



BROCKTON TRAFFIC COMMISSION

Thursday, May 23, 2019

6:00 p.m.

MINUTES

The Traffic Commission held its regular monthly meeting at 6:00 p.m. on Thursday, May 23, 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, Kenneth Galligan, Stephan Hooke, Councilor Jack Lally and Councilor Anne Beauregard.

Also present was: Michael Jacques, Jim Boudreau, David Collamore, Ivory Hunter, Stephen Seaton, Robert Malley, Christian Lopes, Joshua Lopes, Laura Lopes, Bennington, Officer William Healy, Joe Stevens, Councilor Susan Nicastro and Councilor Dennis Eaniri.

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 April 25, 2019 Minutes.

OLD 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.

SUBCOMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION:

- 1. PLACE A 25 MPH SPEED LIMIT SIGN ON POLE NUMBER 8-84 ON NEWBURY ST. FOR SOUTHBOUND VEHICLES**
- 2. PLACE A 25 MPH SPEED LIMIT SIGN ON POLE NUMBER 2 ON NEWBURY ST. FOR NORTHBOUND VEHICLES**

Discussion: Ken Galligan explained that the policy unless posted differently is 30 mph. The Traffic Commission will be reassessing a low speed limit to lower limit to 25 mph on a case-by-case basis. This item will be the first one.

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

VOTED: TO APPROVE SUBCOMMITTEE RECOMMENDATIONS.2. NEWBURY STREET/ARNONE SCHOOL

Request received from Councilor Anne Beaugard 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 one because of the Arnone School and the safety of kids and those walking on that street.

SUBCOMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION:

- 1. REPAINT EXISTING CROSSWALKS DURING ANNUAL LINE PAINTING.**

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

VOTED: TO APPROVE SUBCOMMITTEE RECOMMENDATIONS.

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.

SUBCOMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION:

- 1. "CROSSWALK AHEAD" SIGN ON FREESTANDING POST WITH YELLOW STRIPE OPPOSITE 411 PLAIN ST. FOR WESTBOUND VEHICLES**
- 2. "CROSSWALK AHEAD" SIGN ON FREESTANDING POST WITH YELLOW STRIPE IN FRONT OF 341 PLAIN ST. FOR EASTBOUND VEHICLES**
- 3. REPAINT EXISTING CROSSWALKS DURING ANNUAL LINE PAINTING**

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

VOTED: TO APPROVE SUBCOMMITTEE RECOMMENDATIONS AS AMENDED.

4. CRESCENT STREET & ALGER STREET CROSSWALKS

Request received from Councilor Anne Beauregard 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.

SUBCOMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION:

TAKE NO ACTION ALREADY ADDRESSED

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

VOTED: TO APPROVE SUBCOMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION TO TAKE NO ACTION AS ISSUE HAS ALREADY BEEN 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 too 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.

SUBCOMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION:

1. **“CROSSWALK AHEAD” SIGN ON INDIVIDUAL POST WITH YELLOW STRIPE ADJACENT TO POLE NUMBER 10 ON KEITH AVE EXT.**
2. **“CROSSWALK AHEAD” SIGN ON KEITH AVE EXT. (WEST SIDE) 50 FEET SOUTH OF LEACH AVE**

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

VOTED: TO APPROVE SUBCOMMITTEE RECOMMENDATIONS AS AMENDED.

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.

SUBCOMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION:

1. **CHANGE THE SIGN IN FRONT OF 13 SNELL PL. TO READ “NO PARKING EITHER SIDE”**
2. **REPLACE EXISTING FADED SIGNS ON SNELL PLACE**

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

VOTED: TO APPROVE SUBCOMMITTEE RECOMMENDATIONS.

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.

SUBCOMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION:

- 1. "NO PARKING" SIGNS SPACED APPROPRIATELY ON POSTS ON THE NORTH SIDE OF HIGHLAND STREET FROM WARREN AVENUE TO NEWBURY ST.**

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

VOTED: TO APPROVE SUBCOMMITTEE RECOMMENDATIONS.

8. QUINCY STREET/NORTH QUINCY STREET & COURT STREET

Request received from Councilor Anne Beauregard 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: Councilor Lally stated that he thought that the crosswalks were already painted.

SUBCOMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION:

- 1. REPAINT EXISTING CROSSWALKS (4) AFTER CURRENT ROAD CONSTRUCTION AND/OR DURING ANNUAL LINE PAINTING**

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

VOTED: TO APPROVE SUBCOMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION.

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.

SUBCOMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION:

- 1. (2) "NO PARKING" SIGNS ON THE WEST SIDE OF WALL ST. FROM BELMONT ST. TO THE ONE WAY SECTION OF WALL ST.**
- 2. MOVED THE "DO NOT ENTER" SIGN AT THE END OF WALL ST. AT COLUMBIA ST. APPROX. 6' SOUTHERLY FOR BETTER VISIBILITY**

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

VOTED: TO APPROVE SUBCOMMITTEE RECOMMENDATIONS AS AMENDED.

7. 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.

SUBCOMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION:

- 1. ESTABLISH "NO PARKING" ZONE BY PLACING "NO PARKING" SIGN ON INDIVIDUAL POST WITH YELLOW TAPE ON THE WEST SIDE OF EDINBORO AVENUE 75 FEET FROM BELMONT ST. NORTHERLY***

**Secretary checked records and there is no record of "No Parking" sign on Edinboro Avenue previously approved by the board.*

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

VOTED: TO APPROVE SUBCOMMITTEE RECOMMENDATIONS AS AMENDED.

8. 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.

SUBCOMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION:

- 1. "COMMERCIAL VEHICLES EXCLUDED OVER 15,000 LBS" SIGN ON POLE NUMBER 1 ON LORRAINE . AVENUE FOR NORTHBOUND VEHICLES.**
- 2. "COMMERCIAL VEHICLES EXCLUDED OVER 15,000 LBS" SIGN AND POST ON THE WEST SIDE OF BIGNEY AVE APPROXIMATELY 18 FEET FROM THE CORNER OF TORREY ST. FOR SOUTHBOUND VEHICLES.**

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

VOTED: TO APPROVE SUBCOMMITTEE RECOMMENDATIONS AS AMENDED.

SIGN REQUESTS:

1. 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.

SUBCOMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION:

- 1. "NO PARKING" SIGN PLACED UNDERNEATH ON POST ON SOUTH SIDE IN FRONT OF 29 WATSON ST. LOCATED 5 FEET EAST OF FRONT WALKWAY**

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

VOTED: TO APPROVE SUBCOMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION AS AMENDED.

2. 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: Mr. Seaton was in attendance to discuss his request and was informed by the board that the subcommittee appeared at his address at its May 15th review and they were not sure what he was requesting. Mr. Seaton stated that there is a "No Parking" sign in front of his residence that has been there for a long time and the neighbor across the street is a plumber who is in and out all of the time. Commissioner Hallisey asked Mr. Seaton if he had a driveway and was told he did have a driveway and has 2 vehicles. One vehicle is in the driveway and he has to find a place for his 2nd vehicle, a Hummer which is a big vehicle and when he parks it in the driveway it is difficult for him to enter/exit the vehicle when he has groceries. Mr. Seaton stated that he needed a large vehicle because of his back. Commissioner Hallisey stated that when the subcommittee was there, there was also a camper parked in the driveway and asked Mr. Seaton if he could move the camper out of the driveway so he could park the Hummer. Mr. Seaton replied that this would not help him because it's the width of his driveway that is the problem which is why he is asking for the handicapped parking sign across the street. He does

not want to cut down trees to widen his driveway. Commissioner Hallisey voiced his concern about parking a large Hummer in the street.

Ken Galligan commented that when the subcommittee went to review they did not have all the information and suggested that they send back to subcommittee to re-review.

SUBCOMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION:

1. NO ACTION AT THIS TIME, NEED MORE INFORMATION

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

**VOTED: TO REFER BACK TO
SUBCOMMITTEE - REVISIT SITE AT NEXT SUBCOMMITTEE 6/18/19.**

3. 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.

Discussion: Ken Galligan asked Commissioner Hallisey if he heard of a recent supreme court ruling on "No Loitering" signs as this would have an effect on these requests and the Traffic Commission's recommendations. Commissioner Hallisey stated that he would look into it. Mr. Galligan suggested to postpone this item until next month.

SUBCOMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION:

1. "NO LOITERING" SIGN PLACED ON POLE NUMBER 6 ON EAST UNION 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 POSTPONE UNTIL NEXT MEETING ON 6/27/19 SO THAT
COMMISSIONER HALLISEY CAN RESEARCH.**

NEW BUSINESS

1. MAIN STREET AND LEGION PARKWAY

Request received from Robert Malley, Executive Director, Brockton Parking Authority, to present plans for putting parking meters on Main Street and Legion Parkway which was previously presented to the Traffic Commission in the summer of 2017 as the second phase of implementing the recommendations of our parking study.

Discussion: Robert Malley updated the board with the implementations since the summer of 2017. They are now at the point of installing parking meters on Main Street where they were previously from the YMCA down to Pleasant Street that will be single smart meters like the ones installed on Crescent Street and West Elm Street. On Legion Parkway it will be kiosks with multi-space meters which will be accessed by license plate so that people do not have to walk back and forth. The reason for Legion Parkway is most of the issues are from employees working downtown that move their vehicles within the 2 hour parking limit thereby creating no parking for people downtown to conduct business. Planning on having the meters installed and ready to go when the new garage is open sometime in December, 2019. Desmond & Associates out of Boston will be installing mainly due to their public relations. The rate will be \$1.00/hr. Many businesses are in favor of the meters because their customers have nowhere to park. Eventually, the whole downtown will be metered. The downtown area should be for visitors/customers.

Ken Galligan asked Mr. Malley if there were any businesses downtown where traffic comes and goes quickly (i.e. dry cleaner, banking, etc.) and if so, how are they being handled? Mr. Malley responded by saying that the meters will be programmed so that there is some free time (i.e. 15 minutes) on the front end so that there can be fast turn over. Mr. Malley further stated that these meters can be programmed any way you want. They can be programmed with 15 minute intervals so that people can put .25 in for 15 minutes, use a debit card or phone application. People can pay \$8.00 to park all day (8 hrs.) but why would someone do that if they can park in the garage for \$40.00/month? The way you set the price will determine people's behavior which has been done in most cities around the country. There will be no changes in the current parking space configurations. In the event there is, Mr. Malley stated that he would come before this board for discussion and approval.

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

VOTED: NO ACTION NEEDED.

2. EAST ASHLAND STREET – EAST OF NORTH QUINCY STREET

Request received from Councilor Jack Lally to place limit on truck traffic (i.e., 2 ½ tons) on East Ashland Street east of North Quincy Street and to assign enforcement.

Discussion: Joe Stevens who resides at 699 East Ashland Street, appeared before the board to speak on the issue of truck traffic (Walmart, Cape Cod Lumber to name a few) on East Ashland Street which is a residential area along with the hazardous conditions from potholes, safety issues because there is a school bus stop at the corner of Ann Marie Drive and Roslyn Road. Mr. Stevens stated that enforcement is needed and that the trucks should be using the state road such as Route 123.

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

VOTED: TO REFER TO SUBCOMMITTEE.

3. TROY STREET

Request received from DPW Commissioner Larry Rowley to have “No Parking Here To Corner” sign placed 100 ft. back at the corner of Troy Street and Pleasant Street.

Discussion: More information is needed such as which side of the street the sign should be installed. *

****Per DPW Commissioner Rowley, street sign should be on the east side 200 feet in from Pleasant Street.***

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.

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.

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

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

VOTED: TO POSTPONE UNTIL THE 6/27/19 MEETING. CONTACT THE REQUESTING PARTIES TO INFORM THEM THAT THEIR REQUEST WILL BE DENIED IF THEY FAIL TO SHOW AT THE NEXT MEETING.

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.

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

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

VOTED: TO POSTPONE UNTIL THE 6/27/19 MEETING. CONTACT THE REQUESTING PARTIES TO INFORM THEM THAT THEIR REQUEST WILL BE DENIED IF THEY FAIL TO SHOW AT THE NEXT MEETING.

3. PERKINS AVENUE & SOUTH LEYDEN STREET, SUMMER STREET & SOUTH LEYDEN STREET

Request received Laura Lopes who resides at 81 South Leyden Street to have “No Trucks” signage posted at the intersections of Perkins Avenue and South Leyden Street as well as Summer Street and South Leyden Street.

Discussion: Laura Lopes appeared to discuss her concerns about 18 wheeler trucks and truck traffic on her street. Ms. Lopes stated that she wasn't sure if this is due to the “No Trucks” signs on Auburn Street that are redirected onto her street. In addition to the street being narrow, the trucks are driving down the middle of the street. Ms. Lopes stated that she took a day off from work to video tape the trucks going by and some she could not because they were driving by so fast. Another issue she had is the sound of trucks (Snow & Jones, trucks going to

transfer station, Churchill trucks, etc.) that are driving from Summer Street down to South Leyden taking a left onto Perkins Avenue. Ms. Lopes is requesting signage on both ends of South Leyden as well as on Perkins Avenue and South Leyden and Summer Street and South Leyden so that commercial trucks cannot go down these streets. The empty bin trucks going by at 30 mph are so loud that they created cracks in her walls and you can feel the vibration all the way to the 3rd floor in her 3 family home, her whole house shakes. Ms. Lopes shared her video with board members.

Ken Galligan stated that a sign was posted on Plain Street just south of Summer Street requiring all trucks going to transfer station have to use Montello Street. Trucks coming up from East Bridgewater should not be taking a right on Otto Street and then a left onto Summer Street then bearing left onto South Leyden Street. We would have to stop the trucks on Plain Street from entering Otto Street. He stated that the problem is GPS directing these trucks down residential streets. Mr. Galligan stated he visited the recycling site and they put up a huge sign that says all trucks have to turn left. Mr. Galligan stated Plain Street may need additional signage.

Ms. Lopes agreed with Mr. Galligan but stated that Auburn Street does not have truck traffic and she felt it was due to the signage up on Auburn Street. She stated the truck traffic starts at 7:00 a.m. in the morning and continues into the night.

Councilor Nicastro appeared in support of Ms. Lopes and informed the board that she heard from another constituent from South Leyden Street who was concerned about speeding, both trucks and cars and also a constituent from Perkins Avenue who complained about Snow & Jones 18 wheelers going by at 4:30 a.m. speeding.

Ken Galligan suggested that the Traffic Commission print up a flyer that could be given to the businesses notifying them that their trucks are prohibited from certain streets in residential neighborhoods. The flyers could be left on the counter so that truck drivers coming in will see the flyer and get the message out. Commissioner Hallisey stated that they just trained a guy for the truck team in Traffic who can give out tickets that are expensive.

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

VOTED: TO REFER TO SUBCOMMITTEE.

4. WEST CHESTNUT STREET AT STEWART AVENUE

Request received from Councilor Dennis Eaniri requesting for the third time to have a STOP SIGN on West Chestnut Street going westerly at Stewart Avenue. (Board members: this request was on the agenda for the 10/26/17 meeting):

- **FROM 10/26/17 MINUTES:**

WEST CHESTNUT STREET AT STEWART AVENUE

Request received from Councilor Dennis Eaniri for a Stop sign at West Chestnut Street at Stewart Avenue, heading west.

SUBCOMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION: NO STOP SIGN BUT WILL ADJUST THE “DO NOT ENTER” SIGN FOR BETTER VISIBILITY.

Discussion: Councilor Eaniri appeared to discuss this item because something needs to be done because of the traffic flow coming up Warren Avenue and up West Chestnut Street from Warren Avenue heading westerly is crazy when it gets to Stewart Avenue, Donald Street and his residence. The most troublesome is that the stop sign on Donald Street is too far back and drivers can't see it.

Also, at one point in time a “No Parking” sign was place at 197 West Chestnut Street. When it was replaced it was affixed to the telephone pole and the pole and sign were knocked down in an accident and the sign was never replaced. A recommendation was made to issue a Work Order to replace the “No Parking” sign with an individual sturdy sign and post placed right at the curbstone so that cars cannot pull up onto sidewalk while turning.

Ken Galligan stated that when they put the sign up several years ago, the nursing home was notified to pick up on Stewart Avenue. Mr. Galligan asked Councilor Eaniri if they are doing this and was told they were not because of new ownership. Mr. Galligan suggested that the Traffic Commissioner contact the nursing home to notify them that pick-ups should take place on Stewart Avenue. Commissioner Hallisey stated that he will do that at subcommittee.

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

VOTED: TO REFER TO SUBCOMMITTEE.

5. CORNER OF MAIN STREET AND LEGION PARKWAY

Request received from Jim Boudreau of The Vertex Companies, Inc., requesting to “Utilize (2) parking spaces to re-route pedestrian traffic around work area to maintain a safe work Environment for construction crew and pedestrians. (Board members: photos attached).

Discussion: Mr. Boudreau stated that they were hired by the insurance company to make the necessary repairs the building that has been hit several times. He stated that it is a tight neighborhood in proximity to the traffic he would have to create a walkway to re-route pedestrian traffic coming down Main Street to Legion Parkway and also cordon off the sidewalk to allow for staging that will be approximately 11 feet up so that staging can be built. The walkway will consist of 2 jersey barriers with reflectors on both side of the top rail with a ramp that is ADA compliant. This will also help his workers who will have their backs facing outward.

Mr. Boudreau referred to the photographs he previously provided the board that showed what was being requested. He stated it will last 4-5 weeks with good weather. Mr. Boudreau stated that he could not think of a less intrusive way to keep workers and the public safe to get the job done in a safe, efficient manner. Mr. Boudreau stated the he is working with Jim Plouffe of the Building Department and a permit is expected to be issued within the next 1-2 weeks if things go smoothly.

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

VOTED: NO OBJECTION TO PLACING THE JERSEY BARRIERS AS ON PLAN AS LONG AS THEY DO NOT IMPEDE.

6. BELLEVUE AVENUE

Request received from Ivory Hunter who resides at 133 Bellevue Avenue for Speed Limit/Slow Down Residential Area/Children sign to be put up near pole #17 and #18.

Discussion: Mr. and Mrs. Hunter stated they have lived there for 18 years and the Franklin School used to be there and signs were removed when the school was taken down with the new development. They are concerned about the safety of the kids in the neighborhood with speeding cars. Also, their house was almost hit and their hedges were damaged. The Hunter's are requesting signage to slow vehicles down.

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

VOTED: TO REFER TO SUBCOMMITTEE.