



**BROCKTON TRAFFIC COMMISSION**  
**Thursday, May 27, 2021**  
**6:00 P.M.**

**MINUTES**

The Traffic Commission held its monthly meeting VIA ZOOM at 6:00 p.m. on Thursday, May 27, 2021.

Present were Traffic Commissioners: Traffic Commissioner Mark Porcaro, Deputy Fire Chief Joseph Solomon, DPW Commissioner Larry Rowley, Stephan Hooke, Councilor Jack Lally and Councilor-At-Large Rita Mendes.

There being a proper quorum, the meeting was called to order by Commissioner Porcaro at 6:01 p.m. Upon motion made by Deputy Fire Chief Joseph Solomon, seconded by Councilor Jack Lally, to waive the reading of the April 22, 2021 Minutes. Motion carried by a roll call 6-0 in the affirmative.

**OLD BUSINESS**

**1. 20 HEMLOCK STREET**

*"Request of Ward 4 Councilor Susan Nicastro on behalf of a resident for a "No Parking Here to Corner" sign in front on 20 Hemlock Street, which is on the corner of McGrath Avenue, or such other relief as the Traffic Commission may deem appropriate. There is often a vehicle parked here, so close to the street corner that Residents have trouble safely driving their vehicles past to get out to Clinton Street. "*

**SUBCOMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION:**

- **INSTALL A "NO PARKING HERE TO CORNER" SIGN ON THE NORTHSIDE OF HEMLOCK STREET TWENTY (20) FEET WEST OF MCGRATH AVENUE**

**VOTED: TO APPROVE SUBCOMMITTEE RECOMMEDATION.**

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.

## **2. MANLEY STREET**

*Request forwarded by Councilor Dennis Eaniri via See-Click-Fix:*

*It is time Manley Street in Brockton has guardrails installed. Ever since Manley St/Belmont St/ West Chestnut St was built up with businesses Manley St has had one too many Vehicle Accidents. Another accident just happened 03/22/2021 where a vehicle flipped over and shut down Manley St. A few months ago someone hit a telephone pole on Manley St and knocked it down. The list could go on and on. Manley Street NEEDS guard rails once and for all at least at the bend in the road towards West Chestnut St. that is where a majority of accidents happen. Please look up accident reports on Manley St in Brockton and you will see the amount that has occurred just in the past few years alone.*

### **SUBCOMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION:**

- **REPLACE THE SINGLE 12"X18" CHEVRON SIGNS ON POLES #20 AND #21 WITH 18"X24" CHEVRON SIGNS (SOUTHBOUND LANE).**
- **INSTALL ONE 12"X18" CHEVRON SIGN ON A UTILITY POLE IN THAT SAME AREA FOR THE NORTHBOUND LANE.**

**VOTED: TO APPROVE SUBCOMMITTEE RECOMMEDATION.**

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.

## **3. 242 MAIN STREET (IDEAL PAWN)**

*Request received from Phil Cohen who owns the commercial building on Main St. directly at the end of Belmont St. The building has been hit by vehicles head on twice in the last three years doing considerable damage. No one was hurt thankfully but this could easily change the next time this happens. He is requesting that Bollards be put up on the sidewalk at the end of that intersection. Could you please contact me at (508) 341-6228 or JCT*

**SUBCOMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION:**

- **WE SPOKE TO A REPRESENTATIVE OF THE ONGOING CONSTRUCTION PROJECT NEXT DOOR AT 226 MAIN STREET. THE PERSON INDICATED THAT THE PROJECT SHOULD BE COMPLETED IN NOVEMBER, AT WHICH TIME THE CROSSWALK WILL BE RESTORED TO ITS ORIGINAL LOCATION. THE PROJECT PLANS ALREADY INCLUDE ADDING BOLLARDS IN FRONT OF 226 MAIN STREET AND THEY ARE OPEN AND AGREEABLE TO ADDING A FEW MORE BOLLARDS SO THAT THE ROW EXTENDS IN FRONT OF 242 MAIN STREET. I WILL REACH OUT TO MARC PERRAS, WHO IS A SENIOR ASSOCIATE AT JONES ARCHITECTURE, AND ROB MAY, THE CITY'S PLANNER, TO MOVE THIS FORWARD. MR. PERRAS IS RECEPTIVE TO THIS IDEA AND HAS ALREADY EMAILED ME WITH POSSIBLE PLANS TO INCLUDE ADDITIONAL BOLLARDS FOR IN FRONT OF 242 MAIN STREET.**
- **SEND A LETTER TO THE BROCKTON DPW COMMISSIONER REQUESTING THAT THE DIP IN THE ROAD ON MAIN STREET AT BELMONT STREET (SOUTHWEST CORNER OF THE INTERSECTION IN FRONT OF THE WESTERN UNION) BE LEVELED OFF SO AS TO ALLOW FOR THE SMOOTHER TURNING OF VEHICLES ONTO MAIN STREET SOUTHBOUND FROM BELMONT STREET.**

Discussion: DPW Commissioner Rowley asked how much to level off and stated that he would take a look at it and get back to Commissioner Porcaro and the secretary.

**VOTED: TO APPROVE SUBCOMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION.**

Upon motion duly made by , seconded by , the motion carried by a roll call vote; 5 in the affirmative.

**4. WEST ELM STREET AND MORAIN STREET**

*Email request received from Alyssa Regan: There are multiple accidents Every day that occurs in between Moraine Street and West Elm Street. This is very dangerous. If you could please consider a light.*

**SUBCOMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION:**

- **A REQUEST HAS BEEN MADE TO INSTALL A CITY CAMERA AT THAT INTERSECTION SO AS TO ALLOW THE BROCKTON POLICE THE ABILITY TO REVIEW ACCIDENTS THERE AND POSSIBLY DETERMINE HOW THEY ARE OCCURRING.**

- **CONTINUE POLICE TRAFFIC ENFORCEMENT THAT HAS BEEN ONGOING FOR SEVERAL MONTHS NOW.**

Discussion: Councilor Lally informed the board that he is working with the City's IT Department and that he would follow up on June 1<sup>st</sup> and find a better location.

**VOTED: TO APPROVE SUBCOMMITTEE RECOMMEDATION.**

Upon motion duly made by DPW Commissioner Rowley, seconded by Deputy Fire Chief Solomon, the motion carried by a roll call vote; 6 in the affirmative.

**5. SIGN REQUEST: YARMOUTH AVENUE, BREWSTER ROAD, SAGAMORE ROAD, DENNIS AVENUE, TORREY STREET AND HARWICH STREET**

*Request received from Jeffrey Barnes who is requesting stop signs, yield signs and weight restriction signs placed on Yarmouth Ave, Brewster Rd, Sagamore Rd., Dennis Ave., Torrey St., and Harwich St. As expressed on his request the road is not made to accommodate these big trucks along the general public speeding , not stopping.*

**SUBCOMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION:**

**INSTALL STOP SIGNS IN THE FOLLOWING LOCATIONS:**

- **TORREY AVENUE (NORTHBOUND) AT TORREY STREET,**
- **BREWSTER ROAD (NORTHBOUND) AT TORREY STREET,**
- **SAGAMORE ROAD (NORTHBOUND) AT TORREY STREET,**
- **HARWICH ROAD (NORTHBOUND) AT TORREY STREET, AND**
- **BREWSTER ROAD (SOUTHBOUND) AT YARMOUTH AVENUE.**
  
- **HAVE A TRAFFIC COMMISSION LETTER DRAFTED TO FEDEX ASKING THEM AS A COURTESY TO HAVE THEIR TRUCKS REFRAIN FROM USING HARWICH, SAGAMORE, AND BREWSTER ROADS AS WELL AS DENNIS AND YARMOUTH AVENUES AND INSTEAD TRY TO USE TORREY AVENUE AS MUCH AS POSSIBLE WHEN CROSSING BETWEEN TORREY STREET AND BELMONT STREET. OTHER THAN THAT, THERE WILL BE NO FORMAL TRUCK RESTRICTIONS PURSUED AT THIS TIME. THE TRAFFIC COMMISSIONER WILL DELIVER THIS TO FEDEX.**
  
- **CONSIDER ADDING THESE STREETS TO THE SO-CALLED "25 MPH" LIST IF AND WHEN IT IS ESTABLISHED.**
  
- **CONTINUE POLICE TRAFFIC ENFORCEMENT OF THE TORREY STREET AND BREWSTER ROAD AREA THAT HAS BEEN ONGOING FOR THE PAST MONTH OR SO.**

**VOTED: TO APPROVE SUBCOMMITTEE RECOMMEDATION.**

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.

**6. SIGN REQUEST: CLIFTON AVENUE & CHURCHILL AVENUE**

*Sign request from received from Pam Harvey who resides at 116 Clifton Avenue and is requesting a two stop signs, one on Clifton Avenue and the second on Churchill Avenue. People are speeding throughout the day.*

**SUBCOMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION:**

- **INSTALL ONE (1) STOP SIGN ON CHURCHILL AVENUE (NORTHBOUND) AT CLIFTON AVENUE.**

**VOTED: TO APPROVE SUBCOMMITTEE RECOMMEDATION.**

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

**7. SIGN REQUEST: SPEED LIMIT, FLASHING YELLOW LIGHTS**

*Sign request form received from Trevor Tyrell who resides at 167 Ash Street and is requesting a speed limit sign and yellow flashing lights on Ash Street near the crosswalk by the Bent Playground. He states that drivers Disregard signs on road, excessive speeding and there have been hit and run Incidents.*

**SUBCOMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION:**

- **INSTALL TWO (2) CROSSWALK WITH ARROW SIGNS ON BOTH SIDES OF THE ROAD FOR THE CROSSWALK IN FRONT OF 161 ASH STREET.**
- **REPAINT THE CURRENT CROSSWALK LINES AND ADD SOME ADDITIONAL LINES AND MARKINGS INSIDE THE CROSSWALK SO AS TO ENHANCE ITS VISIBILITY.**

**VOTED: TO APPROVE SUBCOMMITTEE RECOMMEDATION.**

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.

## **8. MARY E. BAKER SCHOOL – QUINCY STREET**

*Request received from Dr. Jim Cobbs, Executive Director of Operations, Brockton Public Schools and Valerie Brower, Principal of the Mary E. Baker School to remove the “No Left Turn” signs posted. Principal Brower states that the signs were put up many years ago and the “traffic has changed dramatically. It is much more dangerous for everyone to take a right with a good amount turning into side streets, driveways, and just turning in the middle of Quincy Street to go the other direction. The traffic backs up from the light at Center Street to the school”. Principal Brower assumes that the signs were put there so that the Court Street light didn't back up but with the additional traffic flow, she believes it*

*makes sense to allow cars to approach both intersections. Principal Brower is also requesting barriers be moved.*

### **SUBCOMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION:**

- **THIS ISSUE IS ON SCHOOL PROPERTY. THE TRAFFIC COMMISSION DOES NOT OPPOSE THE SCHOOL DEPARTMENT'S PLAN TO ALLEVIATE THE PROBLEM.**

### **VOTED: TO APPROVE SUBCOMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION.**

Upon motion duly made by Councilor Lally, seconded by Steve Hooke, the motion carried by a roll call vote; 5 in the affirmative.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

## **9. CYPRESS DRIVE DEVELOPMENT**

*Email received from Joanne Zine who is reaching out to the Traffic Commission at the advice of Chief Ken Gallagan. Mrs. Zine lives on what is currently the existing cul-de-sac on Cypress Drive. As you are probably aware, the city has approved an extension of Cypress to include approximately 800-1000 feet of roadway and 18 houses. This extension will dramatically affect the daily traffic on Cypress and turn what is an existing cul-de-sac into what can be considered a busy street. In an effort to mitigate the effect of this extension and to control the speed of traffic, she would like to propose that a cul-de-sac island, much like the ones currently existing on Briarcliff Road and Front Nine Drive be installed in the current cul-de-sac of Cypress Drive. This would affectively create a one way on either side of the island in both directions, significantly slowing traffic and would be a benefit to the existing residents of the street as well as the future residents of the extension.*

*Mrs. Zine and her husband own and operate DeZine Land Construction, Inc. and would gladly maintain this island. She has contacted her neighbors across the street and they are interested in participating in this process.*

Discussion: DPW Commissioner Rowley said this was a great idea but he thought this was a private way and he didn't know how much jurisdiction the city had but basically, the city can't stop them from doing this. It was suggested that the board vote the same way as they did previously on the Baker School request.

**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.

**10. 7 KENDWOOD STREET**

*Request of Ward 4 Councilor Susan Nicastro on behalf of a resident for a 'no parking here to corner' sign in front of 7 Kenwood Street or such other relief as the Commission may deem appropriate. A 95-year-old lady lives here, the widow of WW2 and Pearl Harbor survivor George Hursey. Cars park close to corner near house front door blocking access by any emergency vehicles that may be called to help her. In addition, there is a fire hydrant nearby that keeps getting obstructed by Parked vehicles.*

**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; 6 in the affirmative.

**11. HOVENDON AVENUE**

*Email request from Lorraine Young who resides at 60 Hovendon Avenue was forwarded by Councilor Jack Lally. Ms. Young lives nearest to McKinley Park, and has lived there for 24yrs; a Brockton resident all her life. Recently, her street has turned into a raceway for Mac trucks, which never used this street previously. They go so fast my house shakes, day and night. I would like to request speed limit restrictions (25mph?), more speed limit signs, Go Slow signs, and anything else you think might help. Hovenden Ave is completely residential, and this type of noise and hazard will no doubt impact our property value and more importantly is a safety issue for Brockton, and a speed limit violation.*

Discussion: Councilor Lally stated that he lives off of Hovendon Avenue and could attest to the speeding but Hovendon Avenue is a major road and he's not sure what can be done with speed restrictions or truck limits. Further, Hovendon Avenue is scheduled to be repaved this August and the speeding will get worse.

**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.

**12. SIGN REQUEST – 353 SPRING STREET**

*Request received from Maria Pina, for a handicapped parking sign in front of her house because she is a very high risk for falls. (Note from Dr. Geoffrey Gilson dated 3/14/21 provided).*

**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; 6 in the affirmative.

**13. 132 BELAIR STREET**

*Request received from Joan Andrade who is requesting a barrier in front of her fence. Her fence has been hit and the pole damaged along with the reflectors on the fence when someone hit it. Ms. Andrade is requesting a barrier in the middle of her fence to prevent someone coming into her living room.*

**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.

**14. 77 WENTWORTH AVENUE**

*Request received from Jazmine Glasgow who is requesting a "Curve Ahead" sign (nearest to pole #991) to keep people from hitting the guardrail in front of her house, driving into her yard and driveway. People have gotten hit.*

**VOTED: TO REFER TO SUBCOMMITTEE.**

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

**15. CYPRESS DRIVE AT ROCKLAND DRIVE**

*Request received from board member Ken Galligan on behalf of the residents of Cypress Drive who are requesting a "Dead End" sign on Cypress Drive at Rockland **Drive**. This request is made to make drivers aware prior to turning onto Cypress Drive that it is a dead end.*

**VOTED: TO REFER TO SUBCOMMITTEE.**

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.

**16. SIGN REQUEST - FRENCH AVENUE AND NILSSON STREET**



*Request received from Lynda Barton who resides at 101 Nilsson Street and is Requesting stop signs on French Avenue and Nilsson Street making the intersection a 4-way stop.*

Discussion: Deputy Fire Chief Solomon stated that 4-way stop requests required an engineering study. Councilor Lally recommended sending this to engineering before referring to the subcommittee. Deputy Fire Chief Solomon suggested to take a look at it at subcommittee to see if an engineering study is warranted and/or the subcommittee may come up with additional/other recommendations.

**VOTED: TO REFER TO SUBCOMMITTEE.**

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

**17. SIGN REQUEST – 295 GROVE STREET**

*Request received from Michael Deiliis who is requesting “No Parking” sign at 295 Grove Street (odd side) because traffic is obstructed and emergency vehicles have a hard time getting by.*

**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.

**18. MULBERRY STREET**

*Request received from Councilor Jack Lally on behalf of Cathy Pike who resides on Mulberry Street and is concerned about speeding trucks (mostly from Spiegel) and related noise.*

**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.

**19. VULCAN BAR – 705 N. MONTELLO STREET**

*Request received from Councilor Jack Lally on behalf of Gus Rosa, owner of the Vulcan Bar who is requesting bollards or other safety measures in front of his bar as cars have hit his building on numerous occasions.*

Discussion: Councilor Lally stated that the owner contacted him when he visited the owner, he was shown several accidents on his security cameras. The owner said the real problem is people running the red light on Montello Street and he is looking for help.

DPW Commissioner Rowley stated that this isn't the first time this has come before the board and has been looked at numerous times. The business is too close to the street. It was suggested that he move his door to the Ames Street side and refused. DPW Commissioner Rowley stated he was not in agreement with referring this to subcommittee – there's nothing we (Traffic Commission) can do there. This is an enforcement issue.

Deputy Fire Chief Solomon said that he would check the timing of the lights to see if the red is holding long enough.

**VOTED: TO REFER TO SUBCOMMITTEE.**

Upon motion duly made by Councilor Lally, seconded by Steve Hooke, the motion carried by a roll call vote; 5 in the affirmative with DPW Commissioner Rowley voting in the negative.

## **20. 7 NINTH AVENUE**

*Request by Ward 4 Councilor Susan Nicastro on behalf of a resident to erect an "Autistic Child" sign at 7 Ninth Avenue.*

Discussion: Councilor Nicastro appeared and stated that this resident has a 5 year old autistic child and there house is

**VOTED: TO REFER TO SUBCOMMITTEE.**

Upon motion duly made by , seconded by , the motion carried by a roll call vote; 6 in the affirmative.

## **21. PROSPECT STREET – BETWEEN NORTH ASH STREET & PLEASANT STREET**

*Request received from Councilor Susan Nicastro on behalf of Brenda Rodrigues, 375 Prospect Street, for the Traffic Commission to evaluate whether the section of Prospect Street located between N Ash Street and Pleasant Street should be marked to limit use by tractor trailer trucks. The resident observes an increasing number of these large, heavy trucks using the street at all hours, and is concerned about impacts on housing located close to street and on the bridge at street end.*

Discussion: Councilor Nicastro appeared to speak and voice the concerns of Ms. Rodrigues and asked the board to take a look at the area and come up with recommendations.

**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.

## **BELMONT STREET & PEARL STREET INTERSECTION UPDATE**

DPW Commissioner Rowley informed the board that he met with MassDOT last Friday (5/21/21) and discussed this intersection. He was told that they would be bringing this up to their boss as this intersection was designed 20 years ago. Commissioner Rowley asked if they could provide him with a letter in response to our request and was told that they would provide a letter once they meet with their boss. Commissioner Rowley said it would be 3-5 years before anything would be done at this intersection.

This was DPW Commissioner Rowley's last Traffic Commission meeting as he will be retiring on Friday, June 18, 2021. Everyone in attendance wished Larry well and said he will be greatly missed.

Motion was made by Councilor Lally, seconded by Deputy Fire Chief Solomon to adjourn the meeting. All were in favor. Meeting adjourned at 6:46 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

*Mary Milligan*

Secretary to Traffic Commission

**\*THE NEXT MEETING WILL BE HELD ON THURSDAY, JUNE 24, 2021.  
DEADLINE TO ADD ITEMS TO THE MEETING AGENDA IS FRIDAY, JUNE  
11, 2021.**