



BROCKTON TRAFFIC COMMISSION
Thursday, February 27, 2020
6:00 p.m.

MINUTES

The Traffic Commission held its regular monthly meeting at 6:00 p.m. on Thursday, February 27, 2020 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 Dennis Eaniri and Carlos Duarte.

There being a proper quorum, the meeting was called to order by Commissioner Hallisey. Upon motion made by Councilor Lally, seconded by Deputy Fire Chief Joseph Solomon, and a unanimous vote of all members present, it was voted to waive the reading of the January 23, 2020 Minutes.

OLD BUSINESS

1. 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.

VOTED: TO HAVE THE DPW COMMISSIONER REVIEW THE PROPERTY AND REPORT BACK TO THE BOARD.

PER CITY ENGINEER, LOCATION IS ON PRIVATE PROPERTY

Discussion: DPW Commissioner Rowley stated the he believed there was room for a small guardrail on the Huntington Street side and a little bit on the Wayland Street and stated that the City should put a guardrail there.

Ken Galligan asked DPW Commissioner Rowley for approximate footage on Huntington Street and on Wayland Street. DPW Commissioner Rowley recommended a corner piece about 6 feet more on Huntington Street to cover the Wayland Street side. Mr. Galligan informed him that they come in 10-foot sections. It was suggested that the provider be shown what is needed.

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 PUT UP A SMALL GUARDRAIL ON THE CORNER OF WAYLAND STREET AND HUNTINGTON STREET.

2. EDWARD STREET & SHARON STREET

Request received from Anne Beauregard on behalf of a resident who lives at the corner of 80 Edward Street and Sharon St who 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.

SUBCOMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION:

- **MOVE STOP SIGN ON SOUTHWEST CORNER OF SHARON STREET.**
- **PAINT STOP AND STOP LINE ON SHARON STREET SOUTHWEST AND NORTHWEST (WEATHER PERMITTING MAY/JUNE).**

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

VOTED: TO APPROVE SUBCOMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION.

3. 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. (Board members: Secretary has received the necessary medical documentation).

SUBCOMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION:

- **PLACE “AUTISTIC CHILD” SIGN ON POLE #8 AND POLE #24 PENDING DOCUMENTATION**

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

VOTED: TO APPROVE SUBCOMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION TO PUT UP SIGN.

4. 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: see Google Maps pictures were provided @ 1/23/20 meeting).

SUBCOMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION:

- **WE BELIEVE PROHIBITING “NO LEFT TURN” WOULD CREATE MORE PROBLEMS ON NEIGHBORING SIDE STREETS, THEREFORE, DENIED AT THIS TIME.**

Discussion: Councilor Eaniri attended the subcommittee review and stated that he was okay with the decision and will revisit if there is a problem.

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 APPROVE SUBCOMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION AND TAKE NO ACTION.

5. 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.

SUBCOMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION:

- **“NO PARKING HERE TO CORNER” SIGN 25 FEET NORTHERLY FROM E. CHESTNUT STREET EAST.**

Discussion: Commissioner Hallisey stated that a parking spot will be removed for better visibility coming out of West Chestnut Street.

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

VOTED: TO APPROVE SUBCOMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION.

SIGN REQUESTS:

6. 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.

SUBCOMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION:

- **30 MPH SIGN ON POLE #9 COUPLED WITH TRAFFIC ENFORCEMENT.**

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.

7. 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.

SUBCOMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION:

- **DENIED AMPLE ROOM IN DRIVEWAY**

Discussion: Commissioner Hallisey stated that there is ample room in the wide 2 car driveway and there is no handicap ramp.

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 APPROVE SUBCOMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION TO DENY.

8. 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.

SUBCOMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION:

- **REPAINT CROSSWALK**
- **NEW POST AND CROSSWALK SIGN WITH ARROW, AND**
- **REPLACE CROSSWALK SIGN ON POLE.**

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

VOTED: TO APPROVE SUBCOMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION, AS AMENDED.

NEW BUSINESS

9. JANE TERRACE (OFF OF SOUTHWORTH STREET)

*Request from Councilor Dennis Eaniri - Ward 3 ... 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 (Same situation as we had with Noyes Avenue). The signs posted regarding Noyes Avenue seemed to be working and is asking for the same recommendation the commission gave to Noyes Avenue with the signs to be located accordingly.*

Discussion: Councilor Eaniri stated that this request came as a result of receiving phone calls from constituents. He recommended that the subcommittee take a look because he did not want to lose the sign at Noyes Avenue because it appears to be working.

Ken Galligan informed Councilor Eaniri that he called him yesterday after he parked on Noyes Avenue and sat there from 4:30 p.m. until about 5:15 p.m. and the gentleman at the corner house came out wanting to know what he was doing there and was happy that someone was there from the Traffic Commission. During the time there, Mr. Galligan stated that he counted about 30 cars taking a left from West Chestnut Street into Noyes Avenue. The resident informed Mr. Galligan that the issue was the cut through traffic with cars whipping around the corner. The speeding is the main concern.

What Mr. Galligan opined that he believed people are missing the sign that was put up and suggested that the sign that was put up on Noyes Avenue off of Southworth Street needs to be relocated as it is very close to a very large limb that comes out of a tree and the sign does not jump out at you. Further, the sign that has been put on the back side of the stop sign that says "No Thru Traffic", as you are approaching the intersection, you cannot see that sign.

For cars that are coming down Southworth Street heading east at the corner of Noyes, take the sign off of the back side of the stop sign and change it to a sign that says "No Left Turn 3:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m." to match the one put up the street and also put another sign up directly across the street. So, as you approach Noyes Avenue, there is a sign on your left and your right facing west for eastbound traffic. That way there, people coming down Southworth Street

from West Chestnut will see 3 signs. If the problem continues, a cruiser on the corner would be able to enforce.

Commissioner Hallisey asked the board if they wanted to vote on moving the signs because they were already there for subcommittee and refer Jane Terrace to subcommittee. The board and Councilor Eaniri were in agreement.

Ken Galligan made the following motion, seconded by Councilor Lally and a unanimous vote of the members present for the Traffic Maintenance Man, Chad Cellucci:

THAT THE SIGN OPPOSITE NOYES AVENUE WOULD BE ON A SEPARATE POST IN FRONT OF THE TELEPHONE POLE AND TO TAKE A LOOK AT THE SIGN THAT IS UP THERE NOW - IF YOU'RE HEADING EAST IT SEEMS TO BE OBSTRUCTED FROM A BIG TREE LIMB.

VOTED: TO APPROVE ABOVE RECOMMENDATIONS AND REFER JANE TERRACE TO SUBCOMMITTEE.

SIGN REQUESTS:

10. 167 CROSS STREET

Request received from Carlos Duarte who resides at 167 Cross Street and is requesting a guardrail in front of his house due to accidents that cause property damage to his home. (Board members: attached is a copy of the sign request and Google Map pictures).

Discussion: Commissioner Hallisey asked how many accidents have occurred there. Mr. Duarte explained that his property was damaged by a drunk driver who veered off the road coming off of Cricket Street. Commissioner Hallisey informed Mr. Duarte that he will look into the accident history to see if a guardrail is warranted and meets the requirements. He did inform Mr. Duarte that he could put up a guardrail himself.

Mr. Duarte stated recently his fence was damaged by a car and he called the police. He stated that his camera captured the vehicle but it was too dark to get any information. Mr. Duarte stated that he has 2 kids who play in his front yard and he is concerned for their safety.

Ken Galligan commented that the board has received several requests like this when the streets intersects like Mr. Duarte's and in the past suggested that the homeowner place large boulders in front of their property at the back side of the sidewalk and aesthetically, it looks much nicer (you can plant trees, flowers) whereas a guardrail would look ugly. He advised Mr. Duarte that there are contractors around the City look for places to get rid of big boulders.

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

VOTED: TO REFER TO SUBCOMMITTEE ON MARCH 17, 2020.

11. 105-111 MAIN STREET – COMPUMATH BUILDING

Request received from Vronsky Mathe for a “Pickup/Drop-Off Only” sign or a five minute zone sign in front of their building at the corner of Main Street and Frederick Douglass Way. According to Mr. Mathe, businesses are suffering from lack of parking and the requested signage will facilitate the pickup and drop-off of merchandise right in front of the building. (Board members: attached is sign request and Google Map pictures).

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

VOTED: TO REFER TO SUBCOMMITTEE.

12. 36 MAIN STREET – DEPARTMENT OF UNEMPLOYMENT ASSISTANCE

Email request received from Mike Carco, Director, Department of Unemployment Assistance requesting a second handicap parking spot in front of their building. Bob Malley is in agreement with this request. (Board members: attached is copy of email and picture attachments).

Discussion: DPW Commissioner Rowley commented that he has a lot of issues there when it snows because she calls him when her spot is unavailable to shovel out another spot for her. Unemployment will be relocating in 2-3 years. She has a spot there but her space is taken when she gets to work. If another handicapped spot is created there is no guarantee that it will be available to her when she arrives at work.

Ken Galligan asked if she would be able to park behind the building. The secretary pointed out that in the email request submitted, it is stated that she shows up to work late which causes her to park in the back of the building but this is difficult for her.

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.

13. IRVING’S HOME CENTER – 10 NORTH MAIN STREET

Email request received from David, Richard and Michelle Sena and Deputy Fire Chief Joseph Solomon requesting that Spring Street (westbound) from North Main Street to Pleasant Street be designated a Truck Route (with signage) for tractor trailers. The building has been damaged on several occasions including the traffic signal. They are also concerned about pedestrian safety as the location is a high traffic area. (Board members: attached are copies of emails and picture attachments).

Discussion: Deputy Fire Chief Solomon informed the board of the recent accident involving a tractor trailer took off and that it did extensive damage. He further stated that this is a long-time downtown business and something should be done for them and this situation.

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.

Upon motion duly made by Commissioner Rowley, seconded by Councilor Lally, and a unanimous vote of the members present, it was voted to adjourn the meeting at 6:30 p.m.

***NOTE: DEADLINE TO ADD ITEMS TO THE APRIL MEETING AGENDA IS MONDAY, 4/13/20**

Respectfully submitted,

Mary Milligan, Secretary