



## **BROCKTON TRAFFIC COMMISSION**

**Thursday, August 22, 2019**

**6:00 p.m.**

### **MINUTES**

The Traffic Commission held its regular monthly meeting at 6:00 p.m. on Thursday, August 22, 2019 at the War Memorial Building, War Memorial Building, 156 W. Elm Street, Brockton, MA 02301.

Present were Traffic Commissioners: Deputy Fire Chief Joseph Solomon, DPW Commissioner Larry Rowley, Kenneth Galligan, Stephan Hooke, Councilor Jack Lally and Councilor Anne Beauregard.

Also present was: Darren Duarte, Gerard and Heather Shruhan, Donald Myers, Lynn Smith, Robert Farrell and Councilor Susan Nicastro (Carl Avenue), Joanne Laichoy, Wally Barris, Anna-Marie Collorone, Scott Fitzgerald, Irene Collorone, Fabiola and Guerdol Michel, Tracy Jellows, Carine David and Linmoy Gabriel (North Cary Street, North Quincy Street and Toby Road), Sean Murphy (Longwood Avenue and Hillberg Avenue), Maggie and Alex Kosmidis and Councilor Dennis Eaniri and Councilor Susan Nicastro (Heidi's Place), Linda and Richard Carlozzi, and Asmal Khan (Merritt Avenue), Jennifer Johnson (Provost Street), Lusant Brown-Fisher (Fenway Circle), Cary and Paula Snow (Pearl Street).

There being a proper quorum, the meeting was called to order by Deputy Fire Chief Solomon. Upon motion made by Councilor Lally, seconded by Councilor Beauregard, and a unanimous vote of all members present, it was voted to waive the reading of the July 25, 2019 Minutes.

### **OLD BUSINESS**

**1. 40-42 PARK STREET - UPDATE**

*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 MONIHAN TO GET NEIGHBORHOOD CONSENSUS.**

**UPDATE: COMMISSIONER HALLISEY SPOKE WITH COUNCILOR MONAHAN WHO SPOKE WITH RESIDENTS BOTH ON PARK STREET AND RESIDENTS OF THE MULTI-FAMILY ON THE CORNER OF PARK STREET AND WARREN AVENUE. THE RESIDENTS IN THE MULTI-FAMILY WILL PARK ON WARREN AVENUE TO THE BRIDGE EXCEPT DURING THE WINTER PARKING BAN. "RESIDENT PARKING ONLY" SIGNS WILL BE PUT UP ON PARK STREET.**

**SUBCOMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION:**

**TAKE NO ACTION AT THIS TIME. CONTINUE UNTIL NEXT MONTH FOR FURTHER DISCUSSION TO ALLOW COMMISSIONER HALLISEY TO CONSULT WITH COUNCILOR MONAHAN FURTHER.**

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 RECOMMENDATION.**

**2. SOUTH LEYDEN STREET AT INTERSECTION WITH CORAL STREET**

*Request received from Councilor Susan Nicastro, 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. (Board members: 3 year accident history previously provided).*

**SUBCOMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION:**

- 1. PLACE A 25 MPH SPEED LIMIT SIGN ON A POST @ 59 SO. LEYDEN ST. (NORTH PROPERTY LINE) FOR NORTHBOUND VEHICLES**
- 2. PLACE A 25 MPH SPEED LIMIT SIGN ON POLE #3 FOR SOUTHBOUND VEHICLES**
- 3. REPLACE STOP SIGN AND ADD RED STRIPE/TAPE TO POST ON THE WEST SIDE OF SO. LEYDEN ST @ SUMMER ST.**

Upon motion duly made by Councilor Beauregard, seconded by Councilor Lally. On the motion, Ken Galligan explained that the speed limit in the City if not posted is 30 mph and it is the board's opinion that in closely built residential areas that 30 mph is too fast. In this case because of the heavily residential street, the board recommends posting 25 mph. This will be the first street to be posted at 25 mph speed limit. After the motion was made and seconded, and a unanimous vote of the members present, it was

**VOTED: TO APPROVE SUBCOMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION.**

**3. 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: accident history provided at 7/25/19 meeting).*

**SUBCOMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION:**

- 1. PLACE A “STOP AHEAD” SIGN ON POLE #33 ON THE WEST SIDE OF ETRICK ST. FOR SOUTHBOUND VEHICLES.**
- 2. PLACE AN ADDITIONAL STOP SIGN ON A NEW POST WITH RED STRIPE/TAPE ON THE NORTHEAST CORNER OF ETRICK ST. FOR SOUTHBOUND VEHICLES.**
- 3. REQUEST DPW TO TRIM SHRUBS/TREES LOCATED ON THE WEST SIDE OF ETRICK ST. NEAR WEST CHESTNUT ST. TO INCREASE VISIBILITY OF STOP SIGN ON NORTHWEST CORNER.**

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.**

**4. NORTH MAIN STREET AND CHARLES STREET**

*Request received for a “No Parking Here To Corner” sign to be placed on the southeast corner of Main Street @ Charles Street.*

**SUBCOMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION:**

- 1. PLACE A “NO PARKING HERE TO CORNER” SIGN ON THE EAST SIDE OF NORTH MAIN STREET 35 FEET SOUTHERLY FROM CHARLES STREET.**

Upon motion duly made by Steve Hooke, seconded by Councilor Beauregard. On the motion, Ken Galligan explained that there is a bend on North Main Street and if a vehicle is attempting to get out of Charles Street looking to the left, it is very difficult because there are always vehicles parked right up to the corner. After the motion was made and seconded, and a unanimous vote of the members present, it was

**VOTED: TO APPROVE SUBCOMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION.**

**SIGN REQUESTS**

**5. BELCHER AVENUE & NEUBERT STREET**

*A 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: 3 year accident history provided at 7/25/19 meeting).*

**SUBCOMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION:**

1. REMOVE “STOP AHEAD” SIGN FROM A TREE LOCATED ON THE EAST SIDE OF BELCHER AVE, SOUTH OF NEUBERT STREET AND PLACE IT ON A POST WITH YELLOW STRIPE/TAPE IN FRONT OF 102 BELCHER AVENUE.
2. MOVE THE “STOP SIGN” ON THE NORTHWEST CORNER OUT TO THE GRANITE CURBING TO INCREASE VISIBILITY.
3. ADD RED STRIPE/TAPE TO THE POSTS (ASSOCIATED WITH STOP SIGNS) AS NEEDED AT THE INTERSECTION OF BELCHER AVENUE AND NEUBERT STREET.
4. TRIM TREES AS NEEDED THAT ARE BLOCKING THE “STOP AHEAD” SIGN ON THE WEST SIDE OF BELCHER AVENUE NORTH OF NEUBERT STREET.
5. REPLACE FADED “STOP SIGN” AND ADD RED STRIPE/TAPE TO THE POST LOCATED ON THE SOUTHEAST CORNER OF NEUBERT STREET AND MORSE AVENUE

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 RECOMMENDATION.**

**6. 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.*

**SUBCOMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION:**

1. PLACE A “DO NOT BLOCK DRIVEWAY” SIGN ON POST BETWEEN THE WALKWAY AND DRIVEWAY WHICH ARE LOCATED ON BRUNSWICK STREET.

Discussion: Ken Galligan informed the board that although the address in 32 Elm Avenue, the driveway is located on Brunswick Street.

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.**

**7. ADAMS STREET**

*Request received from George Bradshaw of 24 Adams Street who states that the “No Parking” signs placed are not working. Mr. Bradshaw is requesting “Resident Parking Only” signs. The issue he is having with the “No Parking” signs is that it limits his guests/kids from parking.*

Discussion: Deputy Fire Chief Solomon provided those in attendance with a brief history stating that the subcommittee made recommendations on a request in March for no parking at the bottom of Adams Street near Dunkin Donuts. The recommendation was to place no parking on Adams Street west side from Centre Street 600' northerly. The signs are up now.

**SUBCOMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION:**

- 1. CHANGE THE EXISTING “NO PARKING” SIGN ON THE WEST SIDE OF ADAMS STREET TO “RESIDENT ONLY” PARKING, STARTING 120 FEET NORTHERLY FROM CENTRE STREET TO 350 FEET NORTHERLY FROM CENTRE STREET.**
- 2. CHANGE THE (3) “NO PARKING” SIGNS TO “RESIDENT ONLY” SIGNS ON THE WEST SIDE OF ADAMS STREET AFFECTED BY THIS CHANGE.**

Chief Galligan explained that the problem that these houses have been having on the west side of Adams Street northerly of the donut shop is that employees from the hospital have been taking the parking on Adams Street. We addressed the problem a year ago when the subcommittee voted to place “No Parking” signs on the east side of Adams Street from Centre Street all the way up to Quincy Avenue. When you look at the west side, there is a problem from Centre Street northerly to the driveway that goes into Dunkin Donuts with cars attempting to turn onto Adams Street. The problem with the three houses on the bottom of Adams Street is that the hospital employees were parking in front of these houses. This was the same problem residents had at the top of Adams Street and we placed “Resident Parking Only” signs and as far as he knew, this was working.

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

**VOTED: TO APPROVE SUBCOMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION.**

**8. GALEN STREET**

*Request received from Councilor Anne Beauregard to address the issue of trucks traveling on Galen Street from Apothecare and other entities.*

Discussion: Councilor Beauregard stated that she has received numerous complaints of truck traffic on Galen Street which is a dead end. The trucks turn around in residents driveways, run over their laws. She further commented that Apothecare must have two shifts because residents have complained about truck headlights being shone into their windows. This is the same issue as the residents on Sterling Road (next item on the agenda).

Ken Galligan stated that the problem is the truck drivers are unfamiliar with the area and relying on GPS. The recommended signs should alleviate the problem.

**SUBCOMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION:**

- 1. PLACE A “DEAD END” SIGN ON POLE #2 ON THE EAST SIDE OF GALEN STREET.**
- 2. MOVE “CHILDREN CAUTION” SIGN FROM POLE #2 TO POLE #3 ON THE EAST SIDE OF GALEN STREET  
(SIGN ON POLE #1 OKAY, “NO THRU TRUCK” SIGN IS ALREADY UP)**

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

**VOTED: TO APPROVE SUBCOMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION.**

**9. STERLING ROAD**

*Request received from Ward 5 Councilor Anne Beauregard to address the speeding issue on Sterling Road.*

**SUBCOMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION:**

- 1. PLACE 25 MPH SIGN ON POLE #1 ON STERLING ROAD FOR SOUTHBOUND VEHICLES.**
- 2. PLACE 25 MPH SIGN IN FRONT OF 68 STERLING ROAD, 10 FEET SOUTH OF FIRE HYDRANT FOR NORTHBOUND VEHICLES.**
- 3. PLACE A “NO COMMERCIAL VEHICLES OVER 15,000 GVW” SIGN AND “NO THRU TRUCKS” SIGN ON A SINGLE POST ON THE NORTH SIDE OF BEAUMONT AVENUE @ CHRISTO’S WAY.**

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.**

**10. 566 ASH STREET - FALCONER AVENUE & ASH STREET**

*Request received from Mario DaRosa who resides at 566 Ash Street requesting a guardrail there and at the corner of Falconer Avenue and Ash Street due to too many accidents in front of her house and that it is a safety issue.*

Discussion: Deputy Fire Chief Solomon stated that the subcommittee and Councilor Eaniri looked at the location and spoke with the owner and came up with some recommendations. DPW Commissioner Rowley asked and was informed about the location of the guardrail which would be on the back side of the sidewalk on Mr. DaRosa’s property. DPW Commissioner informed the secretary to make sure Dig-Safe (811 or (888) 344-7233) is contacted prior to having the guardrail put up.

**SUBCOMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION:**

- 1. INSTALL APPROXIMATELY A 40’ GUARDRAIL, BEGINNING AT THE CORNER OF ASH STREET AND VERNE STREET PROCEEDING 40’ NORTHERLY, ENDING 5 FEET SOUTH OF THE DRIVEWAY OF 566 ASH STREET.**
- 2. INSTALL A REFLECTIVE SIGN AT THE NORTHERN END OF FALCONER AVENUE ON THE NORTH SIDE OF VERNE STREET.**

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 RECOMMENDATION.**

## **11. MAIN STREET & NILSSON STREET**

*Request received from Gloria Anderson-Armstrong who resides at 96 Brian Drive and is requesting traffic lights at the intersection of Main Street and Nilsson Street by 861 Main Street as there are accidents there several times a month and she was almost killed on 8/4/19 coming out of a parking lot. (3 yr. accident history requested).*

Discussion: Councilor Beauregard stated that this issue has been brought up several times in the past. Once by Shayna Barnes who brought it up on behalf of friends who worshiped in a church near there when she was on the city council, Councilor Nicastro has brought it up also.

Ken Galligan stated that several years ago parking was prohibited on Main Street and Nilsson Street because coming from East Nilsson to Main Street and unfortunately, all the signs are up and everything has been done to make that corner safe. It is a failure to enforce the traffic regulations.

Councilor Beauregard reiterated that this was why she invited Darren Duarte and she hoped he would attend these meetings regularly.

**SUBCOMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION: TAKE NO ACTION AT THIS TIME. REFER TO BPD FOR ENFORCEMENT.**

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

**VOTED: TO APPROVE SUBCOMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION.**

## **12. HILLBERG AVENUE & LONGWOOD AVENUE**

*Request received from Sean Murphy who resides at 77 Longwood Avenue and is requesting a "Stop" sign at the intersection of Hillberg Avenue and Longwood Avenue (on the Longwood Avenue side) due to multiple accidents at this intersection. (Board members: 3 year accident history previously provided).*

Discussion: Sean Murphy appeared and stated that a 4-way stop is needed primarily because of people coming down Longwood Avenue too fast and the people on Hillberg Avenue are coming out too quickly or blowing through the stop sign. With a 4-way stop at least both sides have to stop/slow down. Deputy Fire Chief Solomon asked if there was a lot of traffic there and was told there was because it is used as a cut through to West Chestnut Street. The real problem is people flying down Longwood Avenue and people trying to get out of Hillberg Avenue. Almost 90% of the accidents were due to not having a 4-way stop.

DPW Commissioner made a motion to send back to subcommittee and provide the address so that the shrub can be removed.

**SUBCOMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION:**

1. PLACE A “STOP AHEAD” SIGN ON POST WITH YELLOW STRIPE/TAPE @ 121 HILLBERG AVENUE EAST OF THE FIRE HYDRANT FOR WESTBOUND VEHICLES.
2. PLACE A “STOP AHEAD” SIGN ON POST WITH YELLOW STRIPE/TAPE IN FRONT OF 184 HILLBERG AVENUE @ THE STOCKADE FENCE FOR EASTBOUND VEHICLES.
3. DPW REMOVE SHRUBS ON NORTHWEST CORNER OF LONGWOOD AVENUE AND HILLBERG AVENUE HEADING EAST.

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

**VOTED: TO REFER BACK TO SUBCOMMITTEE.**

### **13. WEST STREET**

*Request received from Jay Dembling who resides at 304 West Street and is requesting a “No Parking” sign in front of his residence as he has difficulty cutting the grassy area in front of his home when vehicles are parked there.\**

#### **SUBCOMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION:**

1. PROHIBIT PARKING ON THE EAST SIDE OF WEST STREET FROM WEST ELM STREET TO TORREY STREET
2. PLACE “NO PARKING” SIGNS SPACED APPROPRIATELY ON THE EAST SIE OF WEST STREET FROM WEST ELM STREET TO TORREY STREET.

Discussion: The secretary provided the records for “No Parking” on West Street that Ken Galligan read to the board:

- “No Parking” east side from Torrey Street to West Elm Street;
- “No Parking” both sides between Torrey Street and Belmont Street (1953)’
- “No Parking” west side for 100’ north and south from West Elm Street (1984)

Mr. Galligan continued by saying that he thought Mr. Dembling’s issue was that signs were missing or faded.

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

**VOTED: DISREGARD SUBCOMMITTEE RECOMMENDATIONS AND SEND FOR WORK ORDER TO REPLACE “NO PARKING” SIGNS.**

## NEW BUSINESS

### **14. WILDER STREET**

*Request received from Ward 7 Councilor Shirley Asack on behalf of resident Tyler Knowlton who is concerned that Wilder Street is being used as a cut through from North Main Street and North Montello Street. Speeding has become a safety issue for the kids who play near their homes. They would like to request signage that prevents through traffic from 3:00 p.m. -7:00 p.m. Councilor Asack would also request police presence weekdays at peak hours 5:00 p.m. -6:00 p.m. to enforce speed limit.*

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.**

### **15. MERRITT AVENUE**

*Request received from Ward 6 Councilor Jack Lally requesting "No Parking" on the eastside of Merritt Avenue due to parking issues associated with neighborhood parties.*

Discussion: Councilor Lally stated that he received calls from residents who informed him that when parties happen in the neighborhood, they are parking cars on Merritt Avenue which is a dead end. Asmal Khan, a resident of Merritt Avenue, appeared and stated that his wife requires medical attention frequently and the emergency vehicles have difficulty reaching his home due to the parking issue and he also has difficulty exiting his driveway. There are 40-50 cars parked during these parties. Mr. Khan stated that there are frequent parties and women have urinated in the street, party goers dump trash all over his property and he and his wife are woken up quite often due to the loud music and party goers in the street. The address where the problems arise is 24 Oscar Avenue. Councilor Lally informed the residents to call the police when their driveway is blocked because it is illegal. Lynda Carlozzi who also resides on Merritt Avenue informed the board that the parties are listed on social media with an admission charge and they are constantly being woken up because of the loud music/people in the street. Deputy Fire Chief Solomon asked if their driveways are being blocked and whether they have called the police. The residents informed him that the police were called and are called all of the time.

Ken Galligan informed the residents that this is a Quality of Life issue and explained that it is a committee that meets weekly to address these types of issues. It is illegal to have a party and charge admission. The residents reiterated that the party goers leave a lot of trash.

Due to the severity of the issue, Councilor Lally made a motion to refer this matter to subcommittee. Deputy Fire Chief Solomon also made a motion to refer this matter to Quality of Life. On the motion, Ken Galligan asked the residents what happened when the police showed up and turned around in their driveway and was told that the police told the party goers in the street to go back to the party (party goers did not move). Mr. Galligan let the residents know that the Traffic Commission can regulate traffic on the street but it is up to the

police department to enforce. Mr. Khan was informed that by having no parking signs up that it would be helpful for the police to enforce.

The residents were told that both Merritt Avenue and Oscar Avenue would be looked at by the subcommittee on 9/17/19 between 9:00 a.m. and 1:00 p.m.

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

**VOTED: TO REFER TO SUBCOMMITTEE AND QUALITY OF LIFE.**

**16. NORTH CARY STREET FROM NORTH QUINCY STREET TO TOBY ROAD**

*Request received from Ward 6 Councilor Jack Lally to make one way for southbound traffic from North Quincy Street to Toby Road (southbound traffic has to continue onto North Cary Street and turn onto Toby Road). (Board members: see email from Tracy Jellows attached).*

Discussion: Councilor Lally explained that his recommendation(s) were part of a Road Safety Audit (RSA) done by the Old Colony Planning Council (OCPC) in 2013 that he requested. The report stated that if no improvements were done to this intersection within five (5) years (2018), it would remain a problem, which held true. Councilor Lally asked OCPC to do another RSA and they had a couple of suggestions one of which was putting in a roundabout like what is being done on North Quincy Street and Chestnut Street. The problem with this was there is not enough space to put a roundabout at that corner. He continued by saying he met with DPW Commissioner Rowley and Mayor Rodrigues and they determined that the requests made were the quickest to accomplish and easiest to fix if they did not work out. The main problems are speeding on North Quincy Street, a roundabout that will not fit and the problem with putting a traffic light there is when the light is green they are going to speed anyway and when the light turns red, people don't necessarily stop. Councilor Lally informed the board that there were residents present both in favor and opposed and they are the best resource because they are the ones living with this.

Scott Fitzgerald, who resides at the corner of Toby Road and North Quincy Street, spoke to say that with the recommendation, one bad intersection is being moved to another bad intersection. He pointed out that at least the corner slows the traffic down at the intersection of North Quincy and North Cary and if you move it down to Toby Road, he felt that this would be a worse scenario which may result in more fatalities. The other issue is with emergency vehicles getting down Toby Road. They are there 10-12 times per day and if you block up the intersection, they won't have access.

Fabiola Michel, who resides on Toby Road stated that she was concerned about vehicles losing control coming down Toby Road. She informed the board that vehicles ended up on her property last year during the winter time. She and Mr. Fitzgerald stated that her property on the corner freezes up in the winter. Ms. Michel continued by saying people dump trash at the corner of her property and that her mother picks up the trash all of the time. She also has an 8 year old son that she doesn't allow to play outside because of cars flying down Toby Road right now. Currently, there is a lot of traffic on Toby Road and the only reason people come down

Toby Road is to take a right onto North Quincy Street. If you go with the current recommendation it will create even more traffic and more trash. She also stated that the snow plows go way in onto her lawn and destroys it and her mother has to take care of it in the spring. DPW Commissioner Rowley informed Ms. Michel to call the Highway Department and they will take care of the damage done by the plow in the spring at no charge.

Mr. Fitzgerald stated that when they redid the lower half of the street they didn't put any berm to stop rainwater and the rainwater doesn't drain, it goes into Ms. Michel's yard.

Wally Barris of 15 Toby Road spoke to inform the board that he sees a lot of cars between 6:00 a.m. - 9:00 a.m. and again during the evening rush hour because they use Toby Road as a cut through and the street is congested. If you add additional traffic, it will be congested and piled up.

Ms. Joanne Laichoy of 719 North Cary Street spoke to say that the traffic is very heavy, moving fast and even with the sign for weight limit on trucks, they still get a lot of trucks. There is a lot of traffic during morning and evening rush hours. No one pays attention to the speed limit. She continued to say that it is dangerous because there are no sidewalks and the kids walking to school have to walk on the lawns to avoid the traffic. Ms. Laichoy said she was in favor of anything that would make things better for everyone. She is concerned about the kids walking to and from school. She suggested heavier police presence.

Another resident suggested putting a set of lights at North Cary and North Quincy Street with a green arrow to take a right because that's where a lot of accidents are. Deputy Fire Chief Solomon asked Councilor Lally if OCPC recommended putting up a set of lights at this location. Councilor Lally said almost all of the accidents at that corner are people are traveling too fast on North Quincy Street and misjudge the corner. OCPC's concern with a traffic light is when the light is green, drivers will just continue at their current rate of speed. He continued by saying if that is what the neighborhood felt this was more prudent, he will look into it. The problem with a roundabout is there isn't enough space and in order to put one in, the City would have to take a house or two.

It was suggested by a resident to put "Signal Ahead" signs up to warn drivers of the upcoming traffic light.

Ms. Laichoy asked about the issue of heavy trucks using North Cary Street even with the weight limit sign and was told that this is an enforcement issue and the board will refer this to them.

Ms. Anna-Marie Collorone spoke and said a lot of the issues she had were brought up by other residents but she was concerned about the amount of traffic now because it is a high traffic area and used as a cut through especially during both rush hours and the additional traffic the proposal would create. She suggested a "No Cut Through" sign. There is also a bus stop there.

Tracy Jellows of 9 Toby Road spoke and said that he has lived there since 1988. He is opposed to the proposals for several reasons. Mr. Jellows had emailed a letter and photos to the Traffic Commission with his recommendations and read the letter to all in attendance. Mr. Jellows

opined that a traffic light would be the best solution and suggested that if cost was an issue, temporary lights on trailers could be used. A round of applause followed Mr. Jellows speech.

Ms. Carine David of 8 Toby Road spoke to say that she leaves early in the morning and encounters people going up Toby Road the wrong way from North Quincy Street to avoid the left hand turn/blinking light. Other residents confirmed this and stated the vehicles are traveling at 35-40 mph at times.

Ken Galligan asked the residents if the cars coming from North Cary Street down Toby Road to North Quincy Street do they normally turn to the right or do they take a left. Residents stated that they do both. Most of the ones taking a left then turn right onto Maplewood Circle. Mr. Galligan stated that the board voted to change the layout of the intersection of North Cary and North Quincy Street placing it at a 90° angle and placed barrels there and painted the street. He asked if they thought people traveling on North Cary Street onto Toby Road and taking a left onto North Quincy were doing so to avoid the intersection. Mr. Galligan also stated that Loring Street is another street having problems seeing to the left on North Quincy Street because of the curve. He stated that the board subcommittee will look at the area again and if the recommendation was to put traffic signals there, most likely it would cost approximately one million dollars for the layout and may result in land taking. Mr. Galligan wanted to make the residents aware of what was involved if they wanted traffic lights. The whole configuration of that area may be changed and land taking may be involved.

Residents were just concerned with saving lives, property damage and speeding.

Councilor Lally reiterated that in addition to the cost and land taking for traffic lights, it takes quite a while for the installation of traffic lights. It has to go to engineering and there is a whole process. He stated that he brought this forward for a discussion and something has to be done because it is a bad area.

It was suggested to make the intersection a 3-way stop. Residents were informed that the subcommittee will look at on 9/17.

Mr. Barris brought up the curve in front of 15 Toby Road. It is dangerous and a safety concern.

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.**

#### **17. NORTH QUINCY STREET BEFORE NORTH CARY STREET**

*Request received from Ward 6 Councilor Jack Lally to install "No Left Turn" sign on North Quincy Street before North Cary Street for northbound traffic. (Board members: see email from Tracy Jellows attached).*

SEE ABOVE –

**VOTED: TO REFER TO SUBCOMMITTEE.**

**18. HEIDI'S PLACE, 685 WARREN AVENUE - CORRECTION**

*Request of Ward 4 Councilor Susan Nicaastro and Ward 3 City Councilor Dennis Eaniri on behalf of Mr. Alex Kosmidis, co-owner of Heidi's Place Restaurant, 685 Warren Avenue, following the building recently being struck by a car for the 6th time in six years. They request erection of bollards and/or some action that will deter cars from hitting the building, and such other relief as the Traffic Commission deems appropriate.*

Discussion: Deputy Fire Chief Solomon stated that he is familiar with the accidents having appeared at two of them. Councilor Eaniri appeared and stated that this location has had a problem over the past few years and something needs to be done. Councilor Nicaastro stated that she had great faith and confidence in the wisdom of the Traffic Commission to come up with something to help the owners with this repeated problem.

Ken Galligan stated he is also familiar with this situation and has watched it for a number of years. He continued by saying there is a body shop that has moved in on Forest Avenue and something needs to be done with the body shop. He has watched them stop in the middle of Warren Avenue with a car on the ramp lift the ramp up and unload a car right in the middle of Warren Avenue. If you are behind this guy, you are going to do everything you can to get around him. That situation has to be addressed. The second is there should be no parking on the west side of Warren Avenue from Forest Avenue to Florence Street. There should be no parking on the west side of Warren Avenue southerly from Heidi's Place. The other issue is parking on Florence Street when people go into the restaurant, they park in crazy ways, even on the bend in front of the restaurant. If you are traveling easterly on Florence Street, you cannot see to the left or to the right when you reach Warren Avenue. He recommends prohibiting parking on the west side from Forest Avenue to Florence and southerly from Florence Street for about 50 feet.

Mr. Kasmidis stated that people also park across the street in front of the insurance company and there is no parking in front of his business on Warren Avenue. There is, however, a bus stop there also. He agreed that problems began when the auto body shop opened with people dropping cars off. He stated that he has a parking lot behind his restaurant that allows parking for 8 cars as does the business across the street.

Ken Galligan suggested that the license be checked for the auto body shop to see how many vehicles are allowed on the property. He continued by saying the business is repairing unregistered vehicles on the street. If you check the records, he believed that Heidi's Place started experiencing problems when this business went into operation.

Another resident stated that the auto body shop uses private property as a cut through.

DPW Commissioner and Councilor Eaniri recommended this matter be referred to Quality of Life. Councilor Eaniri stated he is investigating businesses like this and this practice will stop. They should not be parking in the street.

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

**VOTED: TO REFER TO SUBCOMMITTEE AND QUALITY OF LIFE.**

**19. CARL AVENUE**

*Request of Ward 4 Councilor Susan Nicastro on behalf of a Carl Avenue resident, to take measures to reduce the speeds of motor vehicles driving aka flying along Carl Avenue at all times of day and night, including placement of one or more stop signs and increased police presence, and such other relief as the Traffic Commission may deem acceptable.*

Discussion: Councilor Nicastro appeared to discuss this issue and stated residents were present, as well. She apologized for not providing a map of the area as she usually does but had difficulty doing so with the new website. Councilor Nicastro deferred to the neighbors as she felt that they were the best source to explain the situation.

Bob Farrell of 149 Carl Avenue spoke first. His concern was speeding on Carl Avenue. He lives three houses up from Southfield Drive. The average speed cars are currently traveling is at 45-55 mph. The Davis School is down the street with kids walking on both sides of the street to and from school. There are 2 bus stops there with one stop for BHS students and the second for other schools. Lately, he felt due to Google, trucks are using Carl Avenue as a cut through. He has clocked a fully loaded truck traveling at about 50 mph. Dumpster trucks fly down at all hours. They come from Plain Street onto Edson Street then down Carl Avenue. He also stated that people coming out of Southfield Drive and using Carl Avenue as their own personal drag strip. He suggested prohibiting truck traffic over 15,000 GVW.

Don Myers of 50 Carl Avenue spoke next and stated that he lives at the other end of Carl Avenue. There has been three accidents within the last week at Carl Avenue and Litchfield Street. One of them, the policeman that showed up berated the residents for calling. The officer said this could have been just a paper transfer. Even though one of the drivers was trying to convince the other driver that was hit that it was her fault (although he was speeding and hit her in the rear while she was attempting to turn into her driveway). A car was hit almost in front of his house where the female driver was driving too fast and was startled by something, lost control of her car and smashed into a parked car. This is a constant issue. Carl Avenue should have stop signs and traffic control. His recommendation is that Carl Avenue and Southfield Drive should be a 4-way stop. Right now there is only one stop sign. His fence was knocked down four times within the last several years with the latest happening this year when a car went through the fence and ended up on his lawn. There needs to be a stop sign on Litchfield Street and Carl Avenue going east for cars coming up from Baker Street and at Southfield Drive and Carl Avenue.

Lynn Smith who has resided at 34 Carl Avenue since 1985 spoke and said that Carl Avenue is one mile of straight road with no sidewalks. She said that the best way to slow people down is police presence first, narrow the roads second but this cannot be done because there are no sidewalks, the third way is to put some speed tables in 3" high, 10-12' down can be used effectively or use rumble sticks or granite stone so that it makes your teeth chatter when you

drive over it. Another suggestion was to use LED solar powered radar speed signs that flash the current speed at an approximate cost of \$2,500 or you can light up speed limit signs at a cost of about \$1,000. She continued by saying there are 2 kinds of speedsters. One is the absent-minded like herself that is traveling along and realizes she is going over the speed limit. This is when the flashing sign would help. The second type of speeder is the one that is reckless and lawless (cars, motorcycles, ATV's). She lives four houses down from Summer Street and Edson Street and deals with speeders seeing the stop ahead sign attempting to stop at the stop sign. You need police presence/radar to put the fear of God into drivers that are using Carl Avenue as a speedway. She stated that the speeding issue has increased since the road was done over and said at least the potholes slowed people down. The other specific issue is an ordinance and police issue with a house at 45 Carl Avenue that have parties at least 4-6 times per week, loud music and has 10-15 cars parked on both sides of Carl Avenue. The other night at 3:00 a.m. someone came down Carl Avenue and hit one of the parked cars. When the police came they had to park on Litchfield Street and walk down Carl Avenue because there was no place for them to park. She has a neighbor whose husband requires frequent emergency medical treatment and there is no way emergency vehicles will make it down Carl Avenue with the vehicles parked there. Ms. Smith suggested to take a look at the call log at the police station to see how many times residents have called about this issue.

Gerry Shruhan of 35 Leyden Park Road spoke to say that Carl Avenue is no longer an avenue, it is a boulevard just like Harrison Boulevard. It is a quality of life issue with the loudness of the revving motorcycles. There are multiple problems: the decibel loudness of the motorcycles, speeding, strip that is so long that people speed and you have school children walking to and from school. It is very dangerous. You get the dumpsters and heavy trucks down Carl Avenue because of the truck weight limit sign on Edson Street. He agreed that a stop sign is needed at Southfield Drive, preferably a flashing stop sign.

Mr. Farrell pointed out the house at the end of Carl Avenue at Edson Street and Summer Street that has boulders and a guardrail there. The winter time is the worst with packed snow/ice and school buses turning the corner, you hit the brakes and slide. He also wanted to bring to the board's attention that this corner has a school bus stop and a BAT bus stop. Also, look at recent police stops that start out as traffic stops and result in something else and getting that off the street.

Lynn Smith said one good thing is what they did on Carl Avenue, Summer Street and Edson Street by putting up stop signs. It was pointed out the no one stops but at least it's a rolling stop and it slows people down. She also suggested painting the diagonal stop lines to bring to drivers attention.

Ken Galligan spoke to Darren Duarte and stated that he hoped he was listening to the frustration of the people present, the frustration of this board that even when it is posted 30 mph without police enforcement, we are not going anywhere and it is very frustrating. Mr. Duarte stated he was contacting the Chief. Mr. Galligan brought up the wrong way driver problems on Toby Road in that if you positioned a cruiser there it would resolve the problem. The Chief has to get personnel out there at certain times. Councilor Lally stated he would take a cruiser on Toby Road but suggested to put it on Maplewood Circle to catch the speeders.

Ken Galligan offered that even if you took a cruiser and moved it around the city on an overtime basis and tell the cop to write all the tickets he wants. Every month all we hear are problems with speeding. We put up signs and they don't care. Enforcement is needed because people are living in fear. Lynn Smith suggested that BPD get the word out on social media that would provide the locations and amounts of speeding tickets issued.

Councilor Eaniri stated that the city needed a traffic division. He suggested to Mr. Duarte to check the amount of tickets written versus the amount that was written back when Captain DiBari was Traffic Commissioner. Back then he believed there was \$379,000. in tickets written and by the time he left, only \$90,000. was taken in. He agrees with what Mr. Galligan is saying in that more enforcement is needed and tickets written. Ken Galligan said in defense of the police officers he understands and is well aware of the amount of calls received and handled and there isn't enough available to handle traffic enforcement but what is needed is at least one office specifically assigned to do traffic enforcement even on an overtime basis. That's all we are asking for. Mr. Duarte stated that there are four offices assigned to traffic but when needed, they are assigned to calls.

Councilor Nicastro spoke and said that Carl Avenue is a lovely street and is a straight away for about a mile and would like a 4-way stop sign at Southfield Street and Carl Avenue and Litchfield Street and Carl Avenue to slow the traffic down. Mr. Galligan wanted it understood that if a 4-way stop sign is put in the reason cannot be to deter speeding as the state will not allow. This is why the accident history will be requested and used as one of the reasons in addition to children walking to/from school, bus stops.

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 AND REQUEST ACCIDENT HISTORY**

## **20. WEST CHESTNUT STREET**

*Request received from Ward 5 Councilor Anne Beauregard to address the speeding issue on West Chestnut Street.*

Discussion: Deputy Fire Chief Solomon asked Councilor Beauregard to narrow down where on West Chestnut Street she wanted the speeding issue addressed and was informed that her girlfriend lives at 430 West Chestnut Street. Councilor Eaniri said to Councilor Beauregard that although he appreciated her concern, he wanted to point out that he has been working on the speeding issue on West Chestnut Street for the last 16 years along with other issues.

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

**VOTED: TO REFER TO SUBCOMMITTEE FOR SIGN PLACEMENT AND USE CITY COUNCILOR SHOULD REQUEST SPEED TRAILER (AGAIN).**

## **21. PROVOST STREET TRAFFIC CONCERNS**

*Request received from Jennifer Johnson who has lived on Provost Street for the past 35 years and is requesting that speed humps are put on the street to slow down the traffic and hopefully stop the street from being used as a cut thru. (Board members: see attached email).*

Discussion: Ms. Johnson appeared and stated that she has lived on Provost Street her entire life and has seen an increase in speeding and traffic accidents since the traffic signals were put up. She said she wasn't sure whether it was people trying to beat the light but there have been several accidents. She lives in the third house down from the intersection. She states that the cars are loud and some are intentionally driving in first gear. Her neighbor across the street has developmentally disabled children and the situation is getting worse.

Councilor Beauregard stated that school would be starting soon and the people on Hobson Street are experiencing the same problem and would like sidewalks for the safety of the kids walking.

Ken Galligan asked if there was a particular time or day that this happens and Ms. Johnson said it was primarily the weekends after 7:00 p.m. – 2:00 a.m. Ms. Johnson stated that she chased a guy at 1:30 in the morning.

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

**VOTED: TO REFER TO SUBCOMMITTEE.**

## **SIGN REQUESTS:**

### **22. FENWAY CIRCLE**

*Request received from Lusant Brown-Fisher who resides at 24 Fenway Circle for a "Slow Children At Play" sign due to speeding vehicles.*

Discussion: Ms. Brown-Fisher appeared and stated that she purchased her home so that her children can play in her yard. People use Fenway Circle as a cut through to avoid the traffic lights on Pleasant Street. Then there is Ellis Street when sometimes cars shoot across the street and she is concerned that a car may end up hitting her house. She would like speed bumps installed. There are children playing, riding bicycles on the street but people not from the neighborhood are not aware of this. She spoke with her neighbors and they are all in favor of speed bumps. Councilor Lally informed her that the City is not allowed to install speed bumps on public streets.

Ken Galligan asked if the traffic on Fenway Circle coming from Pleasant Street or Belmont Avenue. He was told both but Ms. Brown-Fisher believed most of the traffic was coming from Pleasant Street. Mr. Galligan said that one option would be to make Fenway Circle a one way street.

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.**

**23. 92 ALDEN STREET**

*Request received from Samuel Trotman who resides at 92 Alden Street for a “No Parking” sign on Sawtell Avenue due to neighbors constantly parking on the grassed sidewalk which is causing land and property destruction.*

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.**

**LATE FILE:**

**GREENWOOD ROAD**

*Request received from Councilor Anne Beauregard on behalf of the residents in houses in the back area of Trinity Baptist Church who have concerns about construction that will be taking place. They would like a plan in place with the trucks and such because the area is so tight.*

Discussion: Mr. Dennis Hersey, spoke and identified himself as a taxpayer, city resident and high school teacher for years. Mr. Hersey presented a map/diagram of Greenwood Road, Kenwood Street, Glen Avenue and Brookside Avenue and where his concerns were related to the construction vehicles coming and going with the proposed construction. Mr. Hersey is also concerned about speeding especially with kids in the area and also most of the homes have animals. Mr. Hersey is looking to make Greenwood Road a one way for safety reasons. If this can't be done, his second alternative would be was to make a 3-way stop with a white line across the road.

DPW Commissioner Rowley asked Mr. Hersey if parking was allowed on both sides of the street because it is a narrow street and he has problems plowing that street.

Councilor Lally informed Mr. Hersey that before any vote on making Greenwood Road a one-way street north to south, residents would need to be in agreement. He advised Mr. Hersey to speak with the residents and contact his city councilor. Councilor Lally suggested prohibiting parking on one side.

DPW Commissioner Rowley made a motion to refer to subcommittee to take a look. On the motion, Ken Galligan spoke to Mr. Hersey to point out that his diagram was showing an exit from the church coming out onto Greenwood Road but this was not on the plans approved by zoning. Mr. Hersey then stated that this was where the two new houses were going up. Mr. Galligan then clarified that the “exit” Mr. Hersey was referring to was actually the driveways to

the new homes, not new roads. Mr. Hersey presented this as a new road but it is new driveways.

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

**VOTED: TO REFER TO SUBCOMMITTEE.**

**DISCUSSION:**

**PEARL STREET**

Councilor Eaniri stated that he had Cary and Paula Snow in attendance to address issues they were having with the new Cumberland Farms and their failure to put the street back the way it was.

Mr. Snow stated that after they did the paving, they striped it but something didn't look right. The lane stripe on the northbound side is a two lane road on both sides of Belmont Street. The striping was not replaced. Mr. Snow spoke with the project superintendent (Kevin with a ponytail from South Coast Development truck) who informed him that he was not going to do it because it wasn't in the contract. Mr. Snow then asked why he put the sign up that indicates two lanes merging into one and he did not have an answer to that. Mr. Snow stated that this should be a requirement to put the road back the way it was and that it was on their plans.

Ken Galligan thought the whole corner was under the state at least 100 feet. It was a "blending" lane so that cars coming west on Pleasant Street that took a right onto Pearl and the cars coming straight across would blend. Mr. Galligan suggested to DPW Commissioner Rowley to call the state. The DPW Commissioner informed Mr. Galligan that the state only came in 30 feet and if Cumberland Farms ground that out and did not put the lines back then they're responsible. DPW Commissioner Rowley stated he would go by tomorrow and talk to them because it should be put back the way it was and further stated the Cumberland Farms is good to work with but if there are any problems then the City will take care of it and repaint.

**COUNCILOR BEAUREGARD:**

Would like to talk about which is why she brought Darren Duarte and that he would be coming to the next few meetings to see how the Traffic issues overlap into the Quality of Life issues.

- Purple Camper: This thing is out of control the parks every night in a different street. It was not registered but is now, has not passed inspection. The camper is huge and takes up a significant amount of room on the street. People cannot see getting out of their driveways and school will be starting in the next couple of weeks.

Ken Galligan informed Councilor Beauregard that this is a police matter, not a Traffic issue especially if there is an expired sticker.

- House Parties/Parking: She wanted to bring it to the board's attention that there are house parties posted on social media with admission charges (Sumner Street). DPW Commissioner Rowley informed Councilor Beauregard that all of these issues she has have to be given to Quality of Life and to contact Andrea Burton. The QOL task force will go and speak with the resident. Councilor Lally stated that this is also a police enforcement issue.
- Regarding "Children At Play" or "Slow Children" signs, there was a presentation given about these signs that if the City continued putting these up, Chapter 90 funds would be in jeopardy, is this correct? DPW Commissioner Rowley stated that they were illegal and referred to Ken Galligan by asking what the City was doing. Ken Galligan stated the board was told not to put these signs up because it sends a message that the City accepts liability for children playing in the street. He further stated that the board has refrained from putting these signs up but he has seen a sign that shows a kid chasing a ball that has no verbiage on it.
- Grove Street and Lawrence Street truck limit signs are gone. DPW Commissioner Rowley informed Councilor Beauregard that that area is down to one lane for bridge repair which is why the signs were removed. Trucks are able to access.

\*Deputy Fire Chief Solomon reminded Councilor Beauregard (with all due respect) that only items on the agenda should be addressed at meetings and that the agenda should be adhered to.

- When Captain Hallisey appeared for budget hearings, he talked about a special street map of where and in what order streets get plowed. When asked afterwards, Captain Hallisey stated that he didn't have it, DPW Commissioner Rowley did. Councilor Lally suggested to wait to discuss until Captain Hallisey was in attendance. Councilor Beauregard stated he said that Captain DiBari took it with him to Florida. Councilor Beauregard was informed that there was no such map/list.

A resident in attendance brought up an issue at Prospect Street and North Main Street while attempting to take a left hand turn. The board informed him that they have put signs up and the issue would be an enforcement issue because people are not paying attention to the signs. Ken Galligan stated that city councilors were present as was a representative from the police department that he would speak with.

*Meeting adjourned at 8:39 p.m.*

*Respectfully submitted,*

*Mary Milligan, Secretary*