



BROCKTON TRAFFIC COMMISSION
Thursday, January 23, 2020
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-At-Large Rita Mendes and Traffic Maintenance Man, Chad Cellucci.

Also present was: City Councilor Shirley Asack, City Councilor Dennis Eaniri 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 Councilor Lally, and a unanimous vote of all members present, it was voted to waive the reading of the December 5, 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."

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.

Discussion: Commissioner Hallisey stated that he met with Dan Murphy and it was agreed that in the Spring the area will be pushed back where the ramps are.

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

VOTED: TO APPROVE RECOMMENDATION AND PERFORM THE WORK IN THE SPRING.

2. 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).**

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

PER CITY ENGINEER, LOCATION IS ON PRIVATE PROPERTY.

Discussion: It was discussed whether to refer to subcommittee. DPW Commissioner Rowley suggested that he could send a letter to the resident or the board could contact the City Councilor (Ward 2) to have him/her get in touch with the resident to find out what they want and if they want a guardrail, explain to them that they will have to move their fence at their expense and the guardrail would be put on their property. Right now, if a guardrail was put up it would impinge the right of way and the street is only wide enough for one car. There wouldn't be enough room for pedestrians because their fence is right on the blacktop. If they moved their fence back the guardrail could go right on the edge of the blacktop line. If we put the guardrail further out we'd be taking approximately 18" off of the street that is just wide enough for a car now.

Ken Galligan asked DPW Commissioner Rowley if he would like to take a look at this property to see where the guardrail could be placed. DPW Commissioner said that if they remove their fence the guardrail could be put on the backside almost into the gutter line. The fence is damaged and with a guardrail the resident may not even want to put a fence back up.

Councilor Lally stated that we have contact information for the resident and perhaps a letter can be sent that a guardrail cannot be put up because there is not enough room because their fence is in the way and if they want a guardrail, they would have to move their fence back and the guardrail will be placed on their property.

DPW Commissioner Rowley stated that there appeared to be enough room according to the Google Map picture and said he would go by and look at the property but not until next week.

Commissioner Hallisey recommended that DPW Commissioner Rowley take a look at the property within the next month.

Ken Galligan made a motion that the DPW Commissioner take a look at the property and report back to the board.

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 DPW COMMISSIONER REVIEW THE PROPERTY AND REPORT BACK TO THE BOARD.

3. 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.

SUBCOMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION:

- **40 FT OF GUARDRAIL, 10 FEET OF CURVE ON THE SOUTH WEST CORNER OF HOVENDON AVENUE AND NORTH QUINCY STREET AND,**
- **AN ADDITIONAL 30 FEET STRAIGHT SOUTHERLY ON NORTH QUINCY STREET ON THE SIDE OF 441 HOVENDON AVENUE.**

Discussion: Ken Galligan stated that there was another piece to add:

- **PLACE A "STOP AHEAD" SIGN FOR EASTBOUND TRAFFIC ON HOVENDON AVENUE PLACED APPROXIMATELY 300 FEET WEST OF NORTH QUINCY STREET**

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.

4. 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.

SUBCOMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION:

- **MOVE SIGN TO THE MIDDLE OF THE ISLAND STAY TO THE RIGHT SIGN (PICTURE OF ISLAND WITH ARROW ON RIGHT SIDE) ON EACH SIDE WITH YELLOW STRIPE ON POST.**

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.

5. 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.

SUBCOMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION:

- **THE BUILDING HAS ACCESS IN THE REAR WHEN PROPERLY CLEANED FOR LOADING AND UNLOADING.**

Discussion: Commissioner Hallisey stated that a loading dock was not needed. Ken Galligan said for the benefit of those that were not present when reviewed, there is a right of way appears to be like an alleyway behind his building that runs from Perkins Avenue to East Market Street. When the subcommittee was there it was wide open and his door that accepts deliveries was probably 50-60 feet from Perkins Avenue off that alleyway. A truck could pull in very easily and exit easily and there is no need for the truck to back in. As long as the alleyway is open, there should be no problem. Surrounding businesses should not lose parking spots for this purpose.

Councilor Lally added that you can access the GIS Map on the Assessor's webpage to find out who owns the surrounding businesses.

Councilor Eaniri stated he would explain the subcommittee's recommendation if the owner contacts him.

Ken Galligan stated that the building on Perkins Avenue behind the store is commercial on the first floor and residential upstairs and there are 4-5 parking spaces for the residents upstairs who need access to park.

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

VOTED: TO ACCEPT SUBCOMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION AND TAKE NO ACTION.

SIGN REQUESTS:

6. 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.**

SUBCOMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION:

- **OCPC STUDY NEEDED**

Discussion: Ms. Anderson-Armstrong was in attendance and asked what the process was to put up a traffic light and how long this would take.

The board explained that OCPS does a study for traffic volume and number of accidents to see if it meets the state's and MUTCD federal criteria to warrant a traffic light.

Councilor Lally stated that OCPC is a regional group and will count the number of cars that go through, the accident history (what's been reported to the police) and will personally review the intersection and come up with suggestions that the City can do. The City can decide whether they will do it themselves which will cost money but be done quicker or OCPC can do it but it will take longer but will be cheaper for the City.

Ms. Anderson-Armstrong asked how long this process takes and was told it could take a couple of years. She stated when she first came to a Traffic meeting she heard it takes 10 years to put up a traffic light. It was explained to her that the intersection she referred to was that it's a problem area that was discussed for 10 years and the decision for a traffic light at that intersection was recently made.

Ken Galligan stated that OCPC meets on a regular basis and the study is the first step. Their meetings are open to the public. He further stated that signs have been put up such as, "No Parking Here to Corner" on all four corners. The main problem is the enforcement in the area because when cars are parked there, you cannot see coming out of East Nilsson Street. He recommends having enforcement keep an eye on that corner.

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 AND TO HAVE TRAFFIC ENFORCEMENT KEEP AN EYE ON THE INTERSECTION.

7. 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).

SUBCOMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION:

- **PLACE POST AND STOP SIGN ON QUINCY AVE 30 FEET WEST OF ADAMS STREET FOR EASTBOUND TRAFFIC.**

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

VOTED: TO APPROVE SUBCOMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION.

8. 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: Sign Request Form and pictures from Google Maps provided at 12/5/19 meeting).**

SUBCOMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION:

- **DENIED AT THIS TIME AMPLE PARKING IN DRIVEWAY**

Discussion: Ken Galligan stated that the entire length on the west side of Enterprise Street is posted "No Parking" and that is the side of the street this house is on.

Councilor Asack stated that the subcommittee did not see anything in driveway or around the residence that would warrant a handicapped parking sign.

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 TO TAKE NO ACTION.

9. 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: Sign Request Form and pictures from Google Maps provided at 12/5/19 meeting).**

SUBCOMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION:

- **ESTABLISH “30 MINUTE PARKING” ON THE WEST SIDE OF NORTH MAIN STREET FROM SPRING STREET NORTHERLY TO HAVERHILL STREET,**
- **ADD AN ADDITIONAL “30 MINUTE” PARKING SIGN ON POLE #9 IN FRONT OF 96 NORTH MAIN STREET.**
- **“NO PARKING” SIGN ON NORTH MAIN STREET (ACROSS STREET) EAST SIDE IN BETWEEN “NO PARKING HERE TO CORNER” 100 FEET NORTHERLY OF LINDEN STREET.**

Discussion: Ken Galligan wanted to confirm that the board’s intention was to establish “30 Minute Parking” on the west side of North Main Street from Spring Street northerly to Haverhill Street and install an additional “30 Minute Parking” sign on pole #9.

Commissioner Hallisey confirmed and further stated that he will contact Bob Malley for enforcement as this area is under Parking Authority.

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.

10. WILDER STREET

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.

SUBCOMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION:

- **NEW POST @ A 45° ANGLE ON WILDER AND NORTH MAIN STREET FOR EAST BOUND TRAFFIC “NO TRUCK TRAFFIC”.**
- **ON NORTH MAIN STREET POLE #35 “NO THRU TRUCKS” ON WILDER STREET WITH ARROW POINTING LEFT.**

Discussion: Councilor Asack was satisfied with the subcommittee’s recommendation and stated that she is still waiting to hear back from residents about making the street one way. She believes the recent changes will help in cutting down the cut through traffic.

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

VOTED: TO APPROVE SUBCOMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION.

11. 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.

SUBCOMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION:

- **NOT NEEDED - TWO CROSSWALKS ONE NORTH AND ONE SOUTH OF THIS LOCATION, CROSSWALK SOUTH HAS A PEDESTRIAN LIGHT AND IS MUCH SAFER TO USE.**

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 APPROVE SUBCOMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION.

12. 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.

SUBCOMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION:

- **CONTINUED - TO BE MODIFIED ON NEXT AGENDA.**

Discussion: Ken Galligan explained that this matter has been before the board for several years. The biggest problem seems to be on Saturday night when the motorcycle group gets together at the establishment next to Nemo's at the corner of Battles Street and North Main Street. Cars are parking on vertical granite edged stone with wheels actually on the sidewalk. The day the subcommittee was there they were toying with the recommendation of prohibiting parking on the south side of Battles Street from North Main Street westerly to Richmond Street so, in effect there would be no parking on the street on Battles Street. Battles Street north side right now is posted no parking from North Main Street to Richmond Street. The thought was that if no parking was made on the south side of Battles Street in addition to the current no parking on the north side, this will make enforcement a lot easier.

Councilor Asack was in agreement with and supported the recommendation and stated that very few residents park in the street it is mostly the bar patrons over the weekend.

Ken Galligan stated that if the Councilor concurred, he would make a motion to establish no parking on the south side of Battles Street from North Main Street westerly to Richmond Street

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 ESTABLISH "NO PARKING" ON THE SOUTH SIDE OF BATTLES STREET FROM NORTH MAIN STREET WESTERLY TO RICHMOND STREET. BY DOING SO, THERE IS NO PARKING ON EITHER SIDE OF BATTLES STREET FROM NORTH MAIN STREET WESTERLY TO RICHMOND STREET.

NEW BUSINESS

13. EDWARD STREET & SHARON STREET

Request received from Anne Beauregard on behalf of a resident who lives at the corner of 80 Edward Street for a and Sharon St and wants a four-way stop at Edward Street & Sharon Street intersection since the traffic and speeding is incredible. Right now there is only a two way stop.

Discussion: Commissioner Hallisey stated that Dan Murphy will be contacted if the subcommittee opines that a four-way stop is warranted and he will do a study.

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.

14. 35 FALCONER AVENUE

Request received from Councilor Dennis Eaniri on behalf of a resident for a “Go Slow – Autistic Child” sign as there are 4 autistic children the live on the street.

Discussion: Councilor Eaniri stated this section is the one-way off on Menlo Street out to Ash Street and is used as a short cut.

Commissioner Hallisey informed Councilor Eaniri that Dan Murphy informed the board to refrain from putting up “Go Children Slow” signs. Councilor Eaniri stated that because it is for Autistic Child/Children that it may be able to be done.

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.

15. WEST CHESTNUT STREET ONTO SOUTHWORTH STREET

*Request received from Councilor Dennis Eaniri for a “No Left Turn” sign to be placed on West Chestnut Street at Southworth Street for westbound traffic and an additional sign facing east on the island on Southworth Street (**Board members: Google Maps pictures provided at meeting**).*

Discussion: Councilor Eaniri explained the reasoning for the sign request and that it is dangerous when cars want to make a turn onto Southworth Street because of the curve.

Stephan Hooke made a motion to send to subcommittee, Ken Galligan stated on the motion, if the board is going to prohibit cars heading west on West Chestnut Street from taking a left we should put a sign up before Mercedes Road letting cars no ahead of time that there is “No Left Turn at Southworth Street” and if we do that, are we routing more traffic onto Mercedes Road? There will be repercussions from doing this and it will compound itself. Residents on Mercedes Road may come before us looking for a one way.

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.

16. 1071 MAIN STREET AND INTERSECTION WITH E. CHESTNUT & W. CHESTNUT STREET

Request received from Councilor Dennis Eaniri and Vinny from Italian Kitchen for a guardrail or any other safety devices to be installed in front of the business. (Board members: Copy of The Enterprise article from most recent MVA provided at meeting).

Discussion: Councilor Eaniri stated that he wasn't sure what the board could do but there have been 3 accidents there the last year. The business is concerned because there is a bus stop there for children.

Commissioner Hallisey stated that the problem is the site line coming out of East Chestnut Street. Ken Galligan stated there is no obstructed view coming out of West Chestnut Street and that perhaps a "No Parking Here To Corner" for 20 feet north from East Chestnut Street. A guardrail in front of his restaurant would have a negative impact and he sees no reason to take out the 3 parking spaces in front of the restaurant because they're not bothering anything.

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.

SIGN REQUESTS:

17. KINGMAN STREET

Request received from Brenda Belmosto who resides at 23 Kingman Street for a "Slow Children/Library" sign as the vehicles are going way too fast as it is a busy cut through.

Discussion: Ken Galligan suggested contacting Dan Murphy to see what type of sign can be used there (i.e. blue sign).

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.

18. 105 HOLMES AVENUE

Request received from Maria Holland who resides at 105 Holmes Avenue and is requesting "Handicap Parking" sign in front of her house. During the winter, the snow plows block the driveway and there is someone in a wheelchair that resides in the home.

Discussion: Councilor Lally stated that he spoke with the resident initially and told her to contact the Traffic Commission and provide documentation. Contact the resident to request documentation.

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

VOTED: TO REFER TO SUBCOMMITTEE.

19. FATHER KENNEY WAY

Request received from Carol DeCorey and the Council On Aging for a pedestrian solar signal and repainted crosswalk as there is concern for the seniors crossing to and from St. Patrick's parking lot.

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.

ROYAL FUEL UPDATE – Ken Galligan requested an update

TOWN LINE SIGN REQUEST – Brockton/West Bridgewater line

PROGRESS ON OAK STREET – DO NOT BLOCK DRIVEWAY @ HARBOR ONE

DIGITAL SPEED SIGNS - through a grant. Were put up by the BPD/Traffic – recorded through software that officers can get information sent to their phones to develop strategy for speed traps. Right now waiting for Chris Hill to install software. Moveable signs to be placed at trouble spots.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary Milligan, Secretary