



BROCKTON TRAFFIC COMMISSION
Thursday, October 24, 2019
6:00 p.m.

MINUTES

The Traffic Commission held its regular monthly meeting at 6:00 p.m. on Thursday, October 24, 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: Jennifer Johnson, Linda Brady, Janice Manning, Deborah Beane, Ollie Spears, Donald Myers, Sam Trotman, Diane Bernath and Councilor Dennis Eaniri.

There being a proper quorum, the meeting was called to order by Commissioner Hallisey. Upon motion made by Deputy Fire Chief Solomon, seconded by Councilor Lally, and a unanimous vote of all members present, it was voted to waive the reading of the September 26, 2019 Minutes.

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.

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

VOTED: TO APPROVE SUBCOMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION TO TABLE.

2. 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.

SUBCOMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION:

- **"DO NOT BLOCK DRIVEWAY" ON LIGHT POLE NORTH OF PARKING LOT DRIVE WAY ENTRANCE ON MAIN STREET**
- **REMOVE PARKING SPACE IN FRONT OF RAMP ON MAIN STREET**
- **"DO NOT ENTER" SIGN ON POST NW CORNER EXITING PARKING LOT ON L STREET**
- **SIGN ON FENCE "ONE WAY" DIRECTLY ACROSS FROM DRIVEWAY EXITING MERIAN'S PARKING LOT ON L STREET.**
- **ON POLE #3 ON L STREET "DO NOT ENTER" SIGN EAST SIDE OF POLE.**

Discussion: Commissioner Hallisey stated that he would put temporary ladder marks indicating no parking in front of the driveway and this can be done around October 27th, weather permitting. On the Motion, Ken Galligan stated that both #1 and #2 above should indicate "on Main 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 SUBCOMITTEE RECOMMENDATION, AS AMENDED.

3. 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**

Discussion: Commissioner Hallisey informed the board that he received communication from Dan Murphy that he will attend the December meeting to discuss issues with the board's 25 mph designation.

Ken Galligan pointed out that on #1 “for eastbound traffic” should be added and on #2, “for westbound traffic” should be added.

It was recommended to postpone until the December 5th meeting to discuss further with Dan Murphy, Jr., P.E., M.ASCE.

Councilor Lally made a motion to postpone until the December 5th meeting.

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

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

4. AMES STREET

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

SUBCOMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION:

- **“NO PARKING” ON AMES STREET FROM NORTH MAIN STREET TO NORTH CARY STREET SOUTH SIDE (EAST BOUND TRAFFIC).**

Discussion: Ken Galligan gave a clarification by stating that Ames Street is narrow and people park on both sides of Ames Street. It is difficult to pass due to the narrow width. His reasoning is that when cars are parked on both sides it becomes a public safety issue.

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

VOTED: TO APPROVE SUBCOMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION.

SIGN REQUESTS:

5. 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.

SUBCOMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION:

- **NO ACTION AT THIS TIME**

Discussion: Ken Galligan explained that the subcommittee along with the city councilor looked at the site and could not come up with a location where the resident is requesting a guardrail

and were unable to make a determination. The city councilor was going to contact the resident for further information.

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 TAKE NO ACTION AT THIS TIME.

6. 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.

SUBCOMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION:

- **"DEAF PERSON" SIGN ON POLE #2 IN FRONT OF 86 CARY STREET.**
- **"DEAF PERSON" SIGN ON POLE IN FRONT OF 63 CARY 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 APPROVE SUBCOMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION.

7. 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.

SUBCOMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION:

- **NO ACTION AT THIS TIME.**

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

VOTED: TO TAKE NO ACTION AT THIS TIME.

8. 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.

SUBCOMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION:

- **"DEAD END" SIGN ON COTTAGE GROVE DRIVE BY HILLBERG AVE**

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.

9. 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.

ADDED:

- "STOP AHEAD" SIGN AND POST LONGWOOD AVE (NORTH BOUND TRAFFIC) EAST SIDE 30 FEET NORTH AT CARROLL AVE
- "STOP AHEAD" SIGN AND POST WEST SIDE LONGWOOD AVE (SOUTH BOUND TRAFFIC) 25 FEET SOUTH OF WILLEY ST
- REMOVE SMALL TREE BLOCKING STOP SIGN BETWEEN #72 AND #78 LONGWOOD AVE.

VOTED: PREVIOUSLY APPROVED AT THE 9/26/19 MEETING.

10. 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 PARKING HERE TO CORNER" SAWTELL AVENUE WEST SIDE FROM ALDEN STREET NORTHERLY TO DRIVEWAY @ 218 SAWTELL AVENUE IN BACK OF SIDEWALK

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

Discussion: Commissioner Hallisey stated that the sign would be placed on the fence post to increase visibility. Mr. Trotman appeared and thanked the board.

Ken Galligan explained that when the subcommittee went back there the second time, when cars are coming out of Alden Street and there is a car parked on the west side of Sawtell Avenue, you cannot see a car that comes up over the crown in the road.

VOTED: TO APPROVE SUBCOMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION.

NOTE:

VESEY STREET

SUBCOMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION:

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

Discussion: Commissioner Hallisey recommended postponing this item until the December 5th meeting.

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

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**

Discussion: Commissioner Hallisey recommended postponing this item until the December 5th meeting.

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

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

NEW BUSINESS

11. 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).

Discussion: Scott Faria, R.P.L.S., of J.K. Holmgren Engineering appeared along with Diane Bernath of First Realty Management Company to discuss Battles Farm Village turning their entrances and exits into a one-way. Right now it is two-way traffic, the community building right in the front on the southwest side of the property. They would like to have the entrance there with a gate so that they can have control over who is coming in and out of the property.

The rest of the property driveway are all two-ways and will remain that way. There will be signage put up. The residents will have a key code. The gates will automatically open with emergency sirens.

Mr. Faria stated he spoke with DPW Engineer Howard Newton and representatives at Brockton Area Transit Authority (BAT). Neither had any concerns. BAT stated they will adapt with the changes. Ms. Bernath stated that they could obtain a FOB that would automatically open the gate.

Ken Galligan asked where proposed gate on the plan going to be and was told by Mr. Faria that it will be right at the turn around at the community building. It was suggested that the gate put before the turnaround because without it, when someone turns in they have to back out onto Battle Street. Put the gate passed the turnaround so that people can turn around rather than having to back out.

Ms. Bernath asked if the board would be agreeable if there was a turnaround before the gate. Mr. Faria stated that there was not enough room. There is an inlet at the mailbox area.

Ken Galligan voiced his concern when BFD 2 companies that come from the north that come into this project by way of Rutland Street (#3 Montello, #7 Cary Hill) and 2 companies that come from Pleasant Street downtown. When they go to Battles Farm Village, they come up Pleasant to Hereford Street to Spring Street to N. Warren Avenue. When they get to North Warren Avenue and Battles Street depending upon where the number is, they either go into the left driveway or the right driveway. Keep in mind that when the fire department comes in that they are coming in both directions. If Engine #7 or #3 is coming in from Rutland Street and have to go over to a street address that is all the way over on the far west of the property, they will be coming that unrestricted street and take a right against traffic. Mr. Galligan doesn't see that as a huge problem. The trucks will go the fastest way to get to the call. He continued by saying if there is parking on both sides of the street and then a fire truck was going down the street the wrong way and a car was coming up the right way, this would create a problem. In the proposal is there room for 2 cars to pass on the main street. Ms. Bernath stated that she thought there was parking on one side. Mr. Galligan stated that it is critical the main street remains one way so that emergency vehicles can maneuver in and out. The whole issue behind this is security.

Deputy Fire Chief Solomon stated that the gates did not work out too well at Davis Commons who is also managed by First Realty Management Company. The gates have been knocked down. Ms. Bernath stated that they have not purchased the gates yet and may also consider putting bollards in.

Ken Galligan stated that this is something that we want to discuss and make a decision tonight or do we want to send it to subcommittee or do you want to talk to members of the BFD. Deputy Fire Chief Solomon suggested sending it to subcommittee and he will talk to members of the fire department.

Ken Galligan asked what UPS trucks will need to do to get access into the project. There are a lot of online orders that will require deliveries.

Steve Hooke recommended sending this to subcommittee. Deputy Fire Chief Solomon informed Ms. Bernath that the subcommittee will be out there **November 19th (note correct date)**.

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

VOTED: TO REFER TO SUBCOMMITTEE.

12. 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~~ Warren Avenue by creating lanes using painted arrows so that vehicles that will turn left onto ~~Montello Street~~ Warren Avenue get into a formally created left lane at this end of Market Street, and vehicles turning right onto ~~Montello Street~~ Warren Avenue 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.

Discussion: Ken Galligan stated this item should probably be Warren Avenue, not Montello Street. He further stated that he has observed that when you come down Market Street to Warren Avenue, cars are in the right hand land and then take a left cutting in front of people. It needs to have arrows indicating left turn, right turn.

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.

13. 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.

Discussion: Mr. Myers stated that there is a stop sign on the westbound side of Litchfield Street but not on the eastbound side and the way it is set up, you really cannot tell that there is a road there. When it was originally set up the street had 2 houses on it. Coming up there is a very steep hill and very little indication there is a street there. Carl Avenue has a lot of traffic on it. He lives on the east side of Carl Avenue and has had 4 cars hit his fence. About 15 years ago they put a stop sign on the west side and a huge Litchfield Street sign with nothing on the other side. Residents are baffled as to why there is no signage. Mr. Myers said something should be done due to the accidents.

Commissioner Hallisey informed Mr. Myers that the subcommittee will be there to look at it on **November 19, 2019 (please note correct date).**

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.

14. 325 COPELAND STREET

Request received by Councilor Anne Beauregard 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.

Discussion: Ken Galligan stated that this area is south of Southworth Street.

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

VOTED: TO REFER TO SUBCOMMITTEE.

SIGN REQUESTS:

15. 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).

Discussion: Ken Galligan and DPW Commissioner Rowley stated that the speed limit there is 30 mph. It was recommended to refer to subcommittee to place speed limit signs.

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.

16. 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).

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

VOTED: TO REFER TO SUBCOMMITTEE.

17. 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).

Discussion: DPW Commissioner Rowley recommended sending to subcommittee as this is a very narrow street no wider than a driveway. The board was not sure whether the resident was looking for a guardrail or making the street a one-way. According to the Google map picture of the property, there did not appear to be enough room for a guardrail and the fence may be on city property. The fence would have to be moved on the Wayland Street side if a guardrail is deemed appropriate.

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

VOTED: TO REFER TO SUBCOMMITTEE.

18. 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).

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.

19. ARMISTON STREET AND ALLERTON STREET

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

Discussion: Councilor Lally stated that residents are concerned with the increase traffic on their street due to the new development nearby. Passed Allerton, the road is a dead end. Residents would like to have it noted so that people do not enter mistakenly to get into the new development. There is also a bit of a roadway that according to the minutes of some planning/zoning meetings is supposed to be for emergency vehicles only but according to others it is open for general traffic. He would like the subcommittee to also take a look at that to determine if it is open for general traffic.

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

VOTED: TO REFER TO SUBCOMMITTEE.

20. 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.

Discussion: Councilor Lally explained that Norwich Road ends at Coe Road and both have been paved recently. The residents on Norwich Road are concerned about people taking the corner because there a lot of kids in that area.

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.

21. DOWNEY ROAD

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

Discussion: Councilor Lally stated that this is the same issue as above. Downey Road runs into Dixon Road. The residents on Dixon Road are looking for a stop sign for people coming off of Downey Road.

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

VOTED: TO REFER TO SUBCOMMITTEE.

22. 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.

Discussion: Lieutenant Frank Vardaro, requested these signs be put up. Commissioner Hallisey stated that he would have Lieutenant Vardaro appear at the subcommittee to explain further.

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 REFER TO SUBCOMMITTEE.

23. 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.

Discussion: Councilor Eaniri discussed the volume of daily traffic on Southworth Street during these particular hours. The problem residents are having is that Noyes Avenue is becoming a major cut through. People go by Jane Terrace and see that they can cut through Noyes Avenue onto Carlton Avenue to get to Copeland Street. Noyes Avenue is a neighborhood street with kids. Some cars are going 60 mph through there. Councilor Eaniri asked if the subcommittee could take a look during the hours listed so that they can see first-hand what the problem is.

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

VOTED: TO REFER TO SUBCOMMITTEE.

24. 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).

Discussion: Councilor Eaniri appeared to speak on the parking issue and was accompanied by Deborah Beane who resides at 12 Longwood Avenue. Ms. Beane explained that there are 11 total houses on Longwood Avenue between Tribou Street to Menlo Street on both sides and of the 11, 5 are 3-family houses. That brings in 15 families with at least 2 cars each that adds 30 cars to 11 homes from Tribou Street to Menlo Street. Ms. Beane stated that she can no longer back out of her driveway because her views are blocked. The residents of 16 Longwood Avenue park too close to the fire hydrant. Residents park wherever they want even during the winter parking ban. They park on the west side of the street even though there are "No Parking" signs there. When winter arrives and you add snow and how narrow the street becomes with the snow, residents park wherever creating a single lane road. Ms. Beane informed Commissioner Hallisey that she calls the police department constantly December 1st through April 1st.

Councilor Eaniri stated that the cars are parked legally but the red car pictured was parked 1-2 feet from the curb (Commissioner Hallisey stated this care should have been ticketed). He further discussed the truck parked at the stop sign and puts cones around his truck. Captain DiBari ticketed and towed a few years back as well as when Captain Gomes was commissioner. Councilor Eaniri pointed out the fact that landlords are charging extra to tenants to park in driveways which is creating a problem. Ms. Beane agreed that there are driveways but they are not parking in them. One person owns 3 of the 5 3-family homes. In her opinion, he is every essence of the word "slumlord", he doesn't shovel the sidewalks, doesn't mow the lawns, he has people bring in and dump stuff on the sidewalk so that it can get picked up by the city. He owns 9 building in the city. Ms. Beane stated that the only house that has inadequate parking is the house at the corner of Longwood Avenue and Menlo Avenue.

Commissioner Hallisey asked if they were looking to make this area all "No Parking" because if they were, they would be displacing approximately 30 vehicles that would have to park somewhere creating the issue elsewhere. This will be referred to subcommittee and he expects that a lot of people from the area will be coming before the board as a result. Councilor Eaniri responded by saying that they will be informed them that they have to park in their driveways.

Councilor Eaniri stated that he understood but something has to be done. He brought up that the issue worsens with house parties. Commissioner Hallisey pointed out that this issue has been brought before the board several times in the past and the council should look further into this issue.

Ken Galligan stated that normally "No Parking" signs are put up because of a public safety issue and what he is hearing is that Ms. Beane is having a problem backing out of her driveway. He understands that but opined that everyone that lives in a multi-family house area has this problem. If the parked cars are illegally parked then that is a traffic enforcement issue. The concern that he has that if the board pulls all of these cars out, they are all going to have to go somewhere, possibly onto Tribou Street, Grafton Street to Bouve Avenue, etc. The board has to have a legitimate reason to make no parking. He honestly believes it is an enforcement

issue. Ms. Beane stated that they have driveways they can use but choose not to use them. There are spaces that are not being utilized. There definitely should be no parking in front of 16 Longwood Avenue because there is not enough room legally to park with the fire hydrant there. Councilor Eaniri stated there should be no parking signs put up at Menlo Street because of the tree and the truck that parks there. Cars come up to the stop sign on an angle. Commissioner Hallisey suggested a "No Parking Here to Corner" may alleviate the issue. This could be a safety concern.

Ms. Beane stated that if no parking was an issue, maybe the board could look at restricting parking during the hours of 11:00 p.m. to 6:00 a.m./7:00 a.m. Another thing that has to be taken into account is the weekends are busier as well as when people have parties or get-togethers.

Commissioner Hallisey informed Ms. Beane to continue to call the police department for cars illegally parked. He further stated that they are short handed but the calls will be responded to.

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.

25. 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).

Discussion: Councilor Lally spoke and stated that the residents on North Avenue have kids that cross the street for bus stops or go to the park down the street. This was discussed at the last subcommittee. Ken Galligan mentioned to him during the last subcommittee meeting that there was a plan in place to put crosswalks all the way down across Winter Street.

There was a whole plan layed out for Winter Street, North Avenue and Keswick Road maybe 3-4 years ago. The subcommittee spent about an hour and a half there laying the whole thing out. He is not sure what happened to it.

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.

26. 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).***

Discussion: Janice Manning appeared with Ollie Spears to discuss their request. Commissioner Hallisey stated that the MA DOT letter opined that a school zone was not warrant and that the board had no objection to designating a school zone but explained that, according to the MA DOT opinion letter "...in order for there to be a marked crosswalk, a sidewalk must be installed on the east side of Route 28 in front of the school. Wheelchair ramps must also be installed to be in accordance with the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) and The Massachusetts Architectural Access Board (MAAB)."

Commissioner Hallisey continued by saying if all of this is done then the board can designate the school zone with the city being responsible for all costs and maintenance of a school zone speed limit. He further suggested that if they were going to do the infrastructure and wanted electric signs, you will have to have that infrastructure ready to go to obtain the board's approval of a school zone. He reiterated that the city is responsible for the signage and maintenance of the signage and not the sidewalks, the onus would be on them for that and everything else. Commissioner Hallisey stated the same would be for the Centre Street location.

Ms. Manning stated that there are sidewalks at the Centre Street location. Commissioner Hallisey asked if there was handicapped accessibility and was told there was. He then asked if there was any electric work there and if not, signs would be applicable.

At this point, Ms. Manning said she was confused because the MA DOT letter stated installation of the sidewalks, wheelchair ramps and sidewalks are the responsibility of the city. Commissioner Hallisey said that if it is designated a school zone but in this case it has not been designated such. Usually when they build the school, the infrastructure is included in the plans.

Ms. Manning asked who she should contact to get this done. Commissioner Hallisey suggested she contact the councilor and the finance board to get this done. It is a school zone the city is responsible for but it is currently not a school zone without the requirements being met.

Commissioner Hallisey questioned Ms. Manning about the safety issues of the students that are currently in place. He asked Ms. Manning if students walk across the busy street and whether it was safe for students to come to school and leave school. Ms. Manning responded that it was not depending upon what he (Commissioner) means by safe. She stated that they are out there as crossing guards and there is a crosswalk down by the lights. Commissioner Hallisey asked if the students are using that crosswalk and there has to be zero tolerance. He asked what is happening to the kids that are not using the crosswalk, are they being suspended? Ms. Manning stated that they are not crossing, when they are out there as students are coming to school and leaving school, they are never crossing without them being there. They are going out directing traffic. Commissioner Hallisey reiterated that it is all about the safety of the students. They need to be protected because they are the most important. Students should not be dropped off across the street from the school. Ms. Manning stated that no students are dropped off across the street from the school.

Mr. Spears asked about putting a crosswalk in front of the school. Commissioner Hallisey stated that everything outline in the MA DOT letter had to be complied with prior to. Mr. Spears asked about students that may be coming from Cumberland Farms then going to school. Commissioner Hallisey stated these students should continue to the crosswalk at the lights to cross.

Ms. Manning asked about the speed limit and whether there is anything that can be done to reduce the speed limit while they are going through this process to get it up and running. Commissioner Hallisey stated that nothing could be done at this time but it shouldn't be much of a problem if students are using the crosswalk to cross the street. They asked if a 30 mph sign could be put up because there is not posted speed limit.

Ken Galligan informed them that the board's hands are tied because it is a state highway and they control the road. The state determines what the speed limit is. He continued by saying he thinks they (New Heights) need to understand that the state gives permission to establish the crosswalk but there is a lot of criteria to be complied with by them prior to a crosswalk being installed. He suggested that they look at the sign to see what the speed limit is.

Ms. Manning asked for clarification because there are some schools currently on state highways. She wanted to know how the city established them as school zones (i.e. East Middle School – 20 mph). This is encompassed in the infrastructure when the schools are built. She then wanted to confirm that she needed to contact the city councilor and finance board (city/school department). If it's a city road, the fundamental speed limit is 30 mph. If it's a state road, you would have to contact the state.

Ms. Manning said that there is a sign at the driveway of their school that indicates where the state highway ends. Can a speed limit sign be put up there on the city side? And if so, can it be lowered?

Mr. Spears asked what the current speed limit is and could the board contact the state to see what the current speed limit is. The city is 30 mph but will find out what the speed limit is on the state highway.

Ms. Manning and Mr. Spears stated that they would work on the infrastructure. Commissioner Hallisey asked if electric signs were going to be requested as part of the infrastructure and informed that that if so, everything needed to be in place.

Ken Galligan asked if the Centre Street location had a crosswalk and that they should look into that. Ms. Manning stated that there is not one at the school but there is one by Dunkin Donuts. Mr. Galligan suggested a crosswalk sign be put there.

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

VOTED: TO REFER 661 CENTRE STREET TO SUBCOMMITTEE.

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BELLEVUE AVENUE

Request received from Ivory Hunter who resides at 133 Bellevue Avenue for Speed Limit/Slow Down Residential Area/Children sign to be put up near pole #17 and #18.

SIGNS ON BELLEVUE AVE:

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

The Hunter's called to ask the status of the other signs. The poles are on the north side of the street for westbound traffic (heading down the hill). Commissioner Hallisey stated that there should be post and sign on the south side (going up the hill) for eastbound traffic.

UPDATE

- **NO MEETING IN NOVEMBER**
- **DPW COMMISSIONER ROWLEY OBTAINED THE 3 QUOTES (THAT WAS PROVIDED TO THE BOARD) FOR THE TRAFFIC STUDIES FOR TRAFFIC SIGNALS AT NORTH QUINCY & CARY STREET AND WEST CHESTNUT STREET & ASH STREET. THE LOW BID WAS FROM TIGHE&BOND. CONTRACT WILL BE PAID BY DPW FROM THE UBER/LYFT LINE ITEM.**

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

VOTED: SIGN THE CONTRACT WITH TIGHE&BOND IN THE AMOUNT OF \$24,550.00.

- **TRAFFIC MAINTENANCE MAN (CHAD CELLUCCI) WILL START ON MONDAY, NOVEMBER 4TH. HE WILL TRAIN WITH MIKE CURTIN FOR A WHILE. HE WILL GET WORK ORDERS FROM MS. MILLIGAN.**

Respectfully submitted,

Mary Milligan, Secretary