



## **BROCKTON TRAFFIC COMMISSION**

**Thursday, March 21, 2019**

**6:00 p.m.**

### **MINUTES**

The Traffic Commission held its regular monthly meeting at 6:00 p.m. on Thursday, March 21, 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, Councilor Anne Beauregard, Councilor Jack Lally and Stephan Hooke.

Also present was: Councilor Tim Cruise, Pamela Carbonara, Erin Finch, Marilyn Gonzales, Carin Goode, Manuel Monteiro, Paul Ware, Jeanne Holmes, Brian Porter, Sandra Balestra and Doryce L. Smith.

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 February 28, 2019 Minutes.

### **OLD BUSINESS**

#### **1. LEGION PARKWAY**

*Request received from DPW Commissioner Larry Rowley to block off the cut through area on Legion Parkway with jersey barriers.*

#### **SUBCOMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION: TAKE NO ACTION.**

Discussion: Commissioner Hallisey stated that the subcommittee voted to take no action as emergency vehicles (fire/police) use this cut through.

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

**VOTED: TO ACCEPT SUBCOMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION.**

**2. ADAMS STREET**

*Request received from Councilor Anne Beaugard to discuss the parking issue on Adams Street. Residents are still looking for no parking but they want it at the bottom of Adams Street where Dunkin Donuts is because the employees park on both side as well as trucks. People that live on the street cannot get up and down the street.*

**SUBCOMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION: PLACE “NO PARKING” SIGNS ON ADAMS ST. WEST SIDE FROM CENTRE ST. 600 FT NORTHERLY.**

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

**VOTED: TO ACCEPT SUBCOMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION.**

**3. CROSSWALK REQUEST – MAIN STREET & E. CHESTNUT STREET**

*Request of Ward 4 Councilor Susan Nicastro, on behalf of a resident, for installation of a crosswalk across Main Street at the intersection of Main and E Chestnut Streets, in front of **Italian Kitchen** restaurant, to protect pedestrians, or such other relief as the Traffic Commission may deem appropriate.*

**SUBCOMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION: PLACE CROSSWALK ON MAIN ST. EAST AND WEST, SOUTH SIDE OF INTERSECTION BY CUT OUT. TOTAL OF 3 CROSSWALKS IN THE AREA.**

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

**VOTED: TO ACCEPT SUBCOMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION.**

**4. RIVERSIDE AVENUE**

*Request of Ward 4 Councilor Susan Nicastro for erection of ‘Resident Parking Only’ signage along Riverside Avenue in Ward 4 to address the parking of cars along the street that are being worked on by nearby repair shops and/or that belong to train commuters, or such other relief as the Traffic Commission may deem appropriate.*

**SUBCOMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION:**

- **REPLACE “NO PARKING” SIGNS WHERE NEEDED.**
- **NEW POLE AND SIGN ON SOUTH SIDE.**
- **“NO PARKING” BOTH SIDES OF STREET FROM EAST END TO MONTELLO STREET.**
- **“NO PARKING” EAST SIDE OF RIVERSIDE AVE. FROM PLAIN STREET NORTHERLY TO END OF LAYOUT.**

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

**VOTED: TO ACCEPT SUBCOMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION.**

**5. LOOKOFF STREET**

*Request received from Councilor Anne Beauregard on behalf of neighbors on Lookoff Street to have no parking signs on this side (have a couple but are faded or not visible) resident has young kids and go to school stop and nowhere to walk and have cars go down dead end street. Resident just called because her kids have the week off and even today cars in street and making things tight and with snow tonight again an issue.*

**SUBCOMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION:**

- **VOTE FOR “NO PARKING”**
- **REPLACE “NO PARKING” SIGNS EAST SIDE OF LOOKOFF STREET.,CRESCENT STREET NORTHERLY TO DEAD END**
- **ADD ANOTHER SIGN AND POST TOWARD THE END OF STREET.**

Discussion: Ken Galligan stated that there were a couple of signs on the east side that were faded and are having a problem finding when these signs went up so the recommendation was to reaffirm the “No Parking” on the east side of Lookoff Street to Crescent Street northerly to the dead end.

Ken Galligan made a Motion to place the “No Parking” and prohibit parking on the east side of Lookoff Street from Crescent Street northerly to the dead end.

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

**VOTED: VOTE SO THAT THE RECORDS SHOWS “NO PARKING” SIGNS ON THE EAST SIDE OF LOOKOFF STREET.**

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

**VOTED: TO ACCEPT SUBCOMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION.**

**SIGN REQUEST:**

**6. BYRON AVENUE**

*Request received by Ayoub Abdi who resides at 51 Byron Avenue to address his parking problem during the Winter Parking Ban. He works nights and cannot park in front of his residence has no place to park when he comes home from work other than across the street (even numbered). As stated, he works nights and is unable to attend the meeting.*

**SUBCOMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION: TAKE NO ACTION.**

Discussion: Commissioner Hallisey stated that he spoke with the landlord and was told that he has 2 parking lots in the area that his tenants can use.

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

**VOTED: TO ACCEPT SUBCOMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION.**

**GUARDRAIL REQUEST:**

**7. 915 WARREN AVENUE**

*Request received from Margarida Intenque of 915 Warren Avenue for a guardrail in front of her residence for car accident – prevention.*

**SUBCOMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION: TAKE NO ACTION.**

Discussion: Commissioner Hallisey stated that the guardrail was not needed as the records showed only one accident.

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

**VOTED: TO ACCEPT SUBCOMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION.**

**8. PEARL STREET**

*Request received from Councilor Dennis Eaniri on behalf of some residents on Pearl Street for 2 signs going north and south to read:*

1. "NO ENGINE BRAKE"
2. "NO JAKE BRAKE"

Councilor Eaniri would like at least 3 or 4 of these signs placed on Pleasant Street to Belmont Street. Ken Galligan suggested to refer to subcommittee to determine how many signs are needed.

**SUBCOMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION:**

**RECOMMEND FREE STANDING POST WITH YELLOW STRIPE "TRUCK QUIET ZONE"**

- **OPPOSITE OF 742 PEARL STREET FOR SOUTH BOUND TRAFFIC**
- **OPPOSITE OF 589 PEARL STREET FOR NORTH BOUND TRAFFIC**
- **OPPOSITE OF 464 PEARL STREET FOR SOUTH BOUND TRAFFIC**

Discussion: On the Motion made, Ken Galligan explained that this is a new area the board is moving and this is a trial run to see how it works out. These locations were selected because of the use of the jake brake which is a device on the engine that allows the truck to slow down not requiring 100% action of the air brakes (saves the brakes). What the board looked at was the 3 areas that if a truck was traveling on Pearl Street, it would be coming down a hill approaching a traffic light. Also, coming in the northerly direction they are actually climbing a hill by Digby Avenue and once they hit the crest of the hill, they are approaching the traffic light at Torrey Street. These are the reasons these sites were selected. He further stated that the board should be cautious in placing these signs and should the signs should be confined to those major streets where large 18 wheeler-type trucks, not in residential neighborhoods.

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

**VOTED: TO ACCEPT SUBCOMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION.**

**NEW 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.*

Discussion: Councilor Lally spoke to say that he and Councilor Beauregard were contacted by Councilor Asack and Councilor-At-Large Sullivan who were attending parent conferences and asked that items #1, #9, #10 and #11 be sent to subcommittee.

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.**

**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 installation, at their own expense. (Board members – see attached).*

Discussion: Rob May stated that the developer was before the board to remove parking spots temporarily and Merian Tuxedos is the only retain destination on that side of the street and his customers come around prom time and wedding time. Mr. Merian would like to reserve on street parking spots for his customers while his customer parking lot is unavailable. The spots would be the four spaces in front of his business and read “Parking for Merian Tuxedo”.

Ken Galligan through the chair asked that if prior to the construction did Merian have 4 designated parking spaces in the off street lot and Rob May said he had 3 spots with 2 being for customers and one for an employee. Mr. Galligan confirmed that due to the constructin, Mr. Merian will temporarily be without off street parking designated for Merian Tuxedo and upon the completion of the construction, the 4 signs temporarily installed on Main Street will be removed and Merian will go back to his off street parking lot.

DPW Commissioner Rowley suggested this be referred to subcommittee for sign placement and wanted to confirm that the signs will be paid for and installed by the developer.

Ken Galligan pointed out that a sign should be put on each space and be concerned about the wording “Temporary Parking for Merian Only” so that other businesses downtown come before the board with a sign request and it doesn’t appear as preferential treatment.

Rob May asked if they should attend the next Traffic Commission meeting and was told he should.

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

**VOTED: TO REFER TO SUBCOMMITTEE FOR SIGN PLACEMENT.  
POSSIBLY FOUR (4) SIGNS NEEDED.**

### **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.*

Discussion: Councilor Beauregard appeared and discussed Sherman Street during the storm and a constituent called because cars are parked on both sides and that they always are and nothing is being done. This is the issue that was discussed at Monday's nights Finance Committee meeting. These small streets with illegally parked cars should not be tolerated and residents are concerned that emergency vehicles will not be able to get down their streets. Vehicles should be tagged early on to get the message out that this will not be tolerated. The issue of absentee landlords possibly charging tenants extra to park in the driveway is one reason there are a lot of cars on the streets. Another reason is people putting in illegal basements creating several more cars parking on the street just like what is occurring on Cabot Street.

Councilor Beauregard confirmed with Commissioner Hallisey that residents are told to call the police department if their driveway is blocked and cannot get out. She commented that if tickets were given early and often then people will stop parking illegally. She provided an example that if someone was giving a party and several guests were ticketed for illegally parking or blocking driveways, then the message will be clear because tickets are a deterrent.

Commissioner Hallisey stated that during the Winter Parking Ban, tickets written has increased over 400% and asked Councilor Beauregard if ticketing is working. Councilor Beauregard responded by saying there is more and more illegal parking and ticket writing is helping but just scratching the surface. She explained that she thought the problem was apartments having several people living there with their vehicles and landlords charging extra to park in the driveway. Councilor Beauregard asked what other communities do about parking on small streets.

Jeanne Holmes of Belcher Avenue spoke to say she appeared before the board last year because she had an issue on Belcher Avenue and received no response. Cars were parked on both sides of the street even during the snow emergencies and nothing was done at all. She provided pictures and spoke to Sergeant Farwell. She stated that she was assured by the board at that time that this would not happen again however, it has despite her experiences with the board. Ms. Holmes stated that when she called the station, the individual on the phone did not know even know how to read the ordinance or the Winter Parking Ban because she was told by that individual that it did not apply to Belcher Avenue because it was not on the list of streets.

Ms. Holmes reiterated the fact that she was assured by the board they would not see a repeat this year but they did. Even though there have not been many snow emergencies but when there was, once again it was an abysmal failure on Belcher Avenue on the part of the City. Ms. Holmes stated that she didn't know why nothing was done because she brought it to this board's attention last year.

Ms. Holmes continued by saying this year when a snow emergency was declared on a Friday into a Saturday. She stated that called on Saturday and requested that the cars be ticketed – nothing was done. She called again to ask what was being done about Belcher Avenue and was told that there was a board and wasn't sure what the "board" was but the fact of the matter was she was told that she was on the board but the information wasn't given out to the officer on the street. Ms. Holmes asked how tickets could be given out when the information isn't being relayed to the people giving the tickets because they can't see the board. She stated that she continued to call because nothing was done and at some point was told that the snow emergency was over/cancelled so it is not an issue anymore. She had the sense that this was intentional (to delay information getting to the officer) so that nothing gets done.

Ms. Holmes stated that this experience parleyed into the next storm and she understood from her experience two days before that she needed to get in line so that Belcher Avenue was taken care of. She called at 8:05 and asked for someone to come down and ticket the vehicles and no one did. She then called every 15 minutes thereafter because she felt she had no choice. When she called at 8:05 the response was "well, we haven't seen any snowflakes yet". The Mayor declares a snow emergency and it means that people are supposed to obey and cars should be taken off the street and if not, ticketed and/or towed.

Ms. Holmes stated that she understood that there are special police officers (4) assigned to this task and stated that she was horrified to find out that the City was using ranked officers as part of the team and paying higher money. She asked why officers right out of the academy aren't used as the person that goes out to ticket cars or hire the sheriff's office. Ms. Holmes stated again that she was assured last year with the prior commissioner that it wouldn't happen again and does not expect to come back next year for this issue. Commissioner Hallisey responded by apologizing to Ms. Holmes because she was told last year that they would ticket/tow cars on her street. Commissioner Hallisey stated that he could not make that promise during a snow storm.

Councilor Cruise suggested that if tickets were given once or twice early on then the message would get through and agreed with Ms. Holmes that there is a problem on Belcher Avenue. He stated that if people are ticketed early and often then they will stop parking in the street.

Commissioner Hallisey stated that he and DPW Commissioner Rowley spoke and discussed the possibility of designating 2 people to tow/move and one to ticket at a larger expense. Commissioner Hallisey stated that he checked the log and 5 tickets were written at 11:30 on Belcher Avenue.

Ms. Holmes asked if police officers driving around in cruisers can ticket illegally parked cars and was told that they could.

DPW Commissioner Rowley stated that he is in agreement with illegally parked cars during snow emergencies but there is only so much that can be done with 4 individuals. He stated that he will add Sherman Street and Belcher Avenue to the list.

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



## **VOTED: TO TAKE UNDER ADVISEMENT.**

### **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.*

Discussion: Councilor Beauregard stated that there is parking all the time on North Quincy Street. Ms. Balestra (see Sign Request #14) appeared and told the board she would like a “No Parking” sign in front of her residence.

Commissioner Hallisey asked if there was no parking all along North Quincy Street and Ken Galligan stated that there was not and that “No Parking” signs were placed on the west side of North Quincy Street from the Baker School down to the driveway that goes into the back parking lot entrance that Brockton Hospital uses.

Ken Galligan stated that North Quincy Street is a wide street and asked Ms. Balestra where 216 was and was told across the street from the doctors parking lot and stated that the picture showed that she has a very large driveway and asked if it played into the problem with getting in and out of the house with the wheelchair. Ms. Balestra responded that she uses the front entrance and people are constantly parking in front of her house. Mr. Galligan asked if the ramp went out onto the driveway and was told that the ramp goes from the front door out onto the driveway. His question was that Ms. Balestra was putting someone in her vehicle and why wouldn't she use her driveway rather than loading the person into the vehicle in front of her house. She stated she backs up onto her lawn. Mr. Galligan asked if her complaint was people parking in front of her house and where would these people be going. Ms. Balestra stated that there is no parking in the doctor's office parking lot so they park in the street. Councilor Beauregard stated that she could attest to that fact because she has seen several cars parked on North Quincy Street. Mr. Galligan informed her that parking on North Quincy Street in that area is not illegal.

Ms. Balestra also informed the board that her next door neighbor has a big diesel Kenworth truck pulled in his driveway or parked on his front lawn. Ms. Balestra provided the board with pictures. Sometimes the truck is parked with part of it hanging out onto the sidewalk. The truck is parked right next to Ms. Balestra's mother's bedroom window. It is not illegal if parked on his property. If it were parked on the street then it would be illegal because you cannot park a commercial vehicle overnight.

Ken Galligan suggested to check the zone as it appears it's a residential zone and to send to subcommittee to take a look. He further stated that it would be much safer to load/unload in the driveway and that he wouldn't take a chance to load/unload on the street. He stated that

there are 2 issues here with one being the ability to get access for the wheelchair and the second one with all the cars parking there.

Councilor Beauregard also suggested that the zone be checked out and was told that she should check with the Law Department about the commercial truck.

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.**

**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.*

Discussion: Councilor Beauregard introduced the proprietor, Manuel Monteiro who stated that the major problem is the business owners using Main Street for parking. He has seen fire apparatus unable to make the turn onto Perkins Avenue because cars are parked there. Vehicles are parked all the way down Perkins Avenue on the right side. Mr. Monteiro stated that some people park there and take the commuter train. Another issue is the corner of Market Street on the right side to Main Street. Commissioner Hallisey stated that there is "One Hour Parking" sign posted there. Mr. Monteiro said that he hasn't seen a sign. There is a sign posted there "No Parking Here To Corner" on Market Street and Main Street but there is a car parked there seven days a week. The parking is a problem every day.

Ken Galligan stated that the sign on Main Street at Market Street that says "No Parking Here To Corner" was put up because of the cars coming out of Market Street onto Main Street could see to the right and it is flagrantly violated constantly. The other sign on Perkins Avenue at Main Street was made "No Parking" 100' east from Main Street, no parking so that the fire apparatus could make the left turn onto Perkins Avenue. Someone has taken the signs that have since been replaced. The pavement is also marked no parking. Mr. Galligan stated that Mr. Monteiro's complaint is valid.

Councilor Beauregard stated that cars park there all day. She spoke to Bob Malley of the Parking Authority and asked if his enforcement officers could ticket further down Main Street and was told not at this time. The purpose of the "One Hour Parking" sign was to allow people to shop in area businesses.

Commissioner Hallisey stated that he will get his traffic officers there but it would be difficult to ticket someone for parking there over an hour as the officer doesn't know when they initially parked. Councilor Beauregard suggested Commissioner Hallisey contact the Campello Business Association to obtain their input. Commissioner Hallisey asked if Mr. Montiero spoke to the beat officer assigned over the summer about the parking issue and if not to bring it to their attention this summer and to call the station.

Another point Mr. Monteiro brought up was his safety in addressing people illegally parked and Commissioner Hallisey informed Mr. Monteiro to call BPD and he could do so anonymously. Mr. Monteiro stated he has called and no one shows up. If he is threatened, Commissioner Hallisey pointed out that that is a crime and Mr. Monteiro should call the police.

Ken Galligan asked Mr. Monteiro if it is posted “One Hour Parking” on East Market Street to Perkins Avenue. Mr. Monteiro stated he thought there was but wasn’t sure. Mr. Galligan made a motion to refer to subcommittee to make sure sign is there and asked the secretary to research the records to see when the sign was created and if there is a problem, it can be reinstated. He also suggested that BPB be notified for enforcement of the violation of the parking on the corners and another flagrant violation there is the restaurant on the corner where they park on Main Street and park across the crosswalk and their back bumper is out across Perkins Avenue. There is a whole section there where everything is posted but vehicles do what they want to do. Mr. Monteiro stated it is the worst on a Saturday.

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 AND TRAFFIC ENFORCEMENT.**

**6. WEST STREET @ PLEASANT STREET**

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

Discussion: Ken Galligan stated that he requested this because the problem is that the sign “Keep To The Right” on the island is constantly getting knocked down. If you are coming up from the north on West Street, West Street bends to the right and then to the left with the intersection being well lit but there is a pole right where the sign is located where it is very dark. It is request to put a light on Pole #49 to light up the island to stop people from driving over the island and knocking the sign down.

Councilor Cruise requested the light be installed from DPW Commissioner Rowley instead of referring to subcommittee. Commissioner Rowley stated that he travels this road early in the morning when it’s dark and he did not see an issue. Ken Galligan suggested to table the item so that Commissioner Rowley could take a look. Commissioner Rowley responded that if Councilor Cruise wanted the light then he would put it up but he did not see a problem. He also asked Mr. Galligan if his request for the light was due to people knocking the sign down and was told it was. Commissioner Hallisey stated that the only problem with referring to subcommittee is that is done during the day so they would not see the problem. It was suggested that this item be tabled so that the board members drive by there at night to take a look at.

Councilor Cruise stated that he will make the request if it turns out that the light is warranted.

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

**VOTED: TO TABLE AND DISCUSS AT NEXT MONTH'S MEETING SO THAT THE BOARD MEMBERS CAN TAKE A LOOK AT.**

**7. HEALEY TERRACE AND CARRLYN ROAD**

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

Discussion: Councilor Cruise stated that this was informally discussed last year and that Paul Ware was in attendance. Mr. Ware stated that there is a lot of traffic early in the morning (rush hour type traffic) and then later in the afternoon (rush hour type traffic) with vehicles cutting through from Pleasant Street instead of going up to the light at Pearl Street and coming down Carlynn Road that runs into Healey Terrace and southbound from Pearl Street, they cut through onto Carlynn Road to Pleasant Street. Mr. Ware stated that he didn't think anything could be done about the traffic but is concerned about the speeding. Currently, there are "Watch Children" and 30 mph signs up.

Commissioner Hallisey stated that he thought Sergeant Mark Reardon, who works the 8:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m. shift was there at Lorraine Street to ticket vehicles but he wasn't there during the peak hours. Mr. Ware questioned if there was anything that could be done so that people using these streets as a cut through would be made aware of the speed limit. He suggested putting up a flashing speed limit sign or maybe have another officer there during rush hour times.

Councilor Cruise stated that when Sergeant Reardon was there, he wasn't there during the peak hours. Commissioner Hallisey stated that Officer Chris Perez works the 4:00 p.m. to midnight shift and he would send him for enforcement. Councilor Cruise asked to have the flashing speed limit sign put up to assist the residents now. Commissioner Hallisey stated that if Officer Perez was unavailable, each shift has a designated officer. He also asked if the flashing sign could wait until after April 1<sup>st</sup> which is the end of the Winter Parking Ban.

Mr. Ware stated the he wasn't sure where to put the sign but suggested more at the northerly end by the curve. The peak times were 7:00 a.m. – 8:00 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. – 6:00 p.m. Mr. Ware was informed that the subcommittee will review on 4/16/19 and to call Commissioner Hallisey so that he can speak with Sergeant Reardon.

Councilor Lally stated that he goes out with the subcommittee and will notify Councilor Cruise when they are close so that Councilor Cruise can let Mr. Ware know that the subcommittee is on their way.

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 SEE WHAT SIGNS ARE CURRENTLY THERE AND WHAT SIGNS NEEDS TO BE PUT UP. REFER TO TRAFFIC ENFORCEMENT TO ADDRESS SPEEDING DURING PEAK HOURS.**

**8. MANTHALA GEORGE SCHOOL – 180 COLONEL BELL DRIVE**

*Request received that "No U Turn" signs be put up.*

Discussion: Commissioner Hallisey stated that this was requested by Lieutenant Frank of School Police and School Committee member Joyce Asack.

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.**

**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 you 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.*

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

**VOTED: TO REFER TO SUBCOMMITTEE.**

**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.*

Discussion: Commissioner Hallisey stated that he did not check the tapes but that is not how they operate. If someone calls because their driveway is blocked then it becomes a "priority 2" call.

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.**

**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.*

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

Discussion: Councilor Beauregard commented that this request has to do with the hill when people are coming from a certain direction and all they want is a sign that points out the crosswalk so that people see it.

**VOTED: TO REFER TO SUBCOMMITTEE.**

## **12. FOOTJOY – 144 FIELD STREET**

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

Discussion: Ms. Finch stated that there is a crosswalk currently there but it's faded and needs to be painted and also needs a sign from Montilio's down. The employees park in the parking lot across the street. In the morning it's not too bad when they start at 5:00 a.m. but cars cannot see the crosswalk and the employees are constantly almost getting hit crossing with cars speeding. There is a crosswalk sign at the top of the hill when you come down and can see it at 5:00 a.m. but there is a telephone pole there and cannot see it from the left side and there is no crosswalk sign there. Commissioner Hallisey stated that the crosswalk can be repainted but it will not happen until May.

Ms. Finch stated that sometimes the mattress place has trucks parked there blocking the view of the crosswalk. Basically coming down Intervale Street and both ways on Field Street they speed. The best time is 5:00 a.m. and 3:30 p.m. Ms. Finch provided a petition signed by the employees concerned and stated that an email was sent by Ann Marie Sturgis. Ms. Finch suggested a solar flashing crosswalk sign be put up.

Ken Galligan gave a history by stating several years ago this was brought to the board's attention and they went up on subcommittee. At that time, they voted to place two fluorescent crosswalk signs and paint a crosswalk from north to south across Field Street at Intervale Street. That was done and 2 signs were put up for eastbound and westbound drivers on Field Street. Shortly after the sign went up close to the parking lot, it got hit and disappeared. A work order was put in to replace it but it was never done. One of the problems at that intersection is that there is no granite edge stone by the parking lot driveway the delineates the curbstone at the corner of Intervale and Field. So what was done was the sign was placed on the backside of the sidewalk closer to the fence to protect the sign. Someone wiped it out. If it is put back up, what should be done is to put some kind of protection around the post. Mr. Galligan asked Commissioner Rowley what can be done through DPW to protect the post.

Ms. Finch further stated that the crosswalk sign on the other side of the street, during the early morning you can see it because it's fluorescent but in the afternoon it isn't noticeable and it could be the telephone pole distracting from the sign or is blocking the sign.

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

**VOTED: TO REFER TO SUBCOMMITTEE.**

**13. MENLO STREET BY GRAFTON STREET**

*Request received to place a "No Parking Here To Corner" sign at this location.*

Discussion: Commissioner Hallisey stated that there is a white pick up with a ladder on it and he spoke to the individual to tell him not to park there. He continues to do so which is why this request is made.

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

**VOTED: TO REFER TO SUBCOMMITTEE.**

**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.*

Discussion: See #4

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.**

**UPDATE**

**MONTELLO STREET AND E. NILSSON STREET**

*Commissioner Hallisey read into the record a March 21, 2019 letter addressed to Pat Ciaramella, Director, Old Colony Planning Council requesting a Road Safety Audit (RSA) be done at the above-referenced intersection. The reason(s) give for the request is due to numerous accidents at this intersection and the safety concern for former Huntington School students who now cross this intersection to attend the Gilmore School.*

*Respectfully submitted,*

*Mary Milligan, Secretary*