



BROCKTON TRAFFIC COMMISSION
Thursday, October 22, 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, October 22, 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 show of hands; 7 in the affirmative.

OLD BUSINESS

1. 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 9/24/20 meeting. DFC Solomon to provide update at 10/22/20 meeting).

SUBCOMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION: DEPUTY FIRE CHIEF SOLOMON WILL PROVIDE UPDATE.

Discussion: Deputy Fire Chief Solomon stated that since the last meeting, he has received a few quotes and BHA will be paying for everything. He recommended an engineering study be performed in accordance with the MUTCD and referred the matter to the subcommittee for their decision.

Ken Galligan suggested that BHA pay for the engineering study as they are paying for everything else and that it made sense for them to pay for the whole package. Mr. Galligan also stated that the board may need communication from the state, as well.

Deputy Fire Chief Solomon opined that traffic should pay for the engineering study because BHA was paying for everything else. He will put together the cost for the package, Captain Hallisey will find out the cost for the engineering study so that the entire cost can be provided to the board.

VOTED: DEPUTY FIRE CHIEF SOLOMON TO OBTAIN COST PRIOR TO THE 11/17 SUBCOMMITTEE REVIEW, CAPTAIN HALLISEY WILL OBTAIN COST FOR ENGINEERING STUDY SO THAT ENTIRE COST CAN BE PROVIDED TO BROCKTON HOUSING AUTHORITY. APPROVE SUBCOMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION.

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

2. CENTRE STREET PEDESTRIAN CROSSING

Request received from Council Jeff Thompson to discuss his concerns about the Center Street pedestrian crossing. (Postponed from 9/24/20 meeting).

SUBCOMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION: COUNCILOR THOMPSON PROVIDE UPDATE.

Discussion: Councilor Jeff Thompson stated that he reviewed the area with the subcommittee and that there is a gas station to the west and a light on every other pole. The recommendation was to put a light on every pole up to the pharmacy. DPW Commissioner Rowley stated that four (4) lights have been installed but one (1) is not wired. It was suggested that Councilor Thompson reach out to Brockton Hospital to pay for a solar powered crosswalk sign with blinking lights (similar to what is currently at the Angelo School). Councilor Thompson stated that he was still waiting for a response from Brockton Hospital

but is satisfied with what has been done and would like to take this matter off the agenda and he will revisit sometime next year.

Like item #1, Deputy Fire Chief Solomon will come up with the cost for installation and Captain Hallisey will obtain the cost for the engineering study. This information should be provided to Brockton Hospital and permission obtained from the state.

Ken Galligan made a motion to refer to subcommittee, wait for report from Deputy Fire Chief Solomon on cost of package so that it can be provided to Brockton Hospital. Also, this is a state road and approval will be required from the state. Mr. Galligan also confirmed with DPW Commissioner Rowley that any gift/donations must be accepted by City Council. This pertains to this issue (Brockton Hospital) and item #1 (Brockton Housing Authority).

VOTED: DEPUTY FIRE CHIEF SOLOMON TO OBTAIN COST PRIOR TO THE 11/17 SUBCOMMITTEE REVIEW, CAPTAIN HALLISEY WILL OBTAIN COST FOR ENGINEERING STUDY SO THAT ENTIRE COST CAN BE GIVEN TO COUNCILOR THOMPSON TO DISCUSS WITH BROCKTON HOSPITAL. APPROVE SUBCOMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION.

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

3. 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.*
- 4. Widen the corner of Boundary St. and N. Quincy St. to better accommodate truck traffic.*

SUBCOMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION:

- 1A. REFER TO REVIEW TO STUDY WITH ENGINEERING**
- 2A. "NO THRU TRAFFIC" 2 SIGNS ON BOTH ENDS OF ANN MARIE DRIVE**
- 3A. DENIED AT THIS TIME (CONSTRUCTION AT THIS TIME)**

4A. DENIED AT THIS TIME

Discussion: On item #1A, Councilor Lally stated that he would accept the subcommittee recommendations and will talk to School Committee Joyce Asack to see if Brockton Public Schools can contribute to the cost for the engineering cost and cost associated with the installation of the crosswalk.

DPW Commissioner Rowley stated that they are doing construction on Hovendon Avenue right now and now would be the time to install an ADA compliant crosswalk while construction is underway. He further stated that grinding mill won't start until Spring, 2021 so, get it done now.

VOTED ITEM #1A: 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.

On item #2A, Commissioner Hallisey stated that time limits for turning cannot be done.

VOTED ITEM #2A: 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; 7 in the affirmative.

Councilor Lally made a motion to take items #3A and #4A collectively. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Rowley:

On item #3A, Councilor Lally stated that residents upset with heavy truck traffic. There is already a truck weight limit sign there that is being ignored. Councilor Lally stated that he is alright with the denial for now but will be refile after the construction of the roundabout and the current COVID pandemic so that some people can testify.

On item #4A, Commissioner Hallisey explained that this was denied as Boundary Street would be used as an alternate route if trucks are stopped from using Boundary Avenue.

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; 7 in the affirmative.

4. 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).

SUBCOMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION:

- 1A. HANDICAPPED PARKING SIGN REMOVED**
- 2A. ALL TEMPORARY SIGNS THAT WERE PUT UP ON PALM PLACE DURING CONSTRUCTION MAKE PERMANENT ON THE WEST SIDE OF PALM PLACE SOUTHERLY TO THE DEAD END. (MAKING EMERGENCY VEHICLE ABILITY FOR ACCESS)**

VOTED: TO APPROVE SUBCOMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION

Upon motion duly made by DPW Commissioner Rowley, seconded by Stephan

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

5. NORTH QUINCY STREET

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

SUBCOMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION: COUNCILOR LALLY WILL WORK WITH CITY OF ABINGTON ABOUT A JOINT VENTURE IN ESTABLISHING A FLASHING CROSSWALK SIGN THAT WOULD AFFECT BOTH MUNICIPALITIES.

Discussion: Ken Galligan recommended that this request be added with item #1 and item #2 on this agenda and wait for Deputy Fire Chief Solomon to obtain the

cost so that this can be brought to the Town of Abington. Mr. Galligan also stated that this would be a great location for an actuated crosswalk.

VOTED: TO APPROVE SUBCOMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION

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

6. 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.

SUBCOMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION: RECOMMENDED 25 MPH SIGN PLACED ON LIST TO EVENTUALLY FORWARD TO COUNCIL AND OBTAIN STATE APPROVAL.

Discussion: Commissioner Hallisey stated that he is waiting to get a list of 10-12 25 mph sign requests to go before City Council. He will also contact the state on this issue as well as crosswalk requests made. Councilor Lally stated that he spoke with Ward 3 School Committee member Mark D’Agostino who confirmed that he has received calls from people concerned about speeding.

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; 7 in the affirmative.

NEW BUSINESS

7. SIGN REQUEST – FOSTER STREET & BROOK STREET EXT.

Request received from Elsa Fernandes who resides at 110 Foster Street and is requesting A 4-way stop sign at the corner of Foster Street and Brook Street Ext. due to cars speeding down the street. Ms. Fernandes stated that there is already a stop sign there but believes A 4-way stop is needed.

Discussion: Request the accident history and have reports available for the December 3, 2020 meeting.

VOTED: TO REFER TO SUBCOMMITTEE.

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.

8. SIGN REQUEST – CHILDREN AT PLAY

Request received from Emanuel Pires who resides at 51 Ardsley Street and is requesting a Children at Play sign because of excessive speeding. Stop signs not labeled on floor, kids cross street to play in front yards and ride bikes.

VOTED: TO REFER TO SUBCOMMITTEE.

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

9. PROVOST STREET

Request received from Jennifer Johnson to revisit the numerous issues on Provost Street including speeding, noise and parking. Ms. Johnson has called the non-emergency number of the BPD as instructed. Ms. Johnson was previously before this board on August 22, 2019. At that time, the board recommended the following:

- 1. Place 25 mph sign and post in front of #13 provost street*
- 2. Take down "children at play" in front of #132 provost street and replace with 25 mph sign*

Discussion: Deputy Fire Chief Solomon made a motion to put up yellow 25 mph signs and refer to subcommittee for placement. The motion was 2nd by Councilor Lally. On the motion, Ken Galligan stated that they are well aware of the issues on Provost Street and because the next Traffic Commission meeting isn't until December 3, 2020, he recommended voting tonight to put up the yellow 25 mph signs.

DPW Commissioner Rowley stated that he was against putting up the signs (yellow 25 mph) then taking them down (to put up white 25 mph signs) because it's a waste of money and police cannot write tickets with the yellow signs.

Provost Street will be added to the list of regulatory 25 mph (white signs) to be approved by City Council and the state.

VOTED: TO INSTALL YELLOW 25 MPH SIGN AND POST IN FRONT OF #13 PROVOST STREET AND TAKE DOWN “CHILDREN AT PLAY” SIGN IN FRONT OF #132 PROVOST STREET AND REPLACE WITH YELLOW 25 MPH SIGN AND POST. ADD TO THE LIST OF REGULATORY 25 MPH SIGNS TO BE APPROVED BY CITY COUNCIL AND THE STATE.

Upon motion duly made by Ken Galligan, seconded by DPW Commissioner Rowley, the motion carried by a roll call vote; 6-1 with DPW Commissioner Rowley voting against. Motion carried.

10. ASHFIELD DRIVE

Request received from Councilor Jeffrey Thompson for a “NO TRUCKS” sign on Ashfield Drive.

VOTED: TO HAVE CAPTAIN HALLISEY DROP OFF “NO TRUCK” FLYER TO SPIEGEL SCRAP AND REFER TO SUBCOMMITTEE FOR SIGN PLACEMENT.

Discussion: Clark Linehan who resides on Ashfield Drive spoke to inform the board that Spiegel Scrap trucks use Ashfield Drive as a cut through onto Anawan Street to avoid the traffic light on North Cary Street and East Ashland Street. These trucks also drop debris off of the such as nails and both he and his neighbor have had to replace tires on the vehicles. There is also a safety issue as there are more kids on the street. Mr. Linehan commented that he sees the street sweeper on North Cary Street and asked why it couldn't go up Ashfield Drive.

DPW Commissioner Rowley stated that he had spoken to the owner at Speigel Scrap and thought the company may have been recently sold. He further commented that the roads aren't in good condition and that no trucks should be on these roads. DPW Commissioner Rowley made a motion to refer to subcommittee for signage location, seconded by Councilor Lally.

Ken Galligan suggested that the “No Truck” flyer that was made for the issue on South Leyden Street be dropped off at Spiegel Scrap by Captain Hallisey.

Councilor Lally withdrew his original motion, DPW Commissioner Rowley withdrew his second.

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

11. SIGN REQUEST - LONGVIEW ROAD & W. CHESTNUT STREET

Request received from Steven Pelaggi who resides at 5 Longview Road and is requesting a yellow free standing triangle "Dead End" sign to be placed at the intersection of Longview Road and W. Chestnut Street. Mr. Pelaggi has witnessed many drivers and delivery trucks having to turn around while using Longview Road hoping to cut over to Linwood Street. Some have even run up against a stone wall he has around his driveway entrance used to turn around and go back to W. Chestnut Street.

Discussion: Mr. Pelaggi spoke about his concerns on his request and thanked the board for any assistance.

VOTED: TO REFER TO SUBCOMMITTEE.

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. 2020-2021 WINTER PARKING BAN – 12/1/20 – 4/1/21

The attached Winter Parking Ban notices in 4 languages (English, Haitian-French, Portuguese and Spanish) will be published in The Enterprise on 11/19/20 last year's cost was \$3,273.20. In addition, notices were inserted into the utility bills @ a cost of \$3,531.45, bright orange notice cards (attached) were placed on windshields throughout problem streets within the City @ a cost of approximately \$200.00. There are also several boards placed on tripods within City Hall. The Mayor has agreed to continue reducing the first violation in half.

Discussion: DPW Commissioner Rowley suggested that Cape Verdean Creole translation be added to the WPB notices. The secretary informed the board that the 4 notices were placed on boards and were printed by a printer and translated by the Mayor's Office. If translation is available, the Cape Verdean Creole can be added to The Enterprise ad. Councilor-At-Large Mendes stated that Portuguese and Cape Verdean Creole are 2 separate languages but that Cape Verdean's can read Portuguese. It's more of a grammatical difference.

Commissioner Hallisey asked if anyone had access to moveable message boards to announce the Winter Parking Ban. BPD has one but the computer program is not updated. Deputy Fire Chief Solomon will check BFD's but believes there's also needs to be updated. Commissioner Rowley stated that he rented one from Pro

Tools at an approximate cost of \$600/month for the hydrant flushing and found it very helpful. Steve Hooke stated that Emergency Management has 2 but is not able to use it for anything but COVID until the end of the year.

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

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

LATE FILE:

13. PROSPECT STREET

Request received from Councilor Shirley Asack on behalf of resident Latakia Lafontant @ 320 Prospect Street:

- a. -We request the Traffic Commission review intersection of North Ash and Prospect Street*
- b. For speeding (we need accident reports as there have been many accidents in that area)*
- c. We request revamping the stop signs so they are noticeable possibly painting the poles yellow. On North Ash and Augusta Avenue.*
- d. Installing noticeable one way signs on Prospect Street at North Ash as too often residents drive in the wrong direction.*

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.

Motion made by Councilor Lally, seconded by Stephan Hooke to adjourn the meeting at 7:00 p.m.

***NOTE: THERE IS NO MONTHLY MEETING HELD IN NOVEMBER. THE NEXT MEETING WILL BE HELD ON THURSDAY, DECEMBER 3, 2020. DEADLINE TO ADD ITEMS TO THE DECEMBER 3, 2020 MEETING AGENDA IS THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 19, 2020.**

Respectfully submitted,

Mary Milligan, Secretary