and the front door is used for access for medical appointments.

SUBCOMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION: TAKE NO ACTION.

Discussion: See #4

NEW BUSINESS

1. NEWBURY STREET

Request received from Erica Connolly who resides at 167 Newbury Street. Ms. Connolly is concerned the speed limit on her street and has contacted MassDOT in an attempt to try and find out information on how to have a speed limit sign posted on her street. (MassDOT response email below). Ms. Connolly stated that since she has lived here she has already experienced seeing a little girl get hit by a car on her way to the bus stop because of how fast people drive down this street.

MassDOT response:

MassDOT is responding to your inquiry regarding the speed limit on Newbury Street in Brockton. Please be advised, Newbury Street is under the jurisdiction of the City of Brockton, and as such a request for speed limit change must come from the City. The City of Brockton has been copied on this inquiry for their viewing and response.

Discussion: Ken Galligan pointed out that this location is between West Elm Street and Belmont Street and may be one of the streets previously discussed to post 25 mph.

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.

2. NEWBURY STREET/ARNONE SCHOOL

Request received from Councilor Anne Beauregard stating that she received a call from the Enterprise because a woman was ready to put a legal notice or a letter to editor about Newbury St and cross walks and so on because of the Arnone School and the safety of kids and those walking on that street.

Discussion: Same as above.

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

VOTED: TO REFER TO SUBCOMMITTEE TO LOOK AT THE WHOLE NEWBURY STREET INTERSECTION.

3. DAVIS SCHOOL

Request received from Councilor Anne Beaugard Davis School for crosswalks and signs for them (they might have been put up) someone at church mentioned how dangerous it was around there and the episodes that have taken place.

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

VOTED: TO REFER TO SUBCOMMITTEE.

4. CRESCENT STREET & ALGER STREET CROSSWALKS

Request received from Councilor Anne Beaugard wanting to discuss where the crosswalks are at Crescent St and Alger St we could use the signs that let people know in both directions that there is a crosswalk. This is a big bus stop area.

Discussion: This item was previously addressed.

VOTED: TO TAKE NOT ACTION – ALREADY ADDRESSED.

5. SOUTH MIDDLE SCHOOL CROSSWALK

Request received from Katina DaRosa who is a parent of a South Middle School student who drops her son off every morning. She sits and wait until the doors open and observes the traffic going by.

There are two crosswalks at the corner on 105 Keith Ave in front of the school and on the side where the baseball field is and she sees kids in the crosswalk at the corner and cars flying around the corner (the baseball field side) slamming on their breaks because you cannot see them until you turn the corner. She has witnessed a few times a child almost got struck by a vehicle going to fast.

Ms. DaRosa is requesting a STOP sign or YIELD sign to be placed at the corner and also there needs to be a speed limit of 10 no more than 20 miles an hour on that street because she also sees people speeding while there are kids walking to school.

This is a school zone area and there need to be more signs up for the safety of our Brockton Public Schools.

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

VOTED: TO REFER TO SUBCOMMITTEE.

6. NORTHFIELD STREET & SNELL PLACE

Mr. Adilson Pina came in Friday, March 29, 2019 regarding what was voted at the January 25th Traffic meeting:

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**

Mr. Pina is stating that the new signs that are posted are not working. He stated that the pole in front of 13 Snell Place is faded and should say " No Parking on either side of the street from that point forward." In the attached photo, you will see an arrow where Mr. Pina's driveway is located and that is what causes confusion, no one can see his driveway. He stated it is ok if vehicles are parked on the right hand side but as long as he can get by to access his driveway.

Discussion: Ken Galligan provided the history by stating that he and then Ward 4 Councilor Paul Studenski visited this area and recommended "No Parking" at anytime on both sides of Northfield Street. On Snell Place from Northfield Street west to the dead end was put "No Parking" on the north side and allowed parking on the south side. Ken Galligan also requested that Northfield Street should be looked at by cruisers on duty and be assigned to traffic enforcement to have vehicles ticketed that are parking illegally in a no parking area.

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.

7. HIGHLAND STREET

Request received from Commissioner Hallisey to review the "No Parking" signage on the odd side (north) of Highland Street west of Legion Parkway.

Discussion: This was requested because Winter Parking Ban tickets were issued that should not have been.

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.

8. QUINCY STREET/NORTH QUINCY STREET & COURT STREET

Request received from Councilor Anne Beaugard to review and address concerns from residents on Deed Circle for crosswalk signs and so on for intersection of Quincy St/No Quincy St at Court Street.

Discussion: The traffic signals at the intersection do not have the pedestrian signal at the crosswalk.

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

VOTED: TO REFER TO SUBCOMMITTEE.

9. WALL STREET

Request received from Councilor-At-Large Winthrop Farwell who is requesting "No Parking" signs on both sides of Wall Street for a distance of 50 feet north from Belmont Street. The rationale behind this request is that vehicles are parking on both sides of Wall Street near Belmont Street making it difficult, if not impossible, for emergency apparatus to turn onto Wall Street.

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

VOTED: TO REFER TO SUBCOMMITTEE.

10. EDINBORO AVENUE

Request received from Councilor-At-Large Winthrop Farwell who is requesting "No Parking" signs on both sides of Edinboro Avenue for a distance of 50 feet north from Belmont Street. The rationale behind this request is that he has received complaints from residents of Shaw Road that residents of the Belmont West Apartments park on Edinboro Avenue during inclement weather waiting to pick up school bus passengers and this makes turning into that area from Belmont Street extremely difficult.

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

VOTED: TO REFER TO SUBCOMMITTEE.

11. BIGNEY AVENUE/LORRAINE AVENUE

Request received from Councilor-At-Large Winthrop Farwell who is requesting a “Commercial Vehicles Excluded over 18,000 lbs.” at Bigney Avenue/Lorraine Avenue. The rationale behind this request is that tractor trailer units are leaving Shaw’s and Stop&Shop, traveling down Torrey Street and then turning left on Bigney Avenue to return to Belmont Street. This is a narrow, residential area.

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

VOTED: TO REFER TO SUBCOMMITTEE.

SIGN REQUESTS:

1. 15 ELLIS STREET

Requests received from Grisel and Roberto Quinones who reside at 15 Ellis Street and have children with Autism/ADHD and would like signage in front of their property indicating such. Also, they are concerned about the safety of their children and other children that play in front of their house with cars speeding.

****Previously before the Traffic Commission in June, 2018:***

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: REFER TO POLICE ENFORCEMENT.

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

VOTED: TO CONTINUE TO MAY 23, 2019 MEETING PENDING MEDICAL DOCUMENTATION.

2. MANNERS AVENUE

Request received from Richard DeVasto who resides at 117 Manners Avenue for a “No Parking Here To Corner” sign along with discussing other concerns he has

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

VOTED: TO CONTINUE TO MAY 23, 2019 MEETING.REFER TO SUBCOMMITTEE.

3. 29 WATSON STREET

Request received from Cheryl Kondroski who resides at 29 Watson Street who is requesting a "Handicapped Parking" sign in front of her gate as this is her access to her property via a walker and wheelchair. There are numerous vehicles including neighbors that park in front of her gate and she is unable to get into her residence.

Discussion: Secretary informed board members that handicapped placard was submitted.

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

VOTED: TO REFER TO SUBCOMMITTEE.

4. 19 HAWTHORNE STREET

Request received from Stephen Seaton who resides at 19 Hawthorne Street who is requesting a "Handicapped Parking" sign across from 19 Hawthorne Street as he usually has to walk from the end of his street. Mr. Seaton uses a can and cannot walk far especially with bags.

Discussion Secretary informed board members that handicapped placard was submitted.

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

VOTED: TO REFER TO SUBCOMMITTEE.

5. SMITH AVENUE

Request received from Gilbert Gitare who resides at 21 East Union Street who is requesting a "No Loitering" sign and any other recommendations due to unwanted cars/illegal activity.

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

VOTED: TO REFER TO SUBCOMMITTEE.

**PLEASE NOTE: MAY SUBCOMMITTEE IS CHANGED TO WEDNESDAY,
MAY 15, 2019.**

Respectfully submitted,

Mary Milligan, Secretary