



BROCKTON TRAFFIC COMMISSION

Thursday, July 25, 2019

6:00 p.m.

MINUTES

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

Also present was: Angel Kendrick, Abran Hernandez, Christine Moore, Kristina Chafe, Rosa Campos, Charles Vaughn, Michael Wright, Councilor Susan Nicastro and Councilor Dennis Eaniri.

There being a proper quorum and after a moment of silence was observed for the Late Mayor Bill Carpenter, the meeting was called to order by Commissioner Hallisey. Upon motion made by Ken Galligan, seconded by Councilor Jack Lally, and a unanimous vote of all members present, it was voted to waive the reading of the June 27, 2019 Minutes.

OLD BUSINESS

1. 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: REFER BACK TO SUBCOMMITTEE

SUBCOMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION:

“NO PARKING HERE TO CORNER” SIGN EAST SIDE OF STREET 50 FT SOUTH OF PLEASANT STREET.

Discussion: Ken Galligan explained that DPW Commissioner Rowley requested 200’ in from Pleasant Street and this would be measured 2 houses down from Pleasant Street. When the subcommittee went to review, the driveway of the corner house was 80’ back from Pleasant Street which is why the recommendation is 50’.

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

VOTED: TO APPROVE SUBCOMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION.

2. HAROLD STREET

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

SUBCOMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION:

INSTALL “DO NOT BLOCK DRIVEWAY” SIGN ON POLE #4 IN FRONT OF 35 HAROLD STREET.

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 THE SUBCOMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION.

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

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

SUBCOMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION:

MAKING THE INTERSECTION A 4 WAY STOP BY ADDING THE FOLLOWING:

- **STOP SIGN AND PAINTED STOP LINE STOP ON AMARK ROAD @ DAGMAR DRIVE (EAST BOUND TRAFFIC)**
- **STOP SIGN AND PAINTED STOP LINE AND STOP ON COE ROAD @ DAGMAR DRIVE (WEST BOUND TRAFFIC)**

Discussion: Councilor Lally made a motion to approve. On the motion, Ken Galligan stated on the motion that 2 sign recommendations were left off:

- **FOR EASTBOUND TRAFFIC - “STOP AHEAD” SIGN ON INDIVIDUAL POLE WITH YELLOW STRIPE IN FRONT OF POLE #6 ON AMARK ROAD**
- **REMOVE “HILL BLOCKS VIEW” SIGN AND REPLACE WITH “STOP AHEAD” SIGN WITH YELLOW STRIPE ON INDIVIDUAL POST FOR WEST BOUND TRAFFIC**

Councilor Lally withdrew his initial motion and moved to approve with Mr. Galligan’s recommendations.

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.

SIGN REQUESTS:

4. 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).*

SUBCOMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION:

**“STOP” SIGN (SOUTH BOUND TRAFFIC) ON RIDGE STREET @ AMES STREET
ALSO PAINT STOP LINE AND STOP.**

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

VOTED: TO APPROVE SUBCOMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION.

5. 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.

SUBCOMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION:

SPEAK WITH COUNCILOR MONAHAN TO GET NEIGHBORHOOD CONSENSUS.

Discussion: Commissioner Hallisey informed Mr. Vaughn that the subcommittee went and looked at Park Street and recommended to speak with Councilor Monahan because it would create a problem for the surrounding streets if “Resident Only” parking signs were put up on Park Street. Commissioner Hallisey stated that the board would like to have Councilor Monahan weigh in on the issue. He further explained that there are numerous multi-family

homes in the area. Ken Galligan explained to Mr. Vaughn that the subcommittee went there and spent some time walking through the area and asked Mr. Vaughn if people parked on the west side of Warren Avenue from Park Street to the river and was told no. Mr. Vaughn stated that he didn't think people knew they could park there. Mr. Galligan pointed out that this area is unrestricted and people could park there if they wanted to. The exception being during the Winter Parking Ban December 1st through April 1st where there is no parking at all. City lots are opened during this time for vehicles to get off the street. Mr. Vaughn stated that this would help Park Street if parking was allowed on Warren Avenue.

Mr. Galligan stated that there is no easy answer to this situation and that it would take a while and will require a little work. The only relief he could see is that if people started parking on Warren Avenue.

Ms. Campos explained that the multi-family homes in the area have multiple tenants with multiple vehicles and with those cars alone, the street parking is full. Their driveway is shared with the multi-family home and they are sometimes blocked from exiting/entering their driveway. It was also mentioned that some cars are dropped off on Park Street to be repaired by a resident.

Councilor Lally informed the residents to call police if their driveway is blocked and people are not allowed to repair vehicles without a license and the City is cracking down on this. Mr. Vaughn explained that the car will sit there for a few days and people leave their vehicles on the street and walk away with the car left there all day.

Mr. Galligan reiterated that the board will contact Councilor Monahan and asked for patience while this process takes place.

Councilor Nicastro asked the residents where the car repair place is located and was informed that it was not a car repair place/shop that it was just a resident who repair vehicles. Councilor Nicastro also asked if the residents were aware of anyone in their neighborhood was being charged extra by their landlord to park in the driveway and was told that they were not aware of this happening. Councilor Nicastro stated that she has heard this was going on.

Councilor Lally and Commissioner Hallisey stated that the objective in contacting Councilor Monahan is to work with the tenants/landlords of the multi-family houses to discuss parking options because there are too many vehicles associated with residents/tenants creating a problem with parking.

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

VOTED: TO APPROVE SUBCOMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION.

6. 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.

SUBCOMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION:

- **"RESIDENT ONLY" SIGN BETWEEN 35 AND 39 PROPERTY LINE IN FRONT OF**
- **"RESIDENT ONLY" SIGN FRONT OF 45**

Discussion: Commissioner Hallisey stated that the parking problem on Mulberry Street is created from the garage Elliot Street who park their junk cars on Mulberry Street in front of everyone's houses. Councilor Beauregard informed everyone in attendance that the garage issue is being processed further through city council with Lt. LeGrice and Deputy Chief Williams and if all goes well, the auto shop will be going before council sometime the end of August about their license because the situation has escalated.

Ken Galligan offered a motion to amend the regulations on "Resident Parking Only" to extend from Elliot Street on the east side of the street northerly to #45 Mulberry Street.

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

VOTED: TO APPROVE SUBCOMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION AND TO ALSO AMEND THE REGULATIONS TO EXTEND "RESIDENT PARKING ONLY" TO EXTEND FROM ELLIOT STREET ON THE EAST SIDE OF THE STREET NORTHERLY TO #45 MULBERRY STREET.

7. 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.

SUBCOMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION:

- **TAKE OUT POST AND SIGNS NO PARKING 9AM TO 5PM**
- **PLACE POST AND "NO PARKING" SIGN WITH ARROW POINTING WEST 200 FEET WEST OF GROVE STREET**
- **PLACE POST AND "NO PARKING" SIGN WITH ARROW POINTING BOTH WAYS APROX 250 FEET WEST OF GROVE STREET**
- **PLACE POST AND "NO PARKING" SIGN WITH ARROW POINTING EAST SOUTH 310 FEET WEST OF GROVE STREET.**

NOTE:(NO PARKING SIGNS ON NORTH SIDE AND EAST SIDE OF SHEALEY AVE). PLACE "CHILDREN" SIGN ON POLE #2 AND ANOTHER ON POLE #5. (SOUTH SIDE AND WEST SIDE)

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

VOTED: TO APPROVE SUBCOMMITTEE RECOMMENDATIONS, AS AMENDED.

8. 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 and so on. A few feet they would have been into Whitman where they would have been tagged.

SUBCOMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION:

DENIED AT THIS TIME.

Discussion: Commissioner Hallisey stated that this request was initially denied because they talked to the person who had the party and was told that they have this party every year on June 16th for his grandmother and inform their neighbors. He continued by saying that the no parking signs were unnecessary as Crescent Street is wide enough for vehicles to travel even with cars parked. Commissioner Hallisey suggested that if parking due to house parties becomes a problem then maybe the city council could look at whether or not there needs to be an ordinance put in place to address the issue.

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

VOTED: TO APPROVE SUBCOMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION.

NEW BUSINESS

1. SOUTH LEYDEN STREET AT INTERSECTION WITH CORAL STREET

Request received from Councilor Susan Nicaastro, on behalf of Ward 4 resident Christine Moore, 118 S. Leyden Street, to address fast travelling vehicles by placement of stop signs on each side of S. Leyden Street at its intersection with Coral Street, or for such other relief as the Traffic Commission deems appropriate to address this issue.

Discussion: Ms. Christine Moore expressed her concern about cars traveling too fast in both directions. Mr. Abran Hernandez appeared along with Christine Moore. Mr. Hernandez stated that the request is as a result of several accidents at the intersection of South Leyden Street and Coral Street including one in which a vehicle hit his home that is 3 houses down. He also stated that ATV's and motorcycles come up the street on their back wheels and speed all the way to Summer Street. Ms. Moore stated that speeding is a problem especially by heavy 18-wheeler trucks that move so fast that her furniture moves in her home. The residents were informed that the board previously approved “No Commercial Truck” flyers to be dropped off area businesses.

Councilor Nicastro appeared and provided a copy of the Assessor's map to highlight the area in question and stated that she has gone door to door to discuss the problem. She further stated that there were stop signs on Coral Street at the intersection with South Leyden but there was nothing on South Leyden. She suggested to the board that they should use solar power flashing stop signs that blink at that location like West Bridgewater has. Commissioner Hallisey stated that this probably could not be done as it is not within the uniformity of the City's stop signs. Nicastro indicated that she has gone door to door to discuss this problem and stated that something had to be done because it is really bad.

Ken Galligan stated that it is important to know that the board previously recommended no truck restriction signs on both ends of South Leyden Street and prepared flyers to be dropped off at area businesses so that the residents know that the board is being proactive. He also requested an accident history be obtained for this intersection.

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

VOTED: TO REFER TO SUBCOMMITTEE.

2. WEST CHESTNUT STREET INTERSECTION - MERCEDES ROAD & ETRICK STREET

Request received from Councilor Dennis Eaniri to discuss the safety concerns of residents in this area. (Board members: attached is a copy of accident history).

Discussion: Councilor Eaniri appeared to discuss his request.

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

VOTED: TO REFER TO SUBCOMMITTEE.

SIGN REQUESTS

1. BELCHER AVENUE & NEUBERT STREET

Request received from Francis Murdoch requesting a stop sign/outline that highlights stop sign due to cars not obeying stop sign in either direction, very dangerous for a school area. (Board members: attached is a copy of Mr. Murdoch's email, Sign Request form and accident history).

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

VOTED: TO REFER TO SUBCOMMITTEE.

2. 32 ELM AVENUE

Request received from Angel Kendrick, who resides at 32 Elm Avenue and is requesting a "Do Not Block Driveway" sign due to vehicles blocking her driveway.

Discussion: Ms. Kendrick appeared to discuss the reason for her request and explained that she has a wide driveway but her neighbors insist on blocking a portion of her driveway making it difficult to maneuver in and out of the driveway. She continued by saying that she has spoken to the neighbors on several occasions but it remains a problem. Ken Galligan asked if there was curbing on Elm Avenue and Ms. Kendrick informed him there was. Commissioner Hallisey suggested that Ms. Kendrick call the non-emergency police number when her driveway is blocked because it is illegal to block a driveway. Ken Galligan recommended sending 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 REFER TO SUBCOMMITTEE.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary Milligan, Secretary