



BROCKTON TRAFFIC COMMISSION
Thursday, August 27, 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, August 27, 2020.

Present were Traffic Commissioners: Traffic Commissioner John Hallisey, Deputy Fire Chief Joseph Solomon, DPW Commissioner Larry Rowley, Kenneth Galligan, 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 DWP Commissioner Larry Rowley to waive the reading of the March 26, 2020 Minutes. Motion carried by a roll call vote; 6 in the affirmative.

OLD BUSINESS

1. 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.

2. 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.

SUBCOMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION: REFER TO OCPC

VOTED: TO APPROVE SUBCOMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION

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

Commissioner Rowley, the motion carried by a roll call vote; 6 in the affirmative.

3. 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.

SUBCOMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION: TRAFFIC ENFORCEMENT

VOTED: TO APPROVE SUBCOMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION

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

Solomon, the motion carried by a roll call vote; 6 in the affirmative.

4. 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.

SUBCOMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION: REPLACE NO PARKING SIGN ON YARMOUTH AVE POLE

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; 6 in the affirmative.

5. 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.

SUBCOMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION: NO PARKING SIGNAGE ON BOTH SIDES OF STREET

VOTED: TO APPROVE SUBCOMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION

Upon motion duly made by DPW Commissioner Rowley, seconded by Councilor Lally, the motion carried by a roll call vote; 6 in the affirmative.

6. 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.

SUBCOMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION: THERE IS A LIGHT @ MAIN AND BROOKSIDE FOR PEDESTRIAN. NO ADDITION SIGNAL NEEDED.

VOTED: TO APPROVE SUBCOMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION*

Discussion: Ken Galligan suggested a pedestrian actuated blinking crosswalk light that would flash when the button is pushed. He said there were a couple of others within the city (Warren Avenue, North Montello Street) and that he did not know much about them but thinks they came with a federal grant. This item has been before the board numerous times and there's no need for a traffic light.

DPW Commissioner Rowley asked if there was a crosswalk there now and was told there was. DPW Commissioner Rowley made a motion to approve an actuated crosswalk light. He stated that it is a long walk for people to walk down to the lights at Brookside Avenue.

Deputy Fire Chief Solomon will reach out to Deputy Fire Chief Kevin Galligan about these crosswalk lights and will report back to the board next month.

VOTED: TO POSTPONE UNTIL NEXT MONTH'S MEETING (9/24/20).

Upon motion duly made by Ken Galligan, seconded by DPW Commissioner Rowley, the motion carried by a roll call vote; 6 in the affirmative.

7. 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.

SUBCOMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION: REPLACE AND REPOSITION SIGNS FOR BETTER VISIBILITY

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; 6 in the affirmative.

8. WINTER PARKING BAN

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

SUBCOMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION: NO CHANGES RECOMMENDED

VOTED: TO APPROVE SUBCOMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION

Upon motion duly made by DPW Commissioner Rowley, seconded by Councilor Lally, the motion carried by a roll call vote; 6 in the affirmative.

9. 89-91 DIVISION STREET

Request received from Letonia McCallum & Gregory Gows who reside at 89 Division Street for a handicap parking side 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.

SUBCOMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION: DRIVEWAY SUFFICIENT (DENIED). *IF BLOCKED, CALL POLICE FOR ENFORCEMENT.

VOTED: TO APPROVE SUBCOMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION

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

Commissioner Rowley, the motion carried by a roll call vote; 6 in the affirmative.

10. 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.*

SUBCOMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION: RECOMMENDATIONS ACCEPTED.

VOTED: TO APPROVE SUBCOMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION

Discussion: DPW Commissioner Rowley asked why this was being done. Commissioner Hallisey informed him that this was need to clarify two-way traffic. Ken Galligan stated he was traveling in the area and asked if the two-way signs were up and was informed that they were ordered and not put up as yet.

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

Rowley, the motion carried by a roll call vote; 6 in the affirmative.

11. 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).

SUBCOMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION: AUTISM SIGNS ON POLE #4 AND POLE #6 NORTHERLY AND SOUTHERLY TRAFFIC

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; 6 in the affirmative.

12. 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.

SUBCOMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION: MOVE SOUTH BOUND "STOP AHEAD" SIGN TO BETWEEN 59-65 BELCHER AVE. ALSO INCLUDE YELLOW STRIPE. REFER TO POLICE ENFORCEMENT

VOTED: TO APPROVE SUBCOMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION

Discussion: Councilor Lally stated that he and the members of the subcommittee (Ken Galligan, Councilor-At-Large Mendes) viewed the area during subcommittee review and a lot of the signs were hidden. He stated that they had additional recommendations for issues that they came across.

Upon motion duly made by Councilor Lally, seconded by DPW Commissioner Rowley, the motion carried by a roll call vote; 6 in the affirmative.

13. 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.

SUBCOMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION:

- **HIGHWAY REPAIR POTHOLES WHERE NEEDED**
- **COUNCILOR LALLY TO SPEAK WITH SELECTMAN IN ABINGTON TO PLACE SIGNAGE TO ENCOURAGE TRUCK TRAFFIC TO RT 123**
- **POLICE ENFORCEMENT**

VOTED: TO APPROVE SUBCOMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION

Discussion: Councilor Lally stated that he spoke with an Abington selectman who did not give anything committal but he would continue to talk and work with them. He did say that they did not express much willingness to make adjustments on the Abington end.

Amar Ried asked if the recommendations could be extended down East Ashland Street to North Cary Street as the area is outdated. Councilor Lally stated that this area is outdated. Ken Galligan asked if pedestrian signage was also something needed to be looked at. Commissioner Hallisey stated that this was not on the agenda to discuss and/or make recommendations. This item will be added to next month's agenda (9/24/20) recommended by Councilor Lally (Ward 6) and Councilor Jeff Thompson (Ward 5).

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

Rowley, the motion carried by a roll call vote; 6 in the affirmative.

14. 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).

SUBCOMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION: POLE AND STOP SIGN ON SYLVESTER CIRCLE FOR NORTHBOUND TRAFFIC

VOTED: TO APPROVE SUBCOMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION

Discussion: Councilor Lally explained that Sylvester Circle is one house long and the concern is that people whip around from Benham Street and Frederick Street without looking. The stop sign will make them stop and look.

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

Mendes, the motion carried by a roll call vote; 6 in the affirmative.

15. 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.

SUBCOMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION: POLICE ENFORCEMENT

VOTED: TO APPROVE SUBCOMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION

Upon motion duly made by DPW Commissioner Rowley, seconded by Councilor-

At-Large Mendes, the motion carried by a roll call vote; 6 in the affirmative.

16. 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.

SUBCOMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION: ADD CROSSWALK ACROSS WINTHROP FROM 127 TO S. FULLER. REFER TO POLICE ENFORCEMENT

VOTED: TO APPROVE SUBCOMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION

***SEND TO CDM SMITH FOR ENGINEERING STUDY**

Discussion: Commissioner Hallisey stated that according to the MUTCD, if a crosswalk request is not near a stop sign or traffic light, then an engineering study needs to be performed. He further stated that all requests for crosswalks not near a stop sign or traffic signal will be referred to the CDM Smith for engineering studies to ensure that they are installed within the MUTCD boundaries and are ADA compliant.

DPW Commissioner Rowley stated that if crosswalks were being installed, they have to be ADA compliant (handicapped accessible with ramps, curb cuts). He further stated that crosswalks cannot lead into a driveway. He agreed to defer to Lisa Sherman of CDM Smith for an engineering study.

Councilor Lally stated that they reviewed this during subcommittee and there is already a crosswalk at South Fuller Street parallel to Winthrop Street so you can put a crosswalk to run across Winthrop Street. Councilor Lally suggested the board take a look again to see if they can work with what is there and he will speak with the ward councilor. He also asked if his prior requests for crosswalks that were approved by this board on Winter Street and Hovendon Street would fall into the category of having an engineering study performed and was told they would.

Ken Galligan stated that there are no crosswalks the length of Winthrop Street and agreed that this area should be looked at for the engineering study.

It was recommended to invite Lisa Sherman of CDM to next meeting.

Mr. Reid asked how long it takes for an engineering study and was told the engineer would be invited to the next meeting.

Upon motion duly made by Councilor Lally, seconded by DPW Commissioner Rowley, the motion carried by a roll call vote; 6 in the affirmative.

17. 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.

SUBCOMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION: POLICE ENFORCEMENT

VOTED: TO APPROVE SUBCOMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION

Upon motion duly made by DPW Commissioner Rowley, seconded by Councilor-At-Large Mendes, the motion carried by a roll call vote; 6 in the affirmative.

SIGN REQUESTS:

18. 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.

SUBCOMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION: DENIED (UNSAFE TO PARK)

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; 6 in the affirmative.

19. “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).

SUBCOMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION: SIGN PLACED ON POLE #15

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; 6 in the affirmative.

20. 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.*

SUBCOMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION: DENIED (ALREADY NO PARKING HERE TO CORNER SIGN). POLICE ENFORCEMENT FOR BLOCKING DRIVEWAY

VOTED: TO APPROVE SUBCOMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION

Discussion: Ken Galligan explained that on North Warren Avenue in front of Ms. Au's house, there's a sign you can hardly read that should be changed to "No Parking" because the whole east side of North Warren Avenue is no parking. The traffic maintenance man will take care of this. Mr. Galligan continued on the request for the barrier...she has a chain link fence that is located right on top of the blacktop sidewalk. There is absolutely no room to put a guardrail there. The subcommittee members explained to Ms. Au that if she wanted a guardrail then her chain link fence would have to be pushed back about 2 feet. She was not keen about doing that. Finally, Mr. Galligan explained that the subcommittee felt there was no need for a "Resident Only" sign on the side street because if someone did park there, there is plenty of room between the fire hydrant and Ms. Au's driveway and it is not impeding anything.

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

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

21. 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.

SUBCOMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION: MOVE SPEED LIMIT SIGN OFF OF POLE 32, ONTO A NEW POLE IN FRONT OF IT, INCLUDE YELLOW STRIPE ON NEW POLE.

REFER TO POLICE ENFORCEMENT

VOTED: TO APPROVE SUBCOMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION

Discussion: Ken Galligan informed the board that the homeowner came out a met them during the subcommittee review and that they had a very good conversation. Mr. Galligan stated that Mr. Villanueva's problem is speeding on the street which is why he was requesting a 4-way stop. Mr. Villanueva was told that this could not be done because it was too close to Ettrick Street. It was suggested that the 30 mph sign be moved and put on an individual sign with yellow striping. Mr. Villanueva was advised the he could put large stones on his yard (10' back of street) and contact a landscaper which he was very conducive to.

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

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

22. 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.

SUBCOMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION: NEIGHBOR WILL SPEAK TO DEVELOPER ABOUT ACQUIRING BOULDERS FOR THE FRONT OF THEIR PROPERTY. NO ACTION AT THIS TIME. REPLACE STOP SIGN

VOTED: TO APPROVE SUBCOMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION

Discussion: Councilor Lally reported to the board that when they viewed this in subcommittee, there is a house under construction next door to Ms. Fuller by Lawcewicz Construction. Garry Lawcewicz was there at the time and had 2 large boulders there that could be moved onto Ms. Fuller's property. Councilor Lally spoke with Ms. Fuller and suggested that she speak with Mr. Lawcewicz for the boulders. Ms. Fuller was informed that the boulders needed to be placed on her property, 10' back from street.

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

Rowley, the motion carried by a roll call vote; 6 in the affirmative.

23. 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.

SUBCOMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION:

- **POLE #1 WEST BOUND TRAFFIC 30MPH SPEED SIGN**
- **POLE AND 30MPH SIGN SYCAMORE AND NORTH BELCHER AVE EAST BOUND TRAFFIC**

VOTED: TO APPROVE SUBCOMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION

Upon motion duly made by DPW Commissioner Rowley, seconded by Councilor Lally, the motion carried by a roll call vote; 6 in the affirmative.

24. 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.

SUBCOMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION:

- **FOR SOUTH BOUND TRAFFIC NEW POST AND SIGN 30MPH OPPOSITE FROST STREET**
- **FOR NORTH BOUND TRAFFIC APROX 100 FEET NORTH OF CRESCENT STREET NEW POST AND SIGN 30MPH.**

VOTED: TO APPROVE SUBCOMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION

Upon motion duly made by Councilor Lally, seconded by Councilor-At-Large Mendes, the motion carried by a roll call vote; 6 in the affirmative.

NEW BUSINESS

25. 217 BELMONT AVENUE – SIGN REQUEST

Request received from Debora Galinatti who resides at 217 Belmont Avenue and is requesting a “No Parking” sign in front of her residence. This request is as a result of several accidents in front of her house because the street is too narrow. Also, cars parked create a blind spot and bicyclists and pedestrians are being put in danger as well.

VOTED: TO REFER TO SUBCOMMITTEE

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

Rowley, the motion carried by a roll call vote; 6 in the affirmative.

26. SUMMER STREET & OTTO STREET INTERSECTION

Request of Ward 4 Councilor Susan Nicastro at the suggestion of State Senator Michael Brady for additional signage at the point where Summer Street and Otto Street intersect. The first blocks of Otto are ‘one way’ until it merges with Summer. At that point, Otto is marked ‘do not enter’ however, cars driving down Summer towards Plain Street still bear left onto Otto, creating hazards. Residents request better signage and/or such other relief as the Traffic Commission deems appropriate to address this problem.

VOTED: TO REFER TO SUBCOMMITTEE

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

Rowley, the motion carried by a roll call vote; 6 in the affirmative.

27. 98 NORTH QUINCY STREET

Request received from Councilor-At-Large Rita Mendes on behalf of a constituent who resides at 98 North Quincy Street and is requesting a guardrail at the corner of his property.

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; 6 in the affirmative.

28. BATES STREET – SIGN REQUEST

Request received from Jamal Ward who resides at 32 Bates Street and is requesting a “Do Not Enter” sign at the end of Bates Street. Too many cars are driving down Bates Street the wrong way. Mr. Ward resides at the end of Bates Street and has a 2 year old son.

Discussion: Ken Galligan stated that this came before the board 20 years ago when they made Bates Street one way because the street is too narrow. At the corner of Bates Street and Pine Street, there were one of two jersey barriers put there with a couple of “Do Not Enter” signs. He believes that over the years, the jersey barriers have been struck which moved them. They need to be repositioned and the signs need to be straightened out.

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; 6 in the affirmative.

29. SEVERAL STREETS – IMMEDIATE CALMING OF TRAFFIC IN NEIGHBORHOOD

Request received from Stephen Morris, newly retired Infrastructure Engineer and planner from MIT:

On Thu, Jul 23, 2020 at 9:40 AM Stephen R Morris <smorris@mit.edu> wrote:

Subject: Immediate calming of traffic in neighborhood

I understand the Traffic Commission is meeting tonight and would like these items read into the meeting minutes and if possible be considered for immediate action.

Mayor Sullivan, Rob May, City Councilors Farwell, Nicastro and Cruise and 75 residents of the neighborhood discussed this during a meeting 2 weeks ago and I promised that I would both write the proposal and work with the Traffic Commission and them on calming the dangerous driving conditions in our neighborhood.

None of these streets have sidewalks so we walk and the kids ride bikes in the street.

The traffic apps on smart phones and in vehicles advise via voice to use our streets to avoid the intersection of Pearl and Pleasant.

Please advise how I can assist in any way as I am a newly retired Infrastructure Engineer and planner from MIT and I see every day how badly these mitigations are needed.

TRAFFIC SIGNS:

NO LEFT TURN 6-10AM 3-7PM

ABUTTERS ONLY

For Healey Terrace @ Pearl Street, Lovett Ave @ Pearl Street, Cashman @ Pearl Street, Bower Ave @ Pearl Street and Alandale Ave @ Pearl Street

NO RIGHT TURN 6-10AM 3-7PM

ABUTTERS ONLY

For Carrlyn road @ Pleasant Street and Nylan Road @ Pleasant Street

Maybe all hours should be considered

SPEED LIMIT

25MPH

For Carrlyn Road and Healey Terrace

SPEED LIMIT

20MPH

For Alandale Ave, Nylan Road, Bower Ave, Cashman Road and Lovett Ave

Left turn arrow for Pearl @ Pleasant in both directions (the lane is already created)

Discussion: Carrier Ragion of Nyland Road spoke to inform the board of her concerns of speeding on her street. She explained that she rides her bicycle with her children and some cars speeding are on their phones, not paying attention.

Paul Ware of Healey Terrace stated that he was before the board about a year ago and that Captain Hallisey, Councilor Lally, Councilor Cruies and a couple of police officers showed up. An electronic sign and police enforcement were provided at that time. Mr. Ware said that he called Captain Hallisey a couple of weeks ago for assistance as before and was told that there was not enough in the budget to pursue anything further. Mr. Ware voiced his concern with the increased traffic with the new Braemoor project and feels this area needs a study. He further stated that Carrlyn Road and Healey Terrace have no speed limit/thickly settled signs. The signage suggested is to deal with the bypass traffic trying to avoid the intersection at Pleasant Street and Pearl Street.

Steve Morris spoke briefly to explain his request.

Amir Reid asked about lowering the 30 mph restriction and was told by Councilor Lally that this is the fundamental speed limit and that he would like to see the state relax some of their restrictions to enable cities and towns to lower speed limits in neighborhood where needed.

Ken Galligan pointed out that this was brought up in the passed and the board was provided with a “road map” of what to do by the traffic engineer. He asked that this be revisited because some neighborhoods warrant lower speed limits.

Councilor Lally will contact Paul Ware when the subcommittee is in the area on 9/15/20.

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; 6 in the affirmative.

30. BEACH STREET & RIVERVIEW STREET – SIGN REQUEST

Several requests received from Krystle Rizzo who resides at 20 Brentwood Avenue and one from Stacy Santos who resides at 44 Brentwood Avenue. Both are requesting a stop sign at the intersection of Beach Street & Riverview Street to slow down traffic as there are a lot of children in the area. Ms. Rizzo is also requesting a speed limit sign on Brentwood Avenue, Beach Street, Ferris Avenue, Riverview Street and Snell Avenue. In addition, Ms. Rizzo is Requesting a “Deaf Child” sign as she has a deaf son.

VOTED: TO REFER TO SUBCOMMITTEE

Upon motion duly made by DPW Commissioner Rowley, seconded by Councilor-At-Large Mendes, the motion carried by a roll call vote; 6 in the affirmative.

31. AUDIBLE PEDESTRIAN SIGNALS

Request received from Katherine Gordon Brauneis who resides at 14 Hamlet Street and is Requesting audible pedestrian signals at the intersection of West Street @ Belmont Street as she is legally blind and cannot see the traffic lights and is unable to access Shaw’s or any other key businesses (CVS) without feeling her safety is at risk.

Discussion: Ken Galligan stated that there are two intersections at Belmont Street and West Street. He was not sure which one Ms. Gordon Brauneis is referring to.

He asked if this intersection was part of the state project and was told it was. DPW Commissioner Rowley stated that this could be added to Phase III of the project commencing 2021 but, in the meantime, refer to subcommittee to help this individual.

VOTED: TO REFER TO SUBCOMMITTEE

Upon motion duly made by DPW Commissioner Rowley, seconded by Councilor-At-Large Mendes, the motion carried by a roll call vote; 6 in the affirmative.

32. ARMISTON STREET

Request received from Councilor Jack Lally on behalf of the residents of Armiston Street, including Jamal Brathwaite and Elizabeth Laso who are looking for a "Private Way" sign, a "Dead End" street sign and a crash gate installed at the bottom.

Discussion: Councilor Lally spoke to explain that the residents are having a problem with trucks going down the street because the developer opened up the bottom of Armiston Street for his equipment to access the Woodland Park project. He stated that there should not be any through traffic. He continued by saying that the Planning Office and Law Department were able to find the documentation that shows that the approved plan for Woodland Park has a crash gate down at the bottom where Heritage Court meets Armiston Street. The crash gate does exist and the developer should install. He continued by saying as far as the "Private Way" and "Dead End" signs, Armiston Street is physically and legally a dead end.

Jamal Brathwaite spoke to say that the root cause of the problem is that there is no site foreman on site and there is no assurance if the project is in compliance. He said he has contacted Rob May (City Planner) and Megan Shave (Conservation) to find out who the site foreman is and nobody seems to know who it is. He stated there was a crash gate there but the former developer removed it to pave. The crash gate was supposed to be put back up but the development was sold. Mr. Brathwaite is not sure whether the new developer knows that the crash gate needs to be reinstalled.

Deputy Fire Chief Solomon asked Councilor Lally what year plan was the gate there and was told the most recent one. Councilor Lally stated that the Planning Department and Law Department were confident that the crash gate should be there. It was carried over from the prior plan. Deputy Fire Chief Solomon asked if

the prior plan was for an over 55 community and was told it was. He then asked if the same rules apply to a regular subdivision.

Liz Laso stated the gate was there, taken down by the developer and not put back up. She is concerned with the amount of traffic and the safety of the small children on the street. There are no sidewalks on the street and it's a quality of life issue.

Ken Galligan asked Mr. Brathwaite what is considered to be a crash gate. Mr. Brathwaite stated that the gate previously there was a yellow steel gate that measured the width of Parkview Lane.

DPW Commissioner Rowley asked if the crash gate would affect snow removal on Armiston Street. If there are back-to-back snow storms, the snow will be piled against the gate and would be unable to open. Mr. Brathwaite responded by saying Ken Galligan wrote the parameters around the management of the crash gate in 2004 that addressed snow removal and emergency vehicle access. Mr. Galligan pointed out that those parameters written in 2004 were for an over 55 development that was supposed to be managed by an entity that is now gone. There is no one there to manage the gate. DPW Commissioner Rowley suggested keeping the gate open during the winter months.

Commissioner Hallisey will be sending a letter to the Law Department requesting an opinion on the legality and liability of the crash gate relating to the 2004 and 2014 plans.

VOTED: TO REFER TO SUBCOMMITTEE AND LETTER TO BE SENT TO LAW DEPARTMENT

Upon motion duly made by DPW Commissioner Rowley, seconded by Councilor Lally, the motion carried by a roll call vote; 6 in the affirmative.

33. DOWNTOWN TRAFFIC STUDY – 2-WAY

City Planner, Rob May will present the finalized Downtown Traffic Study and Plan for converting to two-way traffic. We have a short Power Point and can take questions.

Discussion: Rob May and Sam Offe-Addo of BSC Group spoke and gave a condensed Power Point presentation to update the board on the recommended

changes related to traffic issues. The Downtown Traffic Study is available on the city's website under Department of Planning and Economic Development.

34. CROSSWALK REQUEST – COPELAND STREET & SKYVIEW DRIVE

Request received from Councilor Susan Nicastro who is requesting a crosswalk on Copeland Street at entrance to Skyview Drive over 55 housing neighborhood.

Discussion: Deputy Fire Chief Solomon asked if this crosswalk request will need an engineering study. Commissioner Hallisey responded that it would if the subcommittee voted to put a crosswalk there. The board agreed that this would be costly if all crosswalk requests required engineering studies. DPW Commissioner Rowley added that curb cuts and ADA compliant ramps would also be installed that will add to the cost. Commissioner Hallisey stated that it would have to go to city council for additional funding. Councilor Lally stated that he would sponsor the request for additional appropriation. Mr. Reid suggested that a city-wide study be done on all crosswalks.

VOTED: TO REFER TO SUBCOMMITTEE

Upon motion duly made by DPW Commissioner Rowley, seconded by Councilor Lally, the motion carried by a roll call vote; 6 in the affirmative.

35. CENTRE STREET PEDESTRIAN CROSSING

Request received from Council Jeff Thompson to discuss his concerns about the Center Street pedestrian crossing.

Discussion: Councilor Thompson stated that he was aware that the pedestrian crossing was looked at in the past and understands that the state's involvement but, after the death of Michelle Maxwell, he would like the city to take another look at this crossing.

VOTED: TO REFER TO SUBCOMMITTEE

Upon motion duly made by DPW Commissioner Rowley, seconded by Councilor-At-Large Mendes, the motion carried by a roll call vote; 6 in the affirmative.

****NOTE: DEADLINE TO ADD ITEMS TO THE OCTOBER 22, 2020
MEETING AGENDA IS FRIDAY, OCTOBER 9, 2020.***