



BROCKTON TRAFFIC COMMISSION

Thursday, June 27, 2019

6:00 p.m.

MINUTES

The Traffic Commission held its regular monthly meeting at 6:00 p.m. on Thursday, June 27, 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, Stephan Hooke and Councilor Anne Beaugard.

Also present was: Luis Pinto, Eddy Pierribia, Cheryl Kondroski, Charles Vaughn and Odarrie Jackson.

There being a proper quorum, the meeting was called to order by Commissioner Hallisey. Upon motion made by Deputy Chief Solomon, seconded by DPW Commissioner Rowley, and a unanimous vote of all members present, it was voted to waive the reading of the May 23, 2019 Minutes.

OLD BUSINESS

1. 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: Commissioner Hallisey explained that this request was denied because there was ample room in the driveway if shrubs were scaled back and the camper relocated. Further, he stated that it would be dangerous to be parked in the street.

SUBCOMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION: DENIED

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

VOTED: TO APPROVE SUBCOMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION.

1. 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: Commissioner Hallisey informed the board that he did not find anything on a new law/decision ruling on “No Loitering” signs.

SUBCOMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION: “NO LOITERING” SIGN PLACED ON POLE #6 ON EAST UNION 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.

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.

SUBCOMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION:

CAPTAIN HALLISEY WILL SPEAK WITH ABINGTON OFFICIALS TO PLACE SIGNAGE IN THE TOWN OF ABINGTON TO DIVERT TRAFFIC TO RT 123, COUPLED WITH TRAFFIC ENFORCEMENT FOR SPEEDERS ON EAST ASHLAND STREET.

Discussion: Commissioner Hallisey stated that he spoke with the Abington Deputy Chief about signage placed to divert traffic to Route 123 by putting signs on Groveland and Linwood and was told by the Deputy Chief that he was not in favor of the signage, that he would have to go through the state and it would create more traffic on Linwood Street. Commissioner Hallisey stated that there is a “Take A Left” sign at Cape Cod Lumber. Commissioner Hallisey stated that he could assign enforcement to watch for speeders.

Ken Galligan asked Commissioner Hallisey to repeat his conversation with the Deputy Chief in Abington and asked what location they were talking about (Linwood and Groveland). Mr. Galligan stated that the board recommended that signs not be placed at that location because it would divert all the trucks to Court Street. Commissioner Hallisey stated that he thought that was what the board wanted to alleviate trucks on East Ashland. Both Councilor Beauregard and Ken Galligan stated that that was not what the board wanted, that they wanted the trucks to stay on Route 123, Centre Street. Ken Galligan reiterated that the board specifically stated that they did not want signs on Linwood and Groveland. He thought the conversation was putting a

“No Thru Truck Traffic” sign at Groveland Street and Brockton Avenue by the used car place on Route 123 so that trucks that were going to Cape Cod Lumber could go with no problem but other trucks would have to stay on Route 123. The plan was to try and head the trucks off at Route 123 and Groveland Street.

Commissioner Hallisey was informed that the sign is needed on Groveland Street at Brockton Avenue so that trucks coming from Abington will not bear right onto Groveland Street, that they will have to stay on Route 123 until Quincy Street or further into the city.

Commissioner Hallisey stated that he will call the Deputy Chief back to see what can do and that he was told that they would have to go to the state for any signage. Ken Galligan stated that Groveland Street was not a state road but Brockton Avenue was.

Councilor Beauregard asked Commissioner Hallisey who, in Abington handles traffic issues and was told that he was referred to the Deputy Chief. Commissioner Hallisey suggested that Councilor Beauregard contact an Abington selectman.

Commissioner Hallisey recommended postponing this matter until next month.

Ken Galligan asked what the subcommittee came up with regarding eastbound traffic on East Ashland Street and was told by Commissioner Hallisey that he would refer to traffic enforcement. Mr. Galligan then wanted to confirm with Commissioner Hallisey that there would be no enforcement of truck traffic, only for speeding. Mr. Galligan then asked if there was any posted speed limit signs on East Ashland especially heading east from North Quincy Street.

Ken Galligan made a motion to post East Ashland Street 30 mph between North Quincy Street and the Abington line if there are no signs posted. Posting signs will help traffic enforcement. Mr. Galligan explained that the area from North Quincy Street to Roslyn Road/Anne Marie Drive is narrow and is on a slope. The road widens a bit heading into Abington. The other issue Mr. Galligan brought up is the condition of the road on East Ashland Street from North Quincy Street to the Abington line. The road is deteriorating rapidly and because of the street condition, this is one of the reasons the trucks should be off the street.

Councilor Beauregard stated that she was in favor of the speed limit signs but also wanted truck weight signs on East Ashland and Court Street.

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

VOTED: CAPTAIN HALLISEY TO CONTACT ABINGTON OFFICIALS ABOUT PLACING A “NO THRU TRUCK TRAFFIC” SIGN ON GROVELAND STREET @ BROCKTON AVENUE. ALSO, 30 MPH SPEED LIMIT SIGNS PUT UP ON EAST ASHLAND STREET SPACED APPROPRIATELY FROM NORTH QUINCY STREET TO ABINGTON LINE.

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

SUBCOMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION:

NO ACTION AT THIS TIME. NEED FURTHER INFORMATION.

VOTED: REFERRED BACK 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.

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

VOTED: TO TAKE NO ACTION FOR FAILURE TO SHOW AT 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.

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

VOTED: TO TAKE NO ACTION FOR FAILURE TO SHOW AT 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: Flyers (copy attached) will be left at the below (4) businesses:

1. Trojan Recycling, 71 Forest Street;
2. Churchill Linen, 7 Evans Street;
3. Granite City Electric Supply, 22 Station Avenue, and
4. Snow and Jones, 86 Forest Street

SUBCOMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION:

- **“NO TRUCKS” SIGN ON SOUTH LEYDEN STREET POLE #1 @SUMMER STREET FACING NORTH**
- **“NO TRUCKS” SIGN ON SOUTH LEYDEN STREET ON BACK OF STOP SIGN @ SUMMER STREET FACING NORTH**
- **“NO TRUCKS” SIGN ON SOUTH LEYDEN STREET ON POLE #13 FACING SOUTH**
- **“NO TRUCKS” SIGN ON SOUTH LEYDEN STREET ON INDIVIDUAL POST WITH YELLOW STRIPE ON SW CORNER @ PERKINS STREET 20 FT SOUTH OF INTERSECTION**

SUBCOMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION AMENDED:

- **“NO TRUCKS” SIGN FOR NORTHBOUND TRAFFIC ON SOUTH LEYDEN STREET POLE #1 @SUMMER STREET**
- **“NO TRUCKS” SIGN ON SOUTH LEYDEN STREET ON BACK OF STOP SIGN @ SUMMER STREET FOR NORTHBOUND TRAFFIC**
- **“NO TRUCKS” SIGN ON SOUTH LEYDEN STREET ON POLE #13 FOR SOUTHBOUND TRAFFIC**
- **“NO TRUCKS” SIGN ON SOUTH LEYDEN STREET ON INDIVIDUAL POST WITH YELLOW STRIPE ON SW CORNER @ PERKINS STREET 20 FT SOUTH OF INTERSECTION FOR SOUTHBOUND TRAFFIC**

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

VOTED: TO APPROVE SUBCOMMITTEE RECOMMENDATIONS, AS AMENDED.

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.

**(Board members: 3 year accident history attached).*

SUBCOMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION:

- **ON WEST CHESTNUT STREET (BY HOUSE #167) POLE #19 REMOVE 30MPH SIGN REPLACE WITH A CROSS-TYPE FLUORESCENT INTERSECTION AHEAD SIGN.**
- **ADD AN ADDITIONAL STOP AND PAINTED STOP LINE NORTH OF 1ST STOP AND STOP LINE PARALLEL TO WEST CHESTNUT STREET.**
- **ON WEST CHESTNUT STREET IN FRONT OF SIGNS PAINT LADDER DO NOT BLOCK TILL NO PARKING SIGN.**

SUBCOMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION AMENDED:

- **ON WEST CHESTNUT STREET (BY HOUSE #167) POLE #19 REMOVE 30 MPH SIGN REPLACE WITH A CROSS-TYPE FLUORESCENT “INTERSECTION AHEAD” SIGN.**
- **ADD AN ADDITIONAL STOP AND PAINTED STOP LINE NORTH OF 1ST STOP ON DONALD STREET AND A STOP LINE PARALLEL TO WEST CHESTNUT STREET.**
- **ON WEST CHESTNUT STREET IN FRONT OF SIGNS PAINT LADDER “DO NOT BLOCK” TILL NO PARKING SIGN.**
- **REPLACE/REESTABLISH “NO PARKING” SIGN AND POST ON STEWART AVENUE & WEST CHESTNUT STREET**
- **REPLACE/REESTABLISH “NO PARKING” SIGN IN FRONT OF STEWART AVENUE AND WEST CHESTNUT STREET IN FRONT OF POLE #194**

Discussion: Ken Galligan stated that the board should look at putting up “No Parking” signs from Stewart Avenue to Longwood Avenue. DPW Commissioner Rowley stated that (3) trees were planted and this should stop vehicles from driving onto the curb. Commissioner Hallisey informed the board that the painting has been done.

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

VOTED: TO APPROVE SUBCOMMITTEE RECOMMENDATIONS, AS AMENDED.

5. 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.

SIGNS ON BELLEVUE AVE:

- **REPLACE “CAUTION CHILDREN” SIGN WITH NEW FLUORESCENT SIGN, ON POLE #17**
- **PLACE 25MPH SIGN ON POLE #17 COUPLED WITH TRAFFIC ENFORCEMENT.**

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

VOTED: TO APPROVE SUBCOMMITTEE RECOMMENDATIONS.

NEW BUSINESS

1. HAROLD STREET

Request received from Councilor Anne Beauregard on behalf of Eunice Cardoso who resides at 35 Harold Street for a handicapped parking sign for her husband.

Discussion: Mr. Cardoso appeared and provided 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 REFER TO SUBCOMMITTEE.

2. COE ROAD, DAGMAR DRIVE, UPTON STREET & AMARK ROAD

Request received from Councilor Jack Lally requesting a 4-Way Stop at this intersection.

Discussion: Ken Galligan stated that this request was previously denied but since then, the area has been repaved. He recommended to send to subcommittee.

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.

SIGN REQUESTS:

3. 275 AMES STREET

*Request received from Maria Janvier who is requesting a guardrail in front of her home for protection due to too many accident from cars driving too fast. *(Board members: 3 year accident history attached).*

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.

4. 40-42 PARK STREET

Request received from Charles Vaughn, Jr., who resides at 42 Park Street for "Resident Only" sign as there is no parking after work for residents.

Discussion: Mr. Vaughn and his fiancé appeared and Mr. Vaughn explained that he and his neighbors residing there are having problems with parking due to non-residents parking there. Some residents sit parked in the cars waiting for people to leave so that they can park. People

have been observed parking, leaving their vehicle and crossing Warren Avenue. The cars remain all day. Mr. Vaughn stated that he has a shared driveway with the multi-family home on Warren Avenue that have several vehicles per apartment. Mr. Vaughn also expressed his concern about speeding and was told that it is 30 mph. Commissioner Hallisey stated that the board is experimenting with making some streets 25 mph and suggested this street may be one.

Mr. Vaughn also brought up speeding and asked what the speed limit was and was told the fundamental speed in the city was 30 mph. Mr. Vaughn was surprised that the speed was that high in this residential area. Commissioner Hallisey stated that the board is experiencing with making some streets 25 mph and the board will consider making this street one.

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

VOTED: TO REFER TO SUBCOMMITTEE.

5. 35, 39 AND 45 MULBERRY STREET

Request received from Odarrie Jackson who resides at 39 Mulberry Street and is requesting a "Resident Parking Only" sign in front of his residence as unknown vehicles are parking there.

Discussion: Mr. Jackson appeared to discuss the parking issues he is having and stated that he believed the parking problem was due to the garage down the street.

Councilor Beauregard explained that there have been problems with the garage (Lubra's) at the end of Mulberry Street and Elliot Street and that they have been before City Council and were fined. She continued by saying that the garage is notorious for problems. Some residents have "Resident Only" signs.

Ken Galligan stated that over the past several years, residents have complained and the board voted to have "Resident Only" parking signs installed on the east side of Mulberry Street northerly for a couple of houses up to the vacant lot. Since then, new houses have been built. Also, "Resident Only" parking signs were put on Elliot Street northerly for x amount of feet due to the same problem. Back then the garage made arrangements with the factory to use the lot. Someone put up jersey barriers so that no one could park in the lot anymore and it was discovered that all the "No Parking" signs were removed from Elliot Street. These signs were replaced.

Mr. Jackson confirmed that he is looking to extend "Resident Only" parking further down the Mulberry Street. He is also concerned about vehicles parking in front of his house and speeding down the street. Mr. Jackson stated the he contacted Councilor Jack Lally who about people hanging out at the park drinking, doing drugs, vandalizing area with graffiti. Councilor Lally referred Mr. Jackson to someone at BPD. After contacting, Mr. Jackson stated that he observed cruisers parked in the area. Mr. Jackson also stated that the area is not well lit. DPW

Commissioner Rowley stated that street lights have been replaced and further stated that they usually have lights on every other pole.

Ken Galligan asked Mr. Jackson if the current "Resident Only" signs are working and Mr. Jackson responded by saying he did not think so. Mr. Jackson stated that he does not want cars parked in front of his house for days while he and his wife are at work.

The secretary informed Mr. Jackson and the board that currently, fluorescent pink "Resident Only" parking permits are given to residents on Mulberry/Elliot Streets and explained the process for obtaining a permit.

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.

6. SHEALEY AVENUE

Request received from Eddy Pierribia who resides at 12 Shealey Avenue and is requesting a "Kids At Play" or "Slow Down" sign at both ends of the street to slow cars down for the safety of children riding bikes and running around playing with each other.

Discussion: Mr. Pierribia was present to discuss his request and explained that Shealey Avenue is a small street. Ken Galligan asked if this vehicle traffic on the street is used as a short cut/cut-through to avoid the stop sign or was it neighborhood traffic. Mr. Pierribia responded by saying it was people using the street as a short cut.

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.

LATE FILE:

7. CRESCENT STREET NEAR WHITMAN LINE

Request received from Councilor Anne Beauregard for "No Parking" signs on Crescent St near the Whitman line. People are parking on both sides of the street for huge parties and they are blocking driveways. A few feet further and they would have been into Whitman where they would have been tagged.

VOTED: TO REFER TO SUBCOMMITTEE.