



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

MINUTES

The Traffic Commission held its regular monthly meeting at 6:00 p.m. on Thursday, December 5, 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, Councilor Jack Lally, Councilor Anne Beauregard and Traffic Maintenance Man, Chad Cellucci.

Also present was: City Councilor Shirley Asack, City Councilor Dennis Eaniri, City Councilor Susan Nicastro, Enrico DiScipio, Manuel Monteiro, Joy Picknaicik-Calapai Tyler Knowlton, Courtney Knowlton and Gloria Anderson Armstrong.

There being a proper quorum, the meeting was called to order by Commissioner Hallisey. Upon motion made by Deputy Fire Chief Joseph Solomon, seconded by Stephan Hooke, and a unanimous vote of all members present, it was voted to waive the reading of the October 24, 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: Dan Murphy, Jr., P.E., M.ASCE will meet with Commissioner Hallisey at the site on Friday, December 6, 2019 to review and make recommendations.

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

VOTED: TO APPROVE SUBCOMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION TO TABLE.

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

VOTED: TO TABLE. DAN MURPHY, JR., P.E., M.ASCE WILL MEET WITH COMMISSIONER HALLISEY AT THE SITE ON 12/6/19 AND REPORT BACK TO THE BOARD WITH RECOMMENDATIONS.

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.

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

VOTED: TO TABLE UNTIL FURTHER INFORMATION IS RECEIVED FROM DAN MURPHY JR., P.E., M.ASCE.

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.

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

VOTED: TO TABLE UNTIL FURTHER INFORMATION IS RECEIVED FROM DAN MURPHY JR., P.E., M.ASCE.

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.

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

VOTED: TO TABLE UNTIL FURTHER INFORMATION IS RECEIVED FROM DAN MURPHY JR., P.E., M.ASCE.

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

Discussion: Commissioner Hallisey explained that the subcommittee agreed upon changes to the original plans after speaking with Fire Department staff which consisted on moving gates passed mailboxes at the west entrance and by the Rutland Street entrance. Deputy Fire Chief Solomon explained that the east entrance will be used as an exit and "Do Not Enter" signs will be put up on this end. They will maintain no parking on one side of Battles Farm Drive throughout the main road that goes through from the west entrance to the east entrance. Two way traffic exiting and entering from Rutland Street the same as it is on original plan with the gate being 80-100 ft. from Rutland Street. The gates will be operated by the Opticom system similar to what is used by the fire trucks to change the traffic signals when entering an intersection to give the emergency vehicles priority in moving through intersections that same type of system can be used to raise and lower the gates. Deputy Fire Chief Solomon stated

that the Fire Department has no problem with the amended plans as long as the gates go up and down and they have access when needed.

DPW Commissioner Rowley made motion to approve the amended plans. On the motion, Ken Galligan voiced his concern on a couple of things. One being coming in from entrance gate #1, there is a driveway on the curve that services the 2 big building on the left, west of the property. If you come in off of Battles Farm and take a left, when you leave you would go down Battles Farm Drive heading east and come out at the east entrance. If you were going to go to either one of those 2 building and were coming in off of Rutland Street, you would come in the Rutland Street gate the street section is a two-way. When you get to the "T" intersection, you will have to take a right to get to that driveway so that you can get to those 2 west buildings. So, if you were going to the west building and you are on Rutland Street, when you get to that "T" intersection, you cannot take a right. You would have to go all around Battles Street and come in the other gate. The only thing to consider would be changing it so that the one-way will start at the "T" intersection. Ken suggested approving the amended plans that are in front of them but he would like a discussion move the one way to the "T" intersection.

Deputy Fire Chief Solomon agreed to approve the plans as is and have a conversation with the engineer on the suggestions made.

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 THE PLANS PRESENTED AND HAVE A CONVERSATION WITH THE ENGINEER ON THE SUGGESTIONS MADE.

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~~ 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.

SUBCOMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION:

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

Discussion: Councilor Beauregard asked Commissioner Hallisey if signs would be put up even though the painting would not be done until the spring. She stated that residents should be informed that line painting may take several months due to the climate. It was agreed that the signs would be put up for now and the pavement will be painted in the spring.

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

VOTED: TO PUT SIGNS UP NOW AND PAINT IN THE SPRING.

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 @ CARL AVENUE

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

VOTED: TO APPROVE SUBCOMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION.

7. 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.

SUBCOMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION:

NO ACTION AT THIS TIME

Discussion: Commissioner Hallisey informed Councilor Beauregard that Copeland Street is very wide and there are no problems with site lines and when the subcommittee reviewed, there were no vehicles parked that were obstructing site lines therefore, there is no reason to restrict parking.

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 TAKE 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**

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

VOTED: TO APPROVE SUBCOMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION.

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 (EASTBOUND) AND “STOP AHEAD” SIGN BY 41 CRICKETT ROAD (WESTBOUND)**

Discussion: Ken Galligan suggested that the above should be amended to read:

- **“STOP” SIGN FOR WESTBOUND TRAFFIC ON CRICKETT ROAD AND RAYMOND ROAD – PAINT LINE STOP BARS AND STOP SIGNS**
- **“STOP” SIGN FOR EASTBOUND TRAFFIC ON CRICKETT ROAD AND RAYMOND ROAD**
- **“STOP AHEAD” SIGN BY 74 CRICKETT ROAD (EASTBOUND) AND “STOP AHEAD” SIGN BY 41 CRICKETT ROAD (WESTBOUND)**

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

VOTED: TO APPROVE SUBCOMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION.

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

VOTED: TO APPROVE SUBCOMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION, AS AMENDED.

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)

Discussion: Commissioner Hallisey explained that the board was not sure what the resident was looking for and they were not in attendance to clarify. The question of the chain link fence property line was discussed. DPW Commissioner Rowley will have the engineer look at to determine the property line and report back to the board prior to discussing installing a guardrail as the fence will have to be moved.

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

VOTED: TO HAVE THE CITY ENGINEER DETERMINE WHERE THE PROPERTY LINE IS AND REPORT BACK TO THE BOARD.

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

Discussion: Commissioner Hallisey stated that the subcommittee reviewed this and determined that there is no need for any action at this time. Councilor Beauregard explained that Ms. Amado's chief concern was for the safety of children walking to/from school because the street narrows. There is a need for a sidewalk that she has discussed with the DPW Commissioner. She suggested putting a cruiser there during the times the kids are walking to/from school. Commissioner Hallisey stated that he would contact Lieutenant Frank Vardaro who is in charge of school police to monitor the traffic while kids are walking to/from East Middle School.

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

VOTED: TO HAVE COMMISSIONER HALLISEY CONTACT LIEUTENANT FRANK VARDARO TO MONITOR THE TRAFFIC WHILE KIDS ARE WALKING TO/FROM EAST MIDDLE SCHOOL.

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

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.

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

Discussion: Ken Galligan suggested that the above should be amended to read:

"STOP" SIGN FOR NORTHBOUND TRAFFIC ON NORWICH ROAD @ COE ROAD.

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, AS AMENDED.

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.

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.

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)**

Discussion: Ken Galligan stated the subcommittee went to the site and met with the principal and school police to discuss what was needed. He pointed out that one thing that should be considered is that the way the recommendation is written, nobody can park on North Main Street even when school is not in session. So all during the summer, holiday’s, weekends, nights and school vacations, there is no parking. He did not think this was the intention. At the subcommittee review, he made the suggestion that there should be no parking during school hours similar to what is currently at Colonel Bell Drive. DPW Commissioner Rowley stated that the Traffic Commission has a designated sign person who can take the signs down when school is not in session and put them back up when they are back in session. Basically, take them down the last day of school and put them back up when school starts.

Commissioner Hallisey recommended passing the way it is to get the signs up now because it takes 2-3 weeks and then amending by adding “During School Session” at the bottom.

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

VOTED: TO APPROVE SUBCOMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION, AS AMENDED.

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.”**

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

VOTED: TO APPROVE SUBCOMMITTEE RECOMMENDATIONS.

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.

Discussion: Ken Galligan wanted to amend to read:

“NO PARKING HERE TO CORNER” ON LONGWOOD AVENUE 75 FEET SOUTHERLY FROM MENLO STREET ON THE EAST SIDE OF LONGWOOD AVENUE.

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, AS AMENDED.

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.

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

VOTED: TO APPROVE SUBCOMMITTEE RECOMMENDATIONS.

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.

Discussion: Councilor Beauregard stated that the school only inhabits part of the building and is in session on a part-time basis. She further explained that this is a unique situation because students drive, attend Massasoit part of the day and New Heights the other part.

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.

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.

Discussion: Councilor Lally explained that this intersection is similar to the North Quincy Street and North Cary Street in that cars are speeding and it is difficult for cars on Hovendon Street to get onto North Quincy Street especially with a few businesses located across the street. Enrico Discipio appeared and stated that his residence has been impacted several times with vehicles going through his fence. Mr. Discipio sited part of the problem is trucks entering/exiting from the business across the street. Most recently a truck came out and hit a car causing the car to knock his trees down. There is a problem with the car dealership because they have approximately 30 vehicles on the property and they blocked off what was used as an exit previously that causes the problem with entering/exiting onto North Quincy Street. People on Hovendon have difficulty exiting onto North Quincy Street because of this.

Commissioner Hallisey asked Mr. Discipio where he wanted the guardrail and Mr. Discipio stated as much as can be given.

Mr. Discipio also brought up the need for a crosswalk at the Dunkin' Donuts but the board is unable to do anything as it is located in Abington.

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

VOTED: TO REFER TO SUBCOMMITTEE.

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.

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.

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).**

Discussion: Dan Murphy spoke on the speed limit issue and discussed Chapter 90, Sections 17 (speed limits) and 18, (copies of which were provided to board members prior to this meeting) and explained the procedures to follow with MassDOT and what the requirements are for certain signage (engineering study, warrant analysis, etc.).

After a lengthy discussion it was decided that Mr. Murphy will assist with Subcommittee meetings as needed and will work with the board to prepare a quick-reference guide or binder for some of the issues that the commission sees often. This guide will include appropriate MUTCD excerpts and notes as to which may require MassDOT approval or engineering, etc. on the following frequent requests:

- Stop signs
- Speed limit signs
- Truck exclusions
- School zones
- Crosswalks

Ken Galligan summarized by stating the City currently has a 30 mph speed limit city-wide and the board will be looking toward legislation to change to 25 mph. Right now 30 mph yellow sign can be posted and after 25 mph is accepted, then the board can put up a yellow 25 mph speed limit sign on a thickly settled street and that Mr. Murphy will be consulted to review sign requests prior to being put up.

It was discussed that Mr. Murphy will provide a template for a letter used by municipalities for a council order to change the speed limit to 25 mph street by street in thickly settled residential streets, not city-wide. The board wants to keep the city-wide 30 mph speed limit. Mr. Murphy will check with MassDOT to see if the opt-in request can come from the Traffic Commission or if it needs City Council approval by way of a council order. Once it is determined who can approve, the street by street request would then go through Dan Murphy who would submit the request to MassDOT.

23. PERKINS AVENUE

Request received from Councilor Anne Beauregard 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.

Discussion: Manuel Monteiro appeared to state the signs that were put up are not working. The whole street is blocked. He stated that he has called the police and nothing has been done.

According to Mr. Monteiro, a signal box on the corner of Market Street was removed by someone so that the area can be used for parking. Mr. Monteiro was informed that “No Parking Here To Corner” signs were posted and the issue is an enforcement issue and he needs to contact the police department.

Councilor Beauregard stated that vehicles are now used to the times that the parking enforcement officers are ticketing and they move their cars accordingly. Councilor Beauregard will contact Bob Malley to see if the ticketing times can be staggered.

Ken Galligan stated that the parking from Crescent Credit Union to South Street is unregulated.

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

VOTED: TO TAKE NOT ACTION. COUNCILOR BEAUREGARD WILL CONTACT BOB MALLEY (BPA) TO HAVE TICKETING TIMES STAGGERED.

24. M&M SEAFOOD

Request received from Councilor Anne Beauregard 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.

Discussion: Mr. Monteiro stated that his trucks delivering product have difficulty finding places to park to unload the truck.

Ken Galligan pointed out that currently there is no parking on the south side of Perkins Avenue easterly from Main Street that needs to be maintained as the fire trucks need the clearance to make the turn. Mr. Galligan suggested the alley way behind his store be used for a loading zone and if the driveway is blocked because someone is parked there, it is illegal and he should call the police department.

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.

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.**

Discussion: Ms. Anderson-Armstrong appeared to discuss the problems she is experiencing getting out of the driveway across from 861 Main Street. Councilor Nicastro spoke to inform the board that she has received several calls on this issue and also wanted to point out that former Councilor-At-Large Shayna Barnes was before the board in the past on this issue.

Councilor Lally stated that he would contact Councilor Nicastro when the subcommittee is scheduled to review.

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

VOTED: TO REFER TO SUBCOMMITTEE.

26. QUINCY AVENUE/ADAMS STREET INTERSECTION

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).

Discussion: Ms. Calapai appeared to discuss her request and the need for more signage.

Ken Galligan pointed out that on Libby Street coming off of Centre Street, there is no parking on the whole right side of Libby Street and allowed parking on the left side. Someone has put up several no parking/tow zone signs on the left hand side of Libby Street about 350' up from Centre Street to Quincy Avenue. It was suggested that Brockton Hospital put these signs up and they have no authority. Commissioner Hallisey informed Mr. Cellucci to remove these signs if they are still up because this is a city street and they have no authority to put signs up.

Also, Steve Hooke stated that there is now a crosswalk on Adams Street that the hospital put up.

DPW Commissioner Rowley suggested that Commissioner Hallisey should send a letter to the hospital informing them to remove the signs and crosswalk. DPW Commissioner Rowley will provide contact information for the hospital. Commissioner Hallisey will take a look and take pictures.

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.

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).**

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

VOTED: TO REFER TO SUBCOMMITTEE.

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).**

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

VOTED: TO REFER TO SUBCOMMITTEE.

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)**

Discussion: Chad Cellucci informed the board that the sign has been moved.

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

VOTED: TO TAKE NO FURTHER ACTION.

30. WILDER STREET

Discussion: Councilor Asack stated that this street has been brought before the board several times in the past (currently 25 mph signs are on hold). Residents approached her looking to

turn the street into a one-way but they have not gotten back to her or provided her with a petition. What was recommended earlier for Ward 3 restricting traffic during certain times may work with trucks coming down North Main Street or North Montello using Wilder Street as a cut through. Tyler Knowlton who resides on Wilder Street asked if cameras could be used to review the number of vehicles the use the street as a cut through. Commissioner Hallisey stated that he is waiting for the software that goes with the speed signs so that they can capture that information and then he could approach the Chief to ask for speed traps during those times. Currently, there are signs for no commercial vehicles, speed limit signs and nothing seems to be working. The commercial cut through occurs at all hours. Councilor Asack recommended that a sign prohibiting cut through be put up.

Ken Galligan wanted to clarification and was told by Mr. Knowlton that the biggest complaint was the number of vehicles and the speed of those vehicles especially during the summer there are children playing. He questioned why the board was not getting complaints from other side streets in the area and was told that Wilder Street was recently paved while the other streets had a lot of potholes.

Ken Galligan stated that there is a way to get 25 mph but there is a process to get there. Commissioner Hallisey stated that they ticket if it is 10 mph over the speed limit and he would prefer to wait until the software is in so that specific time information is provided so that traffic enforcement/speed traps can be assigned during those hours.

Councilor Lally stated that sometimes GPS diverts traffic and could be doing this on Wilder Street. He suggested referring to subcommittee and review early so that the traffic can be observed. Councilor Lally stated that he would reach out to Councilor Asack when the subcommittee is scheduled to review.

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

VOTED: TO REFER TO SUBCOMMITTEE.

31. BROAD STREET AND NORTH MAIN STREET

Councilor Asack asked if a request for a crosswalk was received for this location for kids crossing to/from school. She stated she was asked by someone at BPS. Councilor Asack was informed to have the request put in writing and send to the secretary. She will keep Councilor Lally informed because part of this area is in his ward.

31. 16 BATTLES STREET

Councilor Asack wanted to confirm that there is no parking on sidewalks that have curbing Because enforcement is needed because patrons from the bar are parking on the sidewalk. Commissioner Hallisey stated that BPD has to be called and they have record of what was done (ticketed, towed, etc.) and if nothing is done, he will talk to Captain Porcaro.

Ken Galligan stated that there are no parking signs on the whole north side up to Richmond

Street. There is parking allowed on the south side.

Councilor Asack reiterated that vehicles are parking on the sidewalk.

Meeting adjourned @ 8:14 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary Milligan, Secretary