



BROCKTON TRAFFIC COMMISSION
Thursday, September 24, 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, September 24, 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 Councilor Jack Lally to waive the reading of the August 27, 2020 Minutes. Motion carried by a roll call vote; 7 in the affirmative.

OLD BUSINESS

1. 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.

SUBCOMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION: DENIED 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. 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.

SUBCOMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION:

- **WHITE STRIPE ON DO NOT ENTER SIGNS SOUTHBOUND TRAFFIC**
- **ON POLE #79 RED SIGN WRONG WAY WITH RED STRIPE**
- **TRIM BRUSH BY DO NOT ENTER SIGNS (WORK COMPLETED)**
- **UPGRADE POST ON ALL TRAFFIC BEAR RIGHT SIGN**

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.

3. 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.

SUBCOMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION:

INSTALL GUARDRAIL APPROXIMATELY 36 FT ON SOUTHWEST CORNER OF NORTH QUINCY STREET AND EAST ASHLAND STREET.

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.

4. 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.

SUBCOMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION:

- **MOVE CEMENT BARRIER TO BLOCK MORE OF STREET**
- **PLACE POST AND “DO NOT ENTER” SIGN WITH WHITE STRIPE IN FRONT OF CEMENT BARRIER.**

VOTED: TO APPROVE SUBCOMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION AT THE DISCRETION OF THE DPW COMMISSIONER.

Discussion: DPW Commissioner Rowley asked if moving the barrier would be in the way of snow plows. Ken Galligan responded that he thought there was enough room for snow plows and fire trucks. The barrier was being moved back to its original position because he thought a car may have hit it and moved it.

Ken Galligan made a motion to move the barrier at the discretion of DPW Commissioner Rowley. The motion was seconded by Councilor Lally.

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

5. 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)

SUBCOMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION:

1A. SOUTHBOUND TRAFFIC 25 MPH YELLOW SIGN WITH YELLOW STRIPE ON POLE #2 HEALEY TERRACE

1B. SOUTHBOUND TRAFFIC POST AND 25 MPH YELLOW SIGN WITH

YELLOW STRIPE BETWEEN 120 AND 110 HEALEY TERRACE

1C. SOUTHBOUND TRAFFIC POST AND 25 MPH YELLOW SIGN WITH YELLOW STRIPE OPPOSITE 67 CARRLYNN RD

2A. NORTHBOUND TRAFFIC 25MPH YELLOW SIGN WITH YELLOW STRIPE ON POLE #9 CARRLYNN RD

2B. NORTHBOUND TRAFFIC POST AND 25 MPH YELLOW SIGN AND YELLOW STRIPE IN FRONT OF 27 CARRLYNN RD

2C. NORTHBOUND TRAFFIC POST AND 25 MPH YELLOW SIGN WITH YELLOW STRIPE ON POLE #6 HEALEY TERRACE

3A. POST AND STOP SIGN WITH RED STRIPE ON ALL STREETS COMING ONTO HEALEY TERRACE EASTBOUND:

-ALANDALE AVENUE EAST BOUND AT CARRLYN ROAD

-BOWER AVENUE EAST BOUND AT CARRLYN ROAD

-LOVETT AVENUE EAST BOUND AT HEALEY TERRACE

(THERE CURRENTLY IS A "STOP" SIGN AT CASHMAN ROAD AT CARRLYN ROAD, EASTBOUND AND WESTBOUND).

VOTED: TO APPROVE THE MANDATES OF THE SUBCOMMITTEE AND ACCEPT THE YELLOW 25 MPH SPEED LIMIT SIGNS AND APPROVE THE INSTALLATION OF THE STOPS SIGNS PENDING LISA SHERMAN'S OPINION ON WHETHER AN ENGINEERING STUDY NEEDS TO BE PERFORMED ALONG WITH STATE APPROVAL.

Discussion: DPW Commissioner Rowley stated the he thought you could not change speed limits without state approval. Commissioner Hallisey responded that if the sign was black and white then it would require state approval. However, the board recommended putting up a yellow 25 mph speed limit sign which is a suggestion and not regulatory. Officer cannot write tickets but by placing the speed limit sign, he hoped it would alleviate some of the issues.

Paul Ware commented that after hearing Lisa Sherman speak about stop signs, he was not clear on what stop signs required a study and state approval.

Commissioner Hallisey stated that he would speak with Ms. Sherman to confirm which stop signs required engineering studies and state approval.

Ken Galligan made a motion to follow the mandates of the subcommittee and accept the yellow 25 mph speed limit signs and to install the stop signs subject to whether or not an engineering study is needed.

Upon motion duly made by Ken Galligan, seconded by Councilor-At-Large

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

6. 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.

SUBCOMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION:

- **FOUR WAY STOP SIGN DENIED**
- **25 MPH STREET SIGNS TAKEN UNDER ADVISEMENT**
- **DEAF CHILD SIGN PLACED ON POLE #11 PENDING MEDICAL DOCUMENTATION**

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; 7 in the affirmative.

7. 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.

SUBCOMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION:

- **COORDINATE WITH STATE AND FIRE SIGNAL DIVISION FOR SIGNAL UPGRADE.**

VOTED: TO PURCHASE EIGHT (8) PEDESTRIAN BUTTONS @ \$590.00/EACH FOR TOTAL OF \$4,720.00

Discussion: Deputy Fire Chief Solomon confirmed that this intersection is scheduled to be upgraded by the state but not until 2021. He suggested that the board approve the installation of pedestrian buttons in the meantime so that something is down now at this intersection. The cost of the pedestrian button is \$590.00 each and 8 would be needed for a total of \$4,720.00 and these can be redeployed to other areas after the state upgrades this intersection. Councilor Lally stated that he would sponsor the funding for the purchase of the pedestrian buttons.

Upon motion duly made by Ken Galligan, seconded by DPW Commissioner

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

8. 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.

SUBCOMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION:

- **CDM SMITH TO DO ENGINEERING STUDY ON FEASIBILITY OF CROSSWALK**

Upon motion duly made by Ken Galligan, seconded by DPW Commissioner

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

9. CENTRE STREET PEDESTRIAN CROSSING

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

SUBCOMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION:

- **MORE INFORMATION NEEDED FROM COUNCILOR THOMPSON AND BROCKTON HOSPITAL**

VOTED: TO POSTPONE TO OCTOBER APPROVE SUBCOMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION

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

10. 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.

SUBCOMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION:

- **"DEAD END" SIGN AND "PRIVATE WAY" SIGN ON NORTH QUINCY AND ARMISTON ST.**
- **"DEAD END" SIGN ON ARMISTON ST AND ALLERTON STREET**
- **"PARKVIEW LANE/HERITAGE COURT" SIGN WITH ARROW ON TOP OF STREET SIGN TO REDIRECT TRAFFIC.**

VOTED: TO APPROVE SUBCOMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION

Discussion: Commissioner Hallisey stated that the crash gate issue was a private matter between the HOA and contractor and that it is currently in litigation

Councilor Lally stated that the crash gate has to be put back up and he is working with the Planning Department to expedite the matter.

Ken Galligan stated that the crash gate is not approved by the Traffic Commission.

Jamal Brathwaite asked if there was also going to be a sign Parkview Lane/Heritage Court on top of the street sign with an arrow to redirect traffic that was discussed when the subcommittee was there. Commissioner Hallisey apologized that this item was omitted.

Liz Laso spoke briefly about the crash gate being there then removed when the contractor at the time paved. The development was sold and the new contractor has not put the crash gate back up in accordance with the plan.

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

NEW BUSINESS

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. (Postponed from 8/27/20 meeting).

VOTED: MOVE TO 10/22/20 MEETING FOR UPDATE FROM DEPUTY FIRE CHIEF SOLOMON.

Discussion: Deputy Fire Chief Solomon reached out to Tom Thibeault of the Brockton Housing Authority (BHA) to fund the pedestrian light and crosswalk at the northern entrance of Campello High Rise. Deputy Fire Chief Solomon will work with Tom – if price is reasonable, the BHA will pay.

Upon motion duly made by Ken Galligan, seconded by DPW Commissioner

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

12. MULTIPLE REQUESTS:

Councilor Jack Lally has received the below requests from constituents:

- 1. Install a new crosswalk from Bourne St. to Belcher St. across Hovendon Av.*
- 2. Install a "no right turn 6AM-9AM" sign for W. bound traffic on East Ashland St. before Anne Marie Dr. and a "no left turn 3PM-6PM" sign for S. bound traffic on N. Quincy St. before Anne Marie Dr.*
- 3. No trucks on Boundary Av. (weight limit sign there is currently being ignored)*
- 4. Widen the corner of Boundary St. and N. Quincy St. to better accommodate truck traffic.*

VOTED: TO REFER TO SUBCOMMITTEE

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

13. PARKING CONCERNS ON ELLSWORTH AVENUE

Request received from Bryan Daniel who resides at 16 Ellsworth Avenue and would like the parking issues addressed. Residents are receiving parking tickets and there are no driveways for them to park. Mr. Daniel also requested that the handicapped parking sign be removed from 3 Palm Place as the resident that requested the sign no longer lives there. On 8/25/20, the Traffic secretary mailed (both certified and U.S. Mail) a letter to the

resident to confirm the need for the handicapped sign and that if no response was received by 9/11/20, the sign would be removed. NO RESPONSE WAS RECEIVED – SIGN WILL BE REMOVED).

VOTED: TO REFER TO SUBCOMMITTEE

Discussion: Ken Galligan stated that there is more traffic on Ellsworth Street due to the construction on West Elm Street and also a church took over where the old Registry of Deeds was so now people cannot use that parking lot to park. DPW Commissioner Rowley stated that one lane of traffic should be opening on West Elm Street in approximately 2 weeks. He also stated that Ellsworth Avenue and Palm Place are very narrow to begin with and he stated that you would not get a fire truck down there.

Upon motion duly made by Ken Galligan, seconded by DPW Commissioner

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

14. NORTH QUINCY STREET

Request received from Councilor Jack Lally for a crosswalk by Dunkin' Donuts and 7 Eleven.

VOTED: TO REFER TO SUBCOMMITTEE

Discussion: Councilor Lally stated that he would work with Abington as part of the crosswalk would be in Abington, as are the businesses.

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

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

15. PETRONELLI WAY

Request received from Chris Stanley of Trinity Financial who would like to discuss their proposed project, adjacent to the Mayor Carpenter Garage. They will be filing plans for the associated traffic and construction management control that will be part of the proposed building's schedule.

VOTED: TO ACCEPT CONCEPTUAL PLAN PRESENTED

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

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

16. WESTFIELD DRIVE – SIGN REQUEST

Request received from Andra Gulezian who resides at 31 Westfield Drive and is requesting a speed limit sign to reduce speeding on Westfield Drive and the neighborhood which is used as a cut through to avoid traffic light at Torrey Street and Pearl Street.

VOTED: TO REFER TO SUBCOMMITTEE

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

17. LISA SHERMAN, PE, PTOE, PMP – CDM SMITH

Ms. Sherman was invited at the request of the board to discuss various issues that have arisen including crosswalks.

Discussion: Ms. Sherman discussed the topics listed in the Quick Reference Guide prepared for board members. The topics discussed were:

1. Crosswalks
2. School Zones
3. Speed Regulations
4. Stop Signs
5. Truck Exclusions/Restrictions

****Commissioner Hallisey informed the board that Chad Cellucci’s last day as Traffic Maintenance Man would be Friday, September 25, 2020 due to a promotion within the Highway Department effective Monday, September 28, 2020. DPW Commissioner Rowley stated that Chad would continue as Traffic Maintenance Man part-time until a replacement is hired. Our best to Chad.***

****NOTE: DEADLINE TO ADD ITEMS TO THE OCTOBER 22, 2020 MEETING AGENDA IS FRIDAY, OCTOBER 16, 2020.***