



BROCKTON TRAFFIC COMMISSION
Thursday, July 23, 2020
6:00 p.m.

****VIA ZOOM MEETING****

MINUTES

The Traffic Commission held its monthly meeting VIA ZOOM at 6:00 p.m. on Thursday, July 23, 2020.

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.

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 to waive the reading of the March 26, 2020 Minutes. Motion carried by a roll call vote; 7 in the affirmative.

OLD BUSINESS

1. 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.*

SUBCOMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION:

FOR NOYES AVENUE (OFF OF SOUTHWORTH):

- **CUT TREE LIMB ON SOUTHWORTH STREET THAT IS BLOCKING NO LEFT TURN 3-6PM ONTO NOYES AVE**
- **REMOVE SIGN ON BACKSIDE OF STOP SIGN ON NOYES AVE AND REPLACE IT WITH NEW POST FOR BETTER VISIBILITY OF SIGN.**
- **NO LEFT TURN 3-6PM ON POLE ACROSS FROM NOYES AVE ON SOUTHWORTH STREET.**
- **NO ACTION ON JANE TERRACE AT THIS TIME**

VOTED: TO APPROVE SUBCOMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION

Upon motion duly made by Councilor Lally, seconded by DPW Commissioner

Rowley, the motion carried by a roll call vote; 7 in the affirmative.

2. 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.

SUBCOMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION:

- **“STOP SIGN AHEAD” POST AND SIGN ON CRICKETT ROAD ,EAST SIDE OF 20 CRICKETT ROAD.**
- **NEW SIGN POST AND SIGN ON CRICKETT RD @CROSS STREET**
- **NO GUARDRAIL AT THIS TIME**

Discussion: On the motion, Ken Galligan stated that Crickett “Avenue” should be corrected to read Crickett “Road”. Frank Murdoch questioned why and was told that there is no Crickett Avenue in the City. Councilor Lally explained that it was a scrivener’s error.

VOTED: TO APPROVE SUBCOMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION

Upon motion duly made by Deputy Fire Chief Solomon, seconded by Councilor

Lally, the motion carried by a roll call vote; 7 in the affirmative.

SIGN REQUEST:

3. 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.

SUBCOMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION:

- **IN FRONT OF COMPUMATH BUILDING, REPLACE “NO PARKING” SIGN WITH “LOADING ZONE” ON MAIN STREET NORTH OF FREDERICK DOUGLASS WAY**

VOTED: TO APPROVE SUBCOMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION

Upon motion duly made by Ken Galligan, seconded by Deputy Fire Chief Solomon, the motion carried by a roll call vote; 7 in the affirmative.

4. 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.

Discussion: DPW Commissioner Rowley stated that this is a problem all of the time. He’s not sure how many handicapped parking spots they supposed to have. DPW always has trouble during snow time keeping cleared because he believes there is one person there that if she does not get her space, she gets very upset. Commissioner Rowley asked if this was the reason for the request or does this warrant another space. He stated that he does not have a problem with putting up another handicapped parking space but is this going to cause more problems for DPW in the wintertime. Commissioner Hallisey said that they went to the site and he did not believe so. The space is closer to the building. He further stated that if it becomes a problem, the board will readdress.

SUBCOMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION:

- **NORTH OF CURRENT HANDICAPPED SPACE ADD ADDITIONAL SPACE WITH NEW POST AND HANDICAPPED SIGN.**

Discussion: DPW Commissioner Rowley stated that they have trouble during snow storms clearing the one handicapped parking spot already there.

VOTED: TO APPROVE SUBCOMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION

Upon motion duly made by Deputy Fire Chief Solomon, seconded by Councilor-At-Large Mendes, the motion carried by a roll call vote; 7 in the affirmative.

5. 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.

Discussion: Deputy Fire Chief Solomon explained that it would be easier for tractor trailers to turn right onto Spring Street rather than right onto Pleasant Street and it would avoid future damage to Irving's Home Center.

SUBCOMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION:

- **SIGN AND POST TRUCK ROUTE 27 RIGHT ONTO SPRING STREET (30 FT NORTH OF HAVERHILL STREET).**
- **ADDITIONAL SIGN ON LAST POLE FOR SOUTHERLY TRAFFIC SOUTH OF SPRING STREET WITH TRUCK RT 27 ARROW IN WESTERLY DIRECTION (RIGHT TURN)**

VOTED: TO APPROVE SUBCOMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION

Upon motion duly made by Deputy Fire Chief Solomon, seconded by Councilor-At-Large Mendes, the motion carried by a roll call vote; 7 in the affirmative.

NEW BUSINESS

6. MAIN STREET CORRIDOR STUDY – POSTPONED TO LATER DATE

A representative from Old Colony Planning Council (OCPC) will provide a short presentation on the Main Street Corridor Study. (Board members: attached is the OCPC flyer from the 2/18/20 public meeting).

7. TRAFFIC LIGHT – MARKET STREET & WARREN AVENUE

Request received from Monique Tully who is a teacher at the Huntington School for a traffic light at the intersection of Market Street and Warren Avenue. This request is as a result of a multitude of accidents that occur at the intersection. The last accident before February vacation, a car went into the Huntington School property next to the playground. Councilor Dennis Eaniri was also contacted. (Board members: see attached pictures).

VOTED: TO REFER TO SUBCOMMITTEE

Upon motion duly made by DPW Commissioner Rowley, seconded by Ken Galligan, the motion carried by a roll call vote; 7 in the affirmative.

8. COPELAND STREET @ BROOKSIDE AVENUE AND SOUTHWORTH STREET

Request received from Pam Harvey who is requesting stop signs or traffic lights on Copeland Street at Brookside Avenue and Southworth Street. Traffic is non-stop on Southworth Street and a drag race on Copeland Street everyday and night. Said request was mailed to Mayor Robert Sullivan who forwarded to Traffic. Councilor Dennis Eaniri was also provided with a copy of the request.

VOTED: TO REFER TO SUBCOMMITTEE

Upon motion duly made by Deputy Fire Chief Solomon, seconded by Councilor Lally, the motion carried by a roll call vote; 7 in the affirmative.

9. SAGAMORE ROAD/YARMOUTH AVENUE

Request received from Anne Marie Macrina who resides at 59 Sagamore Road who claims that there used to be a "No Parking -Tow Away Zone" sign on Sagamore Road @ Yarmouth Avenue. She would like the sign replaced or have a "Resident Only" sign put up. Councilor Eaniri will be contacting Ms. Macrina.

VOTED: TO REFER TO SUBCOMMITTEE

Upon motion duly made by Councilor-At-Large Mendes, seconded by Stephan Hooke, the motion carried by a roll call vote; 7 in the affirmative.

10. PINKHAM STREET

Request of Ward 4 Councilor Susan Nicastro at suggestion of Deputy Fire Chief Edward Williams, for erection of "No Parking" signage along both sides of Pinkham Street to deter the parking of cars which makes it difficult for a fire engine to turn onto street from Main Street, or such other relief as the Traffic Commission may deem appropriate.

VOTED: TO REFER TO SUBCOMMITTEE

Upon motion duly made by Councilor Lally, seconded by Councilor-At-Large

Mendes, the motion carried by a roll call vote; 7 in the affirmative.

11. PEDESTRIAN LIGHT - 1380 MAIN STREET

Request of Ward 4 Councilor Susan Nicastro on behalf of residents of BHA's Campello Housing Authority complex for a pedestrian light and crosswalk to be installed in front of 1380 Main Street to better protect elderly and disabled residents who wish to cross the street. I make this second request in light of a tenant recently being struck by a vehicle while crossing South Main Street.

VOTED: TO REFER TO SUBCOMMITTEE

Discussion: Frank Murdoch asked if there was anything there that says "Yield" or a crosswalk? DPW Commissioner Rowley stated that there is a crosswalk at Brookside Avenue and Main Street that is accessible to the elderly. Mr. Murdoch then added that the elderly take a longer time to cross from point A to point B. Ken Galligan informed Mr. Murdoch that this has come before the board before and at Main Street and Brookside Avenue, there is a pedestrian light and noisemaker to grab the attention of cars. He added that in front of 1380 Main Street, a crosswalk was put up with prominent signage and that Edison put up a high intensity light over the sidewalk. He further stated that there have been many improvements at that location. Mr. Murdoch asked if it was due to negligence. Mr. Galligan said that people maybe not want to go down to the corner to cross or they're trying to cross when traffic is coming. He further stated that traffic is supposed to stop when someone steps off of the sidewalk and they don't always do so.

Upon motion duly made by Ken Galligan, seconded by Deputy Fire Chief Solomon,

the motion carried by a roll call vote; 7 in the affirmative.

12. COUNTRY CLUB DRIVE

Request of Ward 4 Councilor Susan Nicastro on behalf of Cheryl Anderson of Country Club Drive for police enforcement of signage erected to keep trucks and tractor trailer vehicles from cutting through this lovely residential neighborhood, or such other relief as the Traffic Commission may seem appropriate.

VOTED: TO REPOSITION SIGNS PREVIOUSLY INSTALLED FOR BETTER VIEW OF SIGNAGE

Upon motion duly made by Ken Galligan, seconded by Councilor Lally, the motion

carried by a roll call vote; 7 in the affirmative.

13. WINTER PARKING BAN

Email received from Charlie Aucella of 84 Bradley Avenue who wishes to discuss the Winter Parking Ban street/house number designation.

Discussion: Commissioner Hallisey stated that he would talk to Mr. Aucella (because he was not at the meeting) to explain why he is not in favor of switching/swapping from even to odd/odd to even every year. Ken Galligan made a Motion to continue for one month to allow Commissioner Hallisey time to speak with Mr. Aucella and report back to the board. Councilor Lally seconded the Motion. On the Motion, DPW Commissioner Rowley stated that Mr. Aucella had already said what he was looking for and he does not agree whatsoever because during the Winter Parking Ban, DPW has enough trouble with parked cars so swapping each year and he is dead set against changing this now. Councilor Lally withdrew his 2nd on the Motion, Mr. Galligan withdrew his Motion.

VOTED: TO DENY THE REQUEST AND LEAVE THE WPB AS IS.

Upon motion duly made by DPW Commissioner Rowley, seconded by Stephan Hooke, the motion carried by a roll call vote; 7 in the affirmative.

14. 89-91 DIVISION STREET

Request received from Letonia McCallum & Gregory Gows who reside at 89 Division Street for a handicap parking sign in front of 89-91 Division Street for pickup and drop off of disabled resident. Cars block driveway of disabled person using the Ride and to prevent walking into the street.

VOTED: TO REFER TO SUBCOMMITTEE

Upon motion duly made by Deputy Fire Chief Solomon, seconded by Councilor-At-Large Mendes, the motion carried by a roll call vote; 7 in the affirmative.

15. PETRONELLI WAY

Request received from Commissioner Hallisey for the below signage:

- *"TWO WAY TRAFFIC" ON PETRONELLI WAY (MAIN STREET TO MONTELLO STREET)*
- *GREEN STREET 2 SIDED "ONE WAY" SIGNS*
- *"NO PARKING" ON PETRONELLI WAY BOTH SIDES OF STREET WITH PROPER SIGNAGE.*
- *"NO LEFT TURN" SIGN ON PETRONELLI WAY BY MAIN STREET NORTH SIDE OF STREET FOR WEST BOUND TRAFFIC.*
- *"STOP SIGN" ON PETRONELLI WAY BY MAIN STREET FOR WEST BOUND TRAFFIC.*

VOTED: TO APPROVE RECOMMENDATION

Upon motion duly made by Deputy Fire Chief Solomon, seconded by Councilor Jack Lally, the motion carried by a roll call vote; 7 in the affirmative.

16. 33 EMORY STREET

Request received from Councilor Dennis Eaniri on behalf of the Belanger family who reside at 33 Emory Street. They are requesting an “Adult with Autism” sign for their adult son. They live right at the s curve on Emory Street. Cars going south on Emory Street do not hug the proper side of the road and are on the wrong side of the street when passing their house. (Board members: medical documentation received).

VOTED: TO REFER TO SUBCOMMITTEE

Upon motion duly made by Stephan Hooke, seconded by DPW Commissioner Rowley, the motion carried by a roll call vote; 7 in the affirmative.

17. BELCHER AVENUE & NEUBERT STREET INTERSECTION

Request received from Frank Murdoch who resides on Belcher Avenue to address the total disregard for the stop signs at the intersection with Neubert. Cars are speeding through the stop signs. He suggests blinking stop signs on both sides of the street on all 4 corners.

Discussion: Mr. Murdoch stated that he sits on his porch watching cars fly right by and informed the board that there are a lot of kids on the street (including his own). They also use this street as a cut through. He suggested either putting up something that shows cars to slow down because at the other end of the street (onto West Elm Street), there’s a natural speed bump which causes cars to slow down but they rev up and then speed up disregarding the stop sign. Mr. Murdoch thinks that they don’t see the stop sign. The bushes/trees were trimmed after his prior request. Recently, “Stop” was painted along with the crosswalk. He doesn’t think cars see it. He stated that on his way to work at Clean Harbors in Norwell, he sees a solar blinking light on a stop sign. He feels that people would pay attention to this. Commissioner Rowley suggested putting a “Stop Sign Ahead” sign as a possibility and was told by Mr. Murdoch that that sign was already there. Councilor Lally will contact Mr. Murdoch when the subcommittee is on their way on 8/18/20.

VOTED: TO REFER TO SUBCOMMITTEE

Upon motion duly made by DPW Commissioner Rowley, seconded by Deputy Fire Chief Solomon, the motion carried by a roll call vote; 7 in the affirmative.

18. EAST ASHLAND STREET

Request received from Derek Wood to address his concerns as follows:

- 1. Public safety of pedestrians. There are a lot of school children as well as dog walkers, bicycle riders, and joggers on East Ashland Street.*
- 2. The road is being destroyed by the heavy weight of eighteen-wheel vehicles. I am picking up pieces of blacktop from the front of my home weekly.*
- 3. I can feel my kitchen cabinets, door and window frames shake from the vibrations these heavy vehicles create as they drive past. I am also concerned about these vibrations over time compromising the structural integrity of my house foundation.*
- 4. The decibel level is also very high and may not be under the legal level for a residential neighborhood such as this.*
- 5. The odor of diesel fumes are a threat to anyone with pre-existing lung conditions such as asthma.*

I was under the impression that there were designated truck routes in the area. I feel that they are using East Ashland/Groveland Street as a shortcut to save a few minutes and a few dollars. It's a great neighborhood. I am seriously concerned that our quality of life is being threatened by this matter.

Discussion: Councilor Lally will contact Abington selectman to discuss this issue.

VOTED: TO REFER TO SUBCOMMITTEE

Upon motion duly made by Councilor Lally, seconded by Stephan Hooke, the motion carried by a roll call vote; 7 in the affirmative.

19. BENHAM STREET

Request received from Tracie Ramirez who resides at 110 Benham Street and is requesting a minimum of 2 stop signs; (1) stop sign at the intersection of Sylvester Circle and Benham Street and (2) stop sign at Hobson Street and Benham Street along with a digital speed radar Device. (Board members: Email and Sign request form attached).

VOTED: TO REFER TO SUBCOMMITTEE

Upon motion duly made by Councilor-At-Large Mendes, seconded by Councilor Lally, the motion carried by a roll call vote; 7 in the affirmative.

20. PROVOST STREET

Request received from Nicolas Dessapes who is requesting a SPEED HUMP on PROVOST STREET as it becomes dangerous and very crowded with Pedestrian and our beautiful Children. This Request is made due to the EXCESS SPEED and MULTIPLE CRASHES that happened in this street alone. Today (5/23) alone I witness this 4x4 flipped 4 wheel in the Sky while hitting 2 other cars. My Videos and images are Enough evidences to Support this CLAIM. As I made further research I realized that I'm not the Only person that had requested this before, unfortunately for Unknown Reasons NOTHING was done.

VOTED: TO REFER TO SUBCOMMITTEE

Upon motion duly made by Deputy Fire Chief Solomon, seconded by Councilor-At-Large Mendes, the motion carried by a roll call vote; 7 in the affirmative.

21. WINTHROP STREET AND JAMES EDGAR PARK

Request received from Courtney Ward for some sort of speed bumps at the 4-way Intersection of Winthrop Street and James Edgar Park. Ms. Ward states that his Has been a HUGE problem speeding, going through stop signs, loud cars, motorcycles And even 4 wheelers and loud music that drive around multiple times. She feels that All the issues will be resolved if speed bumps are put there.

VOTED: TO REFER TO SUBCOMMITTEE

Upon motion duly made by Deputy Fire Chief Solomon, seconded by Councilor Lally, the motion carried by a roll call vote; 7 in the affirmative.

22. GLENWOOD STREET

Request received from Saro Enobakhare who resides at 37 Glenwood Street and is requesting a speed bump due to drivers using it as a race track even though it is a short street. Ms./Mr. Enobakhare has three young children.

VOTED: TO REFER TO SUBCOMMITTEE

Upon motion duly made by Councilor-At-Large Mendes , seconded by Councilor Lally, the motion carried by a roll call vote; 7 in the affirmative.

SIGN REQUESTS:

23. HANDICAPPED PARKING SIGN – 202 COURT STREET

Email received from Nicki Draves on behalf of her father-in-law, Brian G. Draves, who resides at 202 Court Street for a handicapped parking sign in front of his home. The tenants upstairs have multiple cars and this would ensure a safe spot for him to park as he is unsteady on his feet.

VOTED: TO REFER TO SUBCOMMITTEE

Upon motion duly made by Councilor Lally, seconded by Councilor-At-Large

Mendes, the motion carried by a roll call vote; 7 in the affirmative.

24. “AUTISTIC CHILD SLOW” SIGN – 144 FOSTER STREET

Request received from Kelly Montiero who resides at 144 Foster Street and is requesting an “Autistic Child Slow” sign for her granddaughter that lives with her. Requesting that the sign be placed on the telephone pole at the end of her driveway. This is for Safety concerns because cars travel at a high rate of speed. (Board members: medical documentation received).

VOTED: TO REFER TO SUBCOMMITTEE

Upon motion duly made by Councilor-At-Large Mendes, seconded by Councilor

Lally, the motion carried by a roll call vote; 7 in the affirmative.

25. 419 N. WARREN AVENUE (3 REQUESTS)

Three (3) Sign Request Forms received from Julie Au who resides at 419 N. Warren Avenue

- 1. “No Parking” – there was a sign installed along with other signs on N. Warren Avenue throughout street but sign got ran over and was never Replaced after bus stop in front of 419 N. Warren Avenue*
- 2. Barrier – property has been crashed through few times since we’ve lived in property, at least 2 times where vehicle crashed past fence and almost hit house.*
- 3. “Resident Only” permit sign – too many vehicles from neighbors parking in front of driveway blocking blind spots of incoming traffic and refusing to park in their own driveways.*

VOTED: TO REFER TO SUBCOMMITTEE

Upon motion duly made by Councilor-At-Large Mendes Deputy Fire Chief

Solomon, seconded by, the motion carried by a roll call vote; 7 in the affirmative.

26. 303 HILLBERG AVENUE

Request received from Fernando Villanueva who resides at 303 Hillberg Avenue for a stop sign near pole #33. Since 2017, there have been multiple speeding occasions and multiple car accidents with one landing on their front lawn.

Discussion: Mr. Villanueva stated that he made this request for public safety because kids (including his son) walk to the Kennedy School. He stated that Magoun Avenue has stop signs and there is nothing on either side of Hillberg Avenue at Magoun Avenue. Mr. Villanueva added that speeding is a problem and it is dangerous that cars go over 50 mph. Last year there was an accident and the car ended up on his front lawn. This is why he is requesting a stop sign by his house on Hillberg Avenue at Magoun Avenue. Frank Murdoch agreed and stated that he has relatives in the area and they fly up and down the street like it's NASCAR. Mr. Villanueva suggested to Commissioner Hallisey that he check the radar that has been there for the last 3 months. Subcommittee contact Mr. Villanueva.

VOTED: TO REFER TO SUBCOMMITTEE

Upon motion duly made by Councilor Lally, seconded by Stephan Hooke, the

motion carried by a roll call vote; 7 in the affirmative.

27. MELROSE AVENUE

Request received from Tyiesha Fuller and Barry Smith who reside at 86 Melrose Avenue and are requesting a barrier in front of their home and stop signs at the bottom and across Melrose Avenue and bottom of hill.

Discussion: Ms. Fuller stated that she has lived there for the past 4 years and is concerned about the speeding especially in the winter with icy/snowy weather and cars skidding onto her property. She is requesting a stop sign and a barrier in front of her house. Councilor Lally asked Ms. Fuller to email him her contact information so that the subcommittee can contact her. Councilor Lally provided his cell # to all zoom participants.

VOTED: TO REFER TO SUBCOMMITTEE

Upon motion duly made by Councilor Lally, seconded by Stephan Hooke, the

motion carried by a roll call vote; 7 in the affirmative.

28. SYCAMORE STREET

Request received from Michele Hebshie who resides at 34 Sycamore Street and is requesting a speed limit and/or slow down signs due to speeding on street and racing and passing each other.

VOTED: TO REFER TO SUBCOMMITTEE

Upon motion duly made by Deputy Fire Chief Solomon, seconded by Councilor-At-Large Mendes, the motion carried by a roll call vote; 7 in the affirmative.

29. 310 QUINCY STREET

Request received from Monique Hughes-Henry via Councilor Jeff Thompson. Ms. Hughes-Henry resides at 310 Quincy Street and is requesting a speed limit be sign posted to deter people from speeding.

VOTED: TO REFER TO SUBCOMMITTEE

Upon motion duly made by Deputy Fire Chief Solomon, seconded by Councilor Lally, the motion carried by a roll call vote; 7 in the affirmative.

***NOTE: DEADLINE TO ADD ITEMS TO THE AUGUST 27, 2020 MEETING AGENDA IS FRIDAY, AUGUST 14, 2020.**