



BROCKTON TRAFFIC COMMISSION
Thursday, September 26, 2019
6:00 p.m.

MINUTES

The Traffic Commission held its regular monthly meeting at 6:00 p.m. on Thursday, September 26, 2019 at the War Memorial Building, War Memorial Building, 156 W. Elm Street, Brockton, MA 02301.

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

Also present was: Gloria Anderson-Armstrong, Maria Miranda, Samuel Trotman, David Capaldo, Jeff Freitas and Councilor Dennis Eaniri.

There being a proper quorum, the meeting was called to order by Commissioner Hallisey. Upon motion made by Councilor Lally, seconded by Deputy Fire Chief Solomon, and a unanimous vote of all members present, it was voted to waive the reading of the August 22, 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.

Discussion: "Resident Only" parking is for people in the general neighborhood that can park there once the winter comes or if there is not enough space on Warren Avenue, they can park on Park Street. The resident only parking will be from Main Street to Warren Avenue for the whole length on the north side.

DPW Commissioner asked how this will be enforced. Commissioner Hallisey said the plates will be run to make sure they are residents. Councilor Lally voiced his skepticism on how this will work but Councilor Monahan spoke with the residents and they were in agreement with this.

Ken Galligan wanted clarification on the resident parking policy. The secretary informed the board that fluorescent pink numbered permits are issued with address and registration for residents keep on their dashboard. Residents must present their license and registration to be issued a permit. This will apply to the 2 multi-family houses on Warren Avenue. Commissioner Hallisey will get the house numbers for the secretary.

SUBCOMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION: 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.

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

VOTED: TO APPROVE SUBCOMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION.

2. 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).

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.**
- 4. PLACE RED STRIPING ON ALL STOP SIGNS.**

- 5. REPLACE STOP SIGN POST IF NEEDED.
- 6. CHANGE STREET LIGHT TO 185 DOUBLE LIGHT.
- 7. ADD STOP SIGNS AND PAINT TO MAKE LONGWOOD AVE 4 WAY STOP DUE TO MV ACCIDENTS.

Discussion: It appears the shrubs have been trimmed and that they are on City property and there is no sidewalk there. Ken Galligan stated that the problem was going east on Hillberg Avenue when you stop at Longwood looking to the left, you cannot see cars coming south on Longwood. This is really an obstruction. DPW Commissioner Rowley will check and monitor. DPW Commissioner Rowley asked what a 185 Double Light was and informed the board that he will replace the light with a brighter one. Commissioner Hallisey stated that the painting for the 4 way stop will be done in the spring.

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.

3. 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.

SUBCOMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION:

- **25 MPH SPEED LIMIT SIGNS ON BOTH ENDS OF STREET COUPLED WITH TRAFFIC ENFORCEMENT**

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

VOTED: TO APPROVE SUBCOMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION.

4. 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.

SUBCOMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION:

- 1. **"NO PARKING EITHER SIDE FROM HERE TO END OF STREET" ON POLE #1**
- 2. **ADDITIONAL SIGN AND POST ACROSS FROM POLE #1 "NO PARKING EITHER SIDE HERE TO END OF STREET"**

3. ADDITIONAL SIGN ON POLE #2 “NO PARKING EITHER SIDE” SIGN AND POST IN FRONT OF #21 MERRITT AVE “NO PARKING EITHER SIDE”

Discussion: The secretary informed Commissioner Hallisey that this has been referred to Quality of Life (house on Oscar Avenue creating the problem). Commissioner Hallisey informed the board that he has spoken to the neighbors and all are in favor.

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

VOTED: TO APPROVE SUBCOMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION.

5. 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).

SUBCOMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION:

- **REQUEST MEETING WITH OLD COLONY PLANNING COUNCIL (OCPC) FOR FURTHER ACTION.**

Discussion: Coupled this with item #6. Commissioner Hallisey stated that the board will sit down and meet with OCPC. Councilor Lally expresses his gratitude to the board for going to the site(s) and agreeing there is a major problem there. Councilor Lally moved to accept the subcommittee recommendations and withdrew his motion to allow DPW Commissioner Rowley to speak.

DPW Commissioner Rowley asked for a little leeway because he is of the opinion that both North Cary Street & North Quincy Street and Ash Street and West Chestnut Street (#18 on agenda) needs a set of working lights. He referenced the handout provided to the board members and stated that he took it upon himself to do an engineering survey. DPW Commissioner Rowley stated that these two intersections are always being brought up and he felt that the board was just putting band aids on the problem. He recommended that the board take it upon themselves to have an engineering study done on both to see how much it would cost to put up working lights. He stated he would have to go before City Council to request the funding. If the board does want to do this and follow through with working traffic lights, it will take 1 ½ years – 2 years. He stated enough is enough, residents keep coming back here.

Ken Galligan agreed that the board has tried a number of band aid solutions. Making Toby Road the main road coming from North Cary Street is never going to work. Trying to get out of Loring Street looking to the left is crazy. He agrees with Larry that if ever an intersection needs a set of traffic lights, it is this one. Mr. Galligan continued by saying that he could not go along with the argument that when the light is green the cars are going to speed around the corner. Could that happen? It could but the safety of that corner up there you have to have traffic lights. When people see traffic lights they tend to slow down. He also agreed that West Chestnut Street and Ash Street (#18 on agenda) definitely need traffic lights.

DPW Commissioner Rowley also pointed out that both of these intersections are school related. Both areas have kids walking to school. We just can't keep sitting here; we have to take the bull by the horns. We have councilors sitting here with us and know what's going on for when we go before them to request the \$1,000,000.00 to \$2,000,000.00.

Ken Galligan asked what would happen if the Traffic Commission recommends what Larry recommended; to initiate the action to begin the process of installing the traffic lights and still go forward with the meeting with OCPC to let them know what the board wants to do and perhaps working together would give it a little more clout. DPW Commissioner stated that OCPC may be able to get the City a little monetary assistance. OCPC knows that the board has been dealing with this for 10 years. As a Traffic Commission, we do not have the ability to come up with an answer. This requires some major work up there that's beyond the board. The board has recognized the problem and have done as much as they can as a committee. Our next step is to put traffic lights up there.

DPW Commissioner explained that the board can approve the engineering firm to go out and look at this to start the engineering and design. He asked Tighe & Bond which that was provided to you. Ken Galligan asked if this can be done hand in hand with OCPC and should be working along with them. Larry stated no, that the OCPC would be doing the same thing that Tighe & Bond would be doing (or any other engineering firm). They could provide an idea on the cost as some properties will have to be taken, some right of ways, etc. Larry stated that he thought he could use Chapter 90 money to do this. As you can see, it is costing almost \$15,000.00 just for a survey for West Chestnut Street and Ash Street. Both projects will probably run \$30,000.00 - \$50,000.00. Then the board can go to OCPC to let them know what the board is doing. He felt that the board has the authority to do that.

Councilor Lally wanted to clarify that DPW Commissioner Rowley was making a motion to get the ball rolling to install traffic lights at these intersections. Councilor Lally seconded this motion on with the understanding that at some point during this process if OCPC can get us some money or assistance. DPW Commissioner Rowley stated that the Traffic Commission can come up with some money for the surveys and he may be able to come up with some money from Chapter 90 funds.

DPW Commissioner Rowley explained that the Traffic Commission and his office will pay for them to have the two traffic surveys done. The reports will be provided to OCPC to see if they can assist in funding. If not, the funding requisition will have to be presented to City Council for an appropriation.

Councilor Lally informed the board that OCPC has already performed a Road Safety Audit (RSA) and issued their recommendations. He agrees with the DPW Commissioner that this has to move forward regardless of whether OCPC can contribute. He stated that this has to move forward and not make one dependent on the other.

DPW Commissioner Rowley stated that he will have to solicit 3 engineering firms to seek quotes because the cost will exceed \$25,000.00.

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 MOVING FORWARD ON SEEKING QUOTES FOR ENGINEERING FIRM TO PERFORM TRAFFIC STUDIES FOR NORTH QUINCY STREET & NORTH CARY STREET AND WEST CHESTNUT STREET & ASH STREET. ALSO, TO MEET WITH OCPC WHEN REPORTS ARE SUBMITTED.

6. 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.

SUBCOMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION:

- **REQUEST MEETING WITH OLD COLONY PLANNING COUNCIL (OCPC) FOR FURTHER ACTION.**

Discussion: See above

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.

7. HEIDI'S PLACE, 685 WARREN AVENUE

Request of Ward 4 Councilor Susan Nicastro 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.

SUBCOMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION:

- **"NO PARKING" WEST SIDE ON WARREN AVENUE FROM FOREST AVENUE TO FLORENCE STREET.**

Discussion: Commissioner Hallisey stated that most of the parking problems are from the auto body repair shop and this recommendation should help alleviate the issue. Secretary was asked to check records. There is no record of "No Parking" signs on the west side of Warren Avenue from Forest Avenue to Florence Street. Councilor Eaniri informed the board that he had a conversation with Mr. Kosmidis who was asking about a traffic study to put up a traffic signal and was told this could not be done because there is already traffic lights at Warren Avenue and Forest Avenue.

Commissioner Hallisey stated that Quality of Life will be looking into A & B Auto.

Secretary check records to see if Warren Avenue is restricted for no parking in that area. We just voted to establish no parking and if it is already on the books, then it becomes a work order.

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.

8. 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.

SUBCOMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION:

- 1. "STOP" SIGN FIXED ON SOUTHFIELD DRIVE AND CARL AVENUE**
- 2. ADDITIONAL YELLOW "STOP AHEAD" SIGNS WITH YELLOW STRIPE ON POLE PLACED 200' BEFORE INTERSECTION FOR NORTHBOUND AND SOUTHBOUND CARS ON CARL AVENUE. AND PAINT FOR 4 WAY STOP ON THE INTERSECTION OF CARL AVENUE AND SOUTHFIELD DRIVE. (WILL BE DONE IN SPRING, 2020).**

Discussion: Commissioner Hallisey informed the board that Councilor Nicastro called to voice her support of the subcommittee recommendations after consulting with the residents. He further stated that this is making a 4-way stop not to reduce speeding but because it is a congested area with bus stops, children walking and school bus stops. Traffic enforcement will also be assigned whenever they can be there.

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

On the motion, Ken Galligan explained that #1 above means that the stop sign was hit and is now leaning over, therefore, it is a work order and #2 should read:

Additional "Stop Ahead" signs 200' before intersection for northbound and southbound cars on Carl Avenue. These should be put up because the stop signs are brand new and people should be made aware.

This particular location has an awful lot of foot traffic at the intersection. There is a BAT bus stop and when the buses stop on Carl Avenue, vehicles cannot see coming out of Southfield Gardens. We were also informed that there is also a school bus stop there and that there are a lot of kids in the morning at the stop and again disembarking in the afternoon as well as a lot of kids walking to and from school. Because of this, it is warranted for a stop sign. Once you turn onto Carl Avenue from Edson Street, you do not have to stop until you hit Plain Street.

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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, AS AMENDED.

9. 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.

SUBCOMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION:

- 1. PLACE A SIGN AND POST FOR EASTBOUND TRAFFIC IN FRONT OF #13 PROVOST STREET "25MPH"**
- 2. ADDITIONAL SIGN ON POLE FOR WESTBOUND TRAFFIC IN FRONT OF #132 PROVOST STREET TAKING DOWN "CHILDREN AT PLAY" AND REPLACED WITH "25 MPH SIGN".**

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.

10. 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.

SUBCOMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION:

- 1. MOVE STOP SIGN ON FENWAY CIRCLE (SE CORNER) IN FRONT OF TREE.**
- 2. ADDITIONAL SIGN ON NEW POST (SW CORNER) "STOP" SIGN @ PLEASANT STREET.**
- 3. SIGN ON POLE #1 (SLOW).**
- 4. POST AND SIGN BY POPLAR ROAD NORTH BOUND TRAFFIC (SLOW).**

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.

11. 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.

SUBCOMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION:

- NO ACTION AT THIS TIME FURTHER INFO NEEDED.**

Discussion: Mr. Trotman appeared to discuss his issues with his neighbors. He received a letter from the DPW Commissioner to remove the large rocks on the property. His neighbors push the snow up against his fence. He believes the house was vacant prior to him purchasing it and maybe the neighbors did this because no one lived there. His neighbors attached their mailbox to his fence. He has asked his neighbors not to park there and they do not listen to him.

Mr. Trotman was asked if the neighbors had a driveway and was told that they did. Ken Galligan informed Mr. Trotman that the neighbors have a legal right to park on the street in front of the sidewalk next to his fence. The problem he is facing is that they are parking on the sidewalk, not on the street. There is no restricted parking on that street.

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

VOTED: TO REFER BACK TO SUBCOMMITTEE.

12. 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.

SUBCOMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION:

- **NO ACTION AT THIS TIME.**

Discussion: Ken Galligan wanted to explain that there are two new houses being built on Greenwood Road. With the construction of the new houses, there will be construction vehicles there. The resident is concerned about the construction trucks being there. There is nothing that the board can do. The resident also wanted it a one way street.

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

VOTED: TO APPROVE SUBCOMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION.

NEW BUSINESS

13. 226 MAIN STREET

Request received from David Capaldo of Bond Brothers, requesting to temporarily relocated traffic lanes adjacent to our construction site at 226 Main Street. Attached is a drawing indicating specifics for our request. We would like to temporarily remove approximately five parking spaces on the West side of main street to accommodate a shift in the Main Street travel lanes and turning lane onto Crescent Street to provide a safe environment for

travelling vehicles, pedestrians, and construction personnel. (Board Members: see attached).

Discussion: David Capaldo, Project Executive with Bond Brothers and Jeff Freitas, Project Engineer with Division of Capital Asset Management & Maintenance (DCAMM) were present to discuss their request to move traffic lanes while the demolition and construction of 226 Main Street is being done.

To safely demolish the building, they will need to take all of the sidewalk in front of the building for staging to protect Main Street itself from the potential of any debris falling. Ken Galligan asked if Mr. Capaldo had a larger project board which was presented. Mr. Capaldo explained that a strip of parallel parking spaces on the opposite side of Main Street would be taken out of service and would shift the entire travel lanes over into those spaces (8' or 9') and put an additional buffer zone with jersey barrier would be placed with the same distance (8' or 9') in front of 226 Main Street. They felt it was prudent to shift the travel lanes because the turn onto Main Street is so tight. The travel lanes would not be reduced just shifted.

Steve Hooke asked what the area behind the building would be used for and was told that they spoke with Bob Malley and agreed to leave the back of the site open which will allow supplies/equipment storage and for ease of truck access in and out.

The only difference is that the existing crosswalk may have to be adjusted. There is also a curb cut there. We would need to shift the crosswalk about 5' or 6' to the south and put in a temporary curb cut. Pedestrians that currently access the crosswalk would have to use the crosswalk by the court house. Commissioner Hallisey pointed out that the curb cut had to be wheelchair accessible and asked whether they would be painting the crosswalk. He suggested that they paint the crosswalk with his supervision. Councilor Lally suggested that Commissioner Hallisey spray paint where he wanted the crosswalk/lines painted. Mr. Capaldo and Commissioner Hallisey discussed when the best time would be to paint. Commissioner Hallisey said that he usually paints between 10:00 p.m. and 5:00 a.m. because of less traffic. They decided that Commissioner Hallisey would assign a detail while the painting is being done because it would probably take about 15 minutes to do. Commissioner Hallisey stated that they will have to do this at 10:00 p.m. to paint and allow the paint to dry.

DPW Commissioner Rowley asked who would be in charge of snow removal on both sides of Main Street. Mr. Capaldo stated he would remove snow on his side and was asked if he could remove snow on the opposite side. DPW Commissioner Rowley stated that they would work together for snow removal. Mr. Capaldo was concerned about the safety of his workers attempting to cross Main Street to remove snow on the opposite side. There will be a piece of equipment on site for snow removal.

Mr. Capaldo was asked how long the project was and he stated it would roughly be 23 months from start of demolition to end of construction. They will start end of October, beginning of November. It will be time consuming because of shared walls with abutting properties. They have to make sure the attached buildings are safe. This process will take approximately 3 months. The jersey barriers will be on Main Street for 2-3 years, more or less.

Ken Galligan asked who will be responsible for erasing the lines that are there now that are not going to be used and then erasing the lines that are put down and restoring lines previously removed. He further asked if they will be putting signage on Main Street (Maple Avenue, White Avenue) for cars going north indicating lane shift and the same for cars coming down Belmont Street (Cottage Street, Warren Avenue) toward Main Street. This is a major shift that everyone is used to. When the cars line up on Belmont Street to take a left onto Main Street, there is no place to go. Cars crowd to the left onto Main Street and will be taking a tighter turn.

The sidewalk in front of the building has a cellar with a basement that goes all the way out to the street. Mr. Capaldo and Mr. Freitas are aware and will be taking steps to fill it in.

Deputy Fire Chief Solomon asked if the traffic signals would be affected and was told the design team/architect was looking to relocate the crosswalk light (walking beacon) then there is 2 traffic signals that they will ask to be relocated or adjusted. There is also a traffic box and hydrant close to the building that will be protected. The hydrant has to be accessible and you have to be physically on top of the hydrant. It was suggested to put a fence/gate by the hydrant for easy access.

The design team was speaking with Deputy Fire Chief Williams. Deputy Fire Chief Solomon will speak with him to obtain an update.

Bob Malley, Executive Director of the Brockton Parking Authority is in agreement with this.

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

VOTED: APPROVE PLANS AS PRESENTED.

14. MAIN STREET & PERKINS AVENUE

Request received by Councilor Anne Beauregard to discuss the handicap ramps and signs in Campello area and how so many of them are wrong. This was discussed at a recent Parking Authority meeting. According to Bob Malley, "they were discussing problems with enforcement on Main St and Perkins Ave. There is a handicap ramp to nowhere in front of the Sunset Cafe on the corner of Perkins and Main. The ramp is on the sidewalk leading to Main St but the street is painted like a regular parking spot and the crosswalk is located back at the corner. I have told our guys not to ticket this space even with the ramp there as the space is not correctly marked."

Discussion: Ken Galligan explained that there is a history at this corner. There was a very serious problem there on the south side of Perkins Avenue when Fire Department apparatus was attempting to make a left hand turn from Main Street onto Perkins Avenue. The street was striped and made no parking for approximately 75 feet east from Main Street so that a truck could make a turn. On the opposite corner on Main Street on the northeast corner there is constantly a car that parks there to go into that café and they park across the sidewalk and their bumper is even with the edge of Perkins Avenue. It is illegally parked and he does not understand why they are not ticketed. If enforcement tickets, they will stop parking there.

The secretary informed the board that the Parking Authority is ticketing that area under Mayor Rodrigues's direction and have been doing so for the last few weeks. Councilor Eaniri stated that he has been down there and the ramp does go somewhere. It allows someone to cross but with the car parked there, they cannot do so. He continued by saying the ticketing has changed the tone in that area. Commissioner Hallisey stated that if the Parking Authority is not ticketing then the Police Department should be contacted for enforcement.

Ken Galligan made a suggestion that he and Commissioner Hallisey go to the Sunset Café in an attempt to address and alleviate the problem. Commissioner Hallisey stated he did not see the need in doing so. If the car was parked on the corner not 20 feet from the curb then it should be ticketed. Are some people getting ticketed and some not?

Councilor Eaniri stated he will talk to the Parking Authority to see if the vehicle is being ticketed or if they were told not to ticket.

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

VOTED: TO TAKE NO ACTION.

15. MERIAN'S

John Merian is requesting to eliminate 2 parking spaces in front of his off street parking entrance in order to use side lot for parking. Also, place proper signage on L Street.

Discussion: DPW Commissioner Rowley stated that there is a temporary entrance/curb cut while the construction is being done at 121 Main Street. When that construction is completed, the curb cut will be taken away. People are now parking in front of the curb cut which is why he is requesting. DPW Commissioner Rowley explained that once the fence is down where PROVA was then people will notice that it is an entrance.

Commissioner Hallisey explained that a "Do Not Enter – One Way" is needed on L 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.

16. LOUIS STREET

Request received from Councilor Jack Lally for 25 mph speed limit signs on Louis Street.

Discussion: Councilor Lally stated that residents of Louis Street are concerned about speeding with kids on the street.

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.

17. AMES STREET

Request received from Councilor Jack Lally to revisit "No Parking" regulations on the south side of Ames Street.

Discussion: Councilor Lally has received conflicting reports on no parking on Ames Street. Signs are in some places but they are faded. People are parking on both sides of Ames Street. Councilor Lally contacted then secretary, Patty Florio who could not find anything so technically there is nothing to stop people from parking on both sides. He is asking the board to take a look at this.

Ken Galligan stated that there should be no parking on the south side of Ames Street from North Main Street to North Cary Street. All board members were in agreement with this.

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 FOR SIGN PLACEMENT.

18. WEST CHESTNUT STREET & ASH STREET

Request received from Ward 3 Councilor Dennis Eaniri for a discussion regarding the installation of a working Traffic Light at West Chestnut Street and Ash Street. The request is coming from constituents, living in this area. The traffic in this area is becoming overwhelming, cars always speeding and making it difficult to enter West Chestnut Street and Ash Street. (Board Members: Attached is proposal from Tighe&Bond for professional engineering services to study this intersection).

Discussion: See #5

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

VOTED: TO APPROVE MOVING FORWARD ON SEEKING QUOTES FOR ENGINEERING FIRM TO PERFORM TRAFFIC STUDIES FOR NORTH QUINCY STREET & NORTH CARY STREET AND WEST CHESTNUT STREET & ASH STREET. ALSO, TO MEET WITH OCPC WHEN REPORTS ARE SUBMITTED.

19. NEW HEIGHTS CHARTER SCHOOL – 1690 MAIN STREET & 661 CENTRE STREET

Request received from Janice Manning, Director of Operations, New Heights Charter School: As you may recall, I went before the Traffic Commission to request School signage to be put in front of New Heights Charter School of Brockton to ensure the safety of Brockton's students. As a result of my initial meeting before the Brockton Traffic Commission, on February 22, 2018, I received an email On March 30, 2018 which read that the Traffic

Commission contacted the MA DOT to obtain a recommendation and guidance in this matter.

I have not received any contact from the Brockton Traffic Commission since this the last email. Therefore, I am writing to request to be added to the agenda at the next Brockton Traffic Commission meeting to obtain an update and timeframe on this matter.

In addition, New Heights Charter School of Brockton has continued to expand, and it became necessary for the School to open a second location: 661 Centre St. in Brockton. As a result, I am requesting that the appropriate signage to be placed at this site as well. **(Board Members: copy of prior Minutes, MA DOT response, letter to BPB attached).**

Discussion: Ms. Manning contacted the secretary and asked that this be postponed until the next meeting (October 24th).

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

VOTED: TO POSTPONE UNTIL NEXT MEETING (10/24/19).

20. CDM ON CALL PROFESSIONAL ENGINEERING SERVICES – DAN MURPHY, JR., P.E.

Request to authorize and execute contract for continued services for FY20. (Board Members: copy of contract attached).

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 FY20 CONTRACT.

SIGN REQUESTS:

21. 182 MARKET STREET

Request received from Jennifer Cintron of 182 Market Street who is requesting a guardrail in front of her home (or to the corner) due to accidents and feeling unsafe.

Discussion: Councilor Eaniri explained that this location is when cars are coming out of Donald Street. He will say the house next door to her when you turn to Copeland Street has been a problem with several incidents.

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.

22. 73 CARY STREET

Request received from Maria Miranda, who is requesting a “Deaf” sign along with a “Do Not Block Driveway” sign. She states that traffic is horrible and that there is a traffic light up ahead but no one will let her leave her driveway.

Discussion: Ms. Miranda was present to discuss her request for signage. She explained that cars block her driveway and she is unable to exit her driveway because cars are lined up at the light. Sometimes she has to sit for 3-4 light changes before she can exit her driveway. She stated that she usually backs into her driveway so that she can pull out. She has documentation that she is deaf.

Commissioner Hallisey informed Ms. Miranda that they probably will not approve a “Do Not Block Driveway” sign for her driveway but the subcommittee will take a look.

Ms. Miranda also requested a “Deaf” sign. Ken Galligan asked what she was trying to accomplish. She stated she has a dog that she walks and sometimes cars in traffic attempt to go around other cars causing them to go onto the sidewalk. Sometimes cars are flashing lights and beeping.

Mr. Galligan attempted to clarify her request by stating that one sign was due to cars not leaving a break in the traffic line for the light so that she can exit her driveway. The other sign was that usually with a deaf person, a sign is requested because a pedestrian could be walking in the street that doesn’t hear the horn toot. Ms. Miranda stated again that she walks her dog and cannot hear cars when she wants to cross the street. It was questioned whether a deaf sign would help in this case.

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.

23. AMES STREET & INTERVALE STREET

Request received from Tina Johnson of 107 Ames Street, for a “Stop” sign and “Slow Down Children” sign due to speeding, almost been hit and children crossing.

Discussion: Councilor Lally spoke on this and suggested to move to subcommittee because they were going to Ames Street already.

Ken Galligan stated that he presumed that a stop sign was already there for southbound traffic on Intervale Street. Are they looking for a stop sign for traffic on Ames Street? If there is a stop sign on Intervale Street, it would solve the problem. The “Slow Down Children” signs, we are refraining from putting these up.

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.

24. COTTAGE GROVE AVENUE

Request received from Claudio Miranda of 27 Cottage Grove Avenue, who is requesting a “Dead End” signs on pole #3 in front of 26 Cottage Grove Avenue (after Curtis Street). The street is a dead end with no other outlet to another street.

Discussion: Councilor Eaniri stated that Cottage Grove Avenue was just repaved and that he and the DPW Commissioner were down there about a week ago discussing other signs. He has a situation where parents drop the kids off down the street and use the path to the Kennedy School. He has been down there several times since. Cars are parked on both sides and he was hoping that the School Department could assist in dealing with the situation. Speed control is needed such as 15 mph or 20 mph. You have parents speeding because they running late for dropping their kids off for school.

DPW Commissioner Rowley stated that they made the street a little wider so now it will be a speedway. He noticed that the house at the end of the street has put their own sign up for no turning in the driveway.

He agreed that speeding needed to be addressed on the street, a “Dead End” sign is needed up near Hillberg Avenue. He does not know what can be done about parents dropping their kids off. Commissioner Hallisey suggested that the school department deal with this issue. Ken Galligan thought that the school put a walkway there. Councilor Eaniri believed that this was put there because people don’t want to use Ash Street.

We can put up a dead end sign. They are asking for it on pole #3 but DPW Commissioner Rowley believes it should be up by Hillberg Avenue letting drivers know it is a dead end so they don’t go down there. If the dead end sign is put up, the school is not going to fence off. He further stated that the school department does not own the land. It is on private property. They agreed not to close the walkway but they do want to limit vehicles because they are driving on peoples lawns and turning around in driveways. He recommended the subcommittee go during drop off/pick up times. Mr. Galligan said that no parking signs could be put up but he felt they would not be paid attention to, they would still park there. This is not going to be an easy fix. DPW Commissioner Rowley said if there are no parking signs then school police can ticketed. Commissioner Hallisey stated that there is case law regarding this. Parents are allowed to double park, etc. DPW Commissioner Rowley suggested putting up the dead end sign and having the school police enforce.

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.