



BROCKTON TRAFFIC COMMISSION
Thursday, December 5, 2019
6:00 p.m.

AGENDA

Location: **War Memorial Building**
156 W. Elm Street
Brockton, MA 02301

1. Call to Order
2. Quorum
3. Reading or Waiving and acceptance of the October 24, 2019.

OLD BUSINESS

1. 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: Commissioner Hallisey stated that he has to wait until spring to paint and is waiting for a call back from Dan Murphy to see if the ramp can be moved. This may also have to wait until the spring. Commissioner Hallisey requested it be tabled until the December meeting.

SUBCOMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION: TO TABLE PENDING OPINION BY DAN MURPHY, JR., P.E., M.ASCE.

VOTED: TO APPROVE SUBCOMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION TO TABLE.

2. LOUIS STREET

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

SUBCOMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION:

- **ON POLE #7 25MPH SPEED LIMIT ACROSS FROM 16 (SOUTH) FOR EASTBOUND TRAFFIC**
- **POST AND 25MPH SIGN YELLOW STRIPE IN BETWEEN #76 AND # 82 FOR WESTBOUND TRAFFIC**

VOTED: TO POSTPONE UNTIL THE DECEMBER 5, 2019 MEETING.

SIGN REQUESTS:

3. VESEY STREET

SUBCOMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION:

- **CHANGE 30 MPH SIGN ON VESEY STREET TO 25 MPH**

VOTED: TO POSTPONE UNTIL THE DECEMBER 5, 2019 MEETING.

HARVARD STREET

SUBCOMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION:

- **220 HARVARD STREET: CHANGE 30 MPH SIGN TO 25 MPH SIGN**
- **183 HARVARD STREET: CHANGE 30 MPH SIGN ON POLE #20 TO 25 MPH SIGN**

VOTED: TO POSTPONE UNTIL THE DECEMBER 5, 2019 MEETING.

4. BATTLES FARM VILLAGE

*Request received from John Holmgren, P.E., of J.K. Holmgren Engineering, Inc. for Battles Farm Village who would like to make their main access road one way. It is a private way but we felt the Traffic Commission should be involved to be sure it's properly noticed and any safety concerns are addressed. **(Board members: Plans were provided to those who attended 10/15/19 subcommittee review).***

SUBCOMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION:

NO OBJECTION ON CONFIRMATION OF NEW PLANS

5. MARKET STREET

Request of Ward 4 Councilor Susan Nicastro on behalf of Ward 4 resident Mary Ellen Ryder Stoddard of 182 Perkins Avenue, to address traffic problems and reduce confusion on Market Street at its intersection with Montello Street by creating lanes using

painted arrows so that vehicles that will turn left onto Montello Street get into a formally created left lane at this end of Market Street, and vehicles turning right onto

Montello Street get into a formally created right lane. This will relieve the current situation in which vehicles turn left or right from anywhere at the street end, causing accidents and near accidents. We respectfully request this relief or such other relief as the Commission may find appropriate to address these issues.

SUBCOMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION:

- **PAINT ARROWS AND SIGNAGE INDICATING ARROWS AHEAD (TWO ARROWS ONE FOR LEFT TURN THE OTHER FOR STRAIGHT AND RIGHT TURN)**
- **SIGN PLACED ON POLE #21 IN FRONT OF SCHOOL PARKING LOT.**

6. LITCHFIELD STREET AND CARL AVENUE INTERSECTION

Request of Ward 4 Councilor Susan Nicastro on behalf of Ward 4 resident Donald Myers of 50 Carl Avenue for the erection of a stop sign on Litchfield Street at its intersection with Carl Avenue.

SUBCOMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION:

“STOP” SIGN FOR EAST BOUND TRAFFIC ON LITCHFIELD STREET

7. 325 COPELAND STREET

Request received by Councilor Anne Beaugard who stated that she has a friend that visits her sick father daily on Copeland St and van is parked and blocks intersection view and last night was the car accident. There is no sign that prevents on street parking there.

SUBCOMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION:

NO ACTION AT THIS TIME

SIGN REQUESTS:

8. WEST ELM STREET EXT.

Request received from Richard Saba of 1160 West Elm Street Ext. who is request two fundamental speed signs; 1) just east of the animal shelter, 2) right before Swift Road.

The street is newly paved and there are speeders coming and going to and from Easton.
(Board members: Sign request form provided at 10/24/19 meeting).

SUBCOMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION:

PLACE 2 SIGNS:

- **30 MPH SIGN FOR EAST BOUND TRAFFIC**
- **30 MPH SIGN FOR WEST BOUND TRAFFIC**

9. CRICKETT ROAD & RAYMOND ROAD AND CRICKETT ROAD & SOPHIA ROAD – 4-WAY STOP

Request received from Fran Cohen of 41 Crickett Road along with a petition signed by 15 other residents for a 4-way stop sign on the corner of Crickett Road and Raymond Road, and Crickett Road and Sophia Road as well as “Slow Down” signs, very visible flashing “Stop” signs and police officers occasionally to address numerous accidents on these corners due to people speeding and not stopping at stop signs. (Board Members: Petition provided at 10/24/19 meeting).

SUBCOMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION:

- **4 WAY “STOP” ON CRICKETT ROAD AND RAYMOND ROAD - PAINT LINE STOP BARS AND STOP SIGNS.**
- **“STOP AHEAD” SIGN BY 74 CRICKETT ROAD (EAST BOUND) AND “STOP AHEAD” SIGN BY 41 CRICKETT ROAD(WEST BOUND)**

10. 59 HUNTINGTON STREET

I am the owner and resident of 59 Huntington Street, Brockton 02301. Our home is located on the corner of Huntington Street and Wayland Street (both two way streets). In the past 10 years, a car has hit our home twice and the fence numerous times, especially during the winter. We had to remove the existing hedges and replace them with a wired fence because of cars sliding through our front yard. Now every time a car hits the fence, they leave the scene and we are responsible for the damage, which includes submitting multiple claims through our home insurance, paying a deductible and our policy increasing. This is becoming a financial burden. (Board members: Google map picture provided at 10/24/19 meeting).

SUBCOMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION:

MORE INFORMATION REQUIRED (PROPERTY LINE FOR FENCE)

11. 66 HOBSON STREET

Request received from Ellie Amado who resides at 66 Hobson Street and is requesting a 3-way stop due to several accidents. She claims the street is too narrow and you cannot see

other cars unless you go passed the stop sign which is very dangerous. **(Board members: Google map pictures provided at 10/24/19 meeting).**

SUBCOMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION:

NO ACTION AT THIS TIME

12. ARMISTON STREET AND ALLERTON STREET

Request received from Councilor Jack Lally on behalf of residents requesting a "Dead End" sign.

SUBCOMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION:

"DEAD END" SIGN ON ARMISTON STREET @ALLERTON STREET

13. NORWICH ROAD

*Councilor Jack Lally stated Captain Hallisey would like a "Stop" sign at the end of Norwich Road, **for northbound traffic** which intersects with Coe Road.*

SUBCOMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION:

" STOP" SIGN AT END OF NORWICH ROAD

14. DOWNEY ROAD

Request received from Councilor Jack Lally for a "Stop" sign at the end of Downey Road, across from [132 Dixon Road](#).

SUBCOMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION:

" STOP" SIGN AT END OF DOWNEY ROAD

15. NORTH MAIN STREET

Request received for "No Parking Weekdays 8:00 a.m. – 9:30 a.m. and 2:00 p.m. – 3:30 p.m." signs on the west side of North Main Street in front of the Angelo School.

SUBCOMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION:

- ON WEST SIDE IN FRONT OF ANGELO SCHOOL "NO PARKING FROM 8:00 AM TO 9:30 AM AND 2:00 PM TO 3:30 PM ON POLE #36,#35,#34 (THIS WILL BE USED FOR BUS DROP OFF AND PICK UP ONLY)**

16. NOYES AVENUE (OFF OF SOUTHWORTH STREET)

Request received from Councilor Dennis Eaniri for a “No through Traffic – 3:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m.” due to street being used as a short cut/cut through to come out onto Copeland Street.

SUBCOMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION:

- **1 SIGN “NO THRU TRAFFIC” ON SOUTHWORTH STREET AND NOYES AVENUE 3:00 PM TO 6:00 PM (SW CORNER)**
- **ADDITIONAL SIGN ACROSS FROM 61 SOUTHWORTH STREET (EAST BOUND TRAFFIC) “NO LEFT TURN 3:00 PM TO 6:00PM.”**

17. LONGWOOD AVENUE

Request received from Councilor Dennis Eaniri for “No Parking” signs on Longwood Avenue from Tribou Street to Menlo Street northerly. (Board members: pictures were provided at 10/24/19 meeting).

SUBCOMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION:

SIGN AND POST “NO PARKING HERE TO CORNER” 75 FEET SOUTHERLY FROM MENLO STREET TO LONGWOOD AVENUE ON NORTH SIDE OF STREET.

18. NORTH AVENUE AND WINTER STREET

Request received from Councilor Jack Lally on behalf of residents for a crosswalk at North Avenue across Winter Street. (Board members: Google map picture provided at 10/24/19 meeting).

SUBCOMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION:

CROSSWALK PLACED ON NORTH AVENUE SE CORNER BY DESIGNATED CUT OUT RAMP TO NW CORNER TO CUT OUT RAMP CROSSING WINTER STREET.

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 provided at 10/24/19 meeting).***

VOTED: TO REFER 661 CENTRE STREET TO SUBCOMMITTEE.

SUBCOMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION:

SIGN AND POST IN FRONT OF SCHOOL CROSSWALK, SIGN AHEAD 15FT IN FRONT OF CROSSWALK AT 661 CENTRE STREET EASTBOUND TRAFFIC.

NEW BUSINESS

20. 441 HOVENDON AVENUE

Request received from Councilor Jack Lally on behalf of a resident for a guardrail at 441 Hovendon Ave. There have been a few cars that have gone onto the property and it is a dangerous intersection.

21. ISLAND LOCATED AT CENTRE STREET/COMMERCIAL STREET INTERSECTION

Request received from Denise Souliere for the island in front of the BAT terminal parking garage on Centre Street intersecting with Commercial Street can either be removed or have a "Keep Right" sign placed on island.

22. DANIEL MURPHY, JR., P.E., M.ASCE., CDM SMITH

*Mr. Murphy will be discussing the board's recommendations to post 25 mph speed zone signs and the process needed prior to doing so. **(Board members: attached is a list of 25 mph signs approved).** Mr. Murphy will also discuss "Truck Quiet Zone" signs approved and installed **(Board members: attached is a list of "Truck Quiet Zone" signs approved).***

23. PERKINS AVENUE

Request received from Councilor Anne Beaugard regarding the parking (illegal stay all day) from Perkins Ave (on Main St) where Plain St Crescent Credit Union.(to get coverage to ticket know some of that falls under parking authority) creating problem for businesses in that area.

24. M&M SEAFOOD

Request received from Councilor Anne Beaugard on behalf of a request from M & M Seafood (there is a church being done next to his store) they need to have a sign probably on Perkins Ave between Main and Montello for loading dock. Since that place had been vacant for so long they did not have a problem but now that there is going to be a church and there

is a lot of construction he is having trouble with the trucks doing deliveries and having a place to park to do so.

SIGN REQUESTS:

25. MAIN STREET & NILSSON STREET – TRAFFIC LIGHT

Request received from Gloria Anderson-Armstrong for a traffic light at the corner of Main Street and Nilsson Street due to frequent accidents and the inability to get out of the parking lot safely or cross the street at the corner. **Ms. Anderson-Armstrong also provided a signed petition and accident history, copies of which are attached for board members.**

26. QUINCY AVENUE/ADAMS STREET INTERSECTON

Request received from Joy Calapai requesting a stop sign/signs at the 4-way intersection with one stop sign that is ignored. There have been several accidents and near misses. **(Board members: currently a "Stop" sign on Quincy Avenue, westerly @ Adams Street).**

27. 26 ENTERPRISE STREET

Request received from Mario Teixeira who resides at 26 Enterprise Street for a handicapped sign. Mr. Teixeira states he needs a parking spot closer to his house, especially during winter. **(Board members: attached is copy of Sign Request Form and pictures from Google Maps).**

28. 96 NORTH MAIN STREET

Request received from Khushbu Naik, owner of V & D Variety Store, for a "10 Minute Parking" sign in front of her store. People park in front of her business to go across the street and some leave their car all day. **(Board members: attached is copy of Sign Request Form and pictures from Google Maps).**

29. GALEN STREET

Request received from Councilor Anne Beauregard to revisit the signage issue on Galen Street. ***Below recommendations were approved at 8/22/19 – work order still pending).**

1. PLACE A "DEAD END" SIGN ON POLE #2 ON THE EAST SIDE OF GALEN ST
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

30. 2019-2020 WINTER PARKING BAN – 12/1/19 – 4/1/20

The attached Winter Parking Ban notices in 4 languages (English, Haitian-French, Portuguese and Spanish) was published in The Enterprise on 11/21/19 @ a cost of \$3,273.20. In addition, notices were inserted into the utility bills @ a cost of \$3,531.45, bright orange notice cards (attached) were placed on windshields throughout problem streets within the City @ a cost of approximately \$200.00. There are also several boards placed on tripods within City Hall. The Mayor has agreed to continue reducing the first violation in half. **(Board members: attached are the 4 WPB notices and orange card being placed on windshields).**

31. SOLAR SCHOOL ZONE FLASHING LIGHTS – ANGELO SCHOOL

The City was awarded the Massachusetts Safe Routes to School Signs and Lines Program grant up to the maximum of \$6,000.00. Thank you to Paul Umamo, Grants Coordinator, Mayor's Office and Karen Watkins-Watts, Grants Manager, Brockton Public Schools. (Board members: attached is a copy of the award letter).

32. 2020 MEETING & SUBCOMMITTEE MEETING SCHEDULE (attached)

33. TRAFFIC MAINTENANCE MAN – CHAD CELLUCCI