



## **BROCKTON TRAFFIC COMMISSION**

**Thursday, August 26, 2021**

**6:00 P.M.**

### **MINUTES**

The Traffic Commission held its monthly meeting at the Arnone School Cafetorium/Little Theater, 135 Belmont Street, Brockton, MA 02301, at 6:00 p.m. on Thursday, August 26, 2021.

Present were Traffic Commissioners: Traffic Commissioner Mark Porcaro, Deputy Fire Chief Joseph DePasquale, Stephan Hooke, Director, BEMA, Interim DPW Commissioner, Pat Hill, Ken Galligan, Councilor-At-Large Rita Mendes and Councilor Jack Lally.

There being a proper quorum, the meeting was called to order by Commissioner Porcaro at 6:08 p.m. Upon motion made by Councilor Lally, seconded by Steve Hooke, to waive the reading of the July 29, 2021 Minutes. Motion carried by a roll call 7-0 in the affirmative.

### **OLD BUSINESS**

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

*Request 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. (Board members: Letter sent to DPW).*

#### **SUBCOMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION:**

- **CONSULT WITH THE CITY ENGINEER FOR AN OPINION ON THE WEIGHT LIMIT OF THE BRIDGE ON PROSPECT STREET BETWEEN FIELDS AVE. AND PLEASANT STREET. DEPENDING ON THE ENGINEER'S OPINION, A WEIGHT RESTRICTION ON THAT ROAD MAY BE WARRANTED. RECOMMEND CONTINUING THIS ITEM FOR STATUS REVIEW PENDING THE ENGINEER'S OPINION.**

**VOTED: TO POSTPONE TO AUGUST 26, 2021 MEETING PENDING ENGINEERING REPORT.**

Discussion: Interim DPW Commissioner, Pat Hill informed the board that the area referred to on Prospect Street between Fields Avenue was not a bridge, that it was a culvert and would need an inspection from a structural engineer. He will get a quote and report back at the September meeting.

**VOTED: TO CONTINUE TO THE 9/23/21 TRAFFIC COMMISSION MEETING SO THAT INTERIM DPW COMMISSIONER HILL CAN OBTAIN A QUOTE FOR THE STRUCTURAL ENGINEER.**

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

**2. N. LEYDEN STREET AT PERKINS AVENUE**

*Request of Ward 4 Councilor Susan Nicastro on behalf of a resident, for erection of "No Heavy Trucks" signage on N. Leyden Street at Perkins Avenue to address frequent use of the residential street by heavy, speeding trucks, or such other relief as the Commission may deem appropriate.*

**SUBCOMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION:**

**POST ONE (1) "NO COMMERCIAL VEHICLES OVER 15,000 G.V.W." SIGN NEAR POLE #21 (LEYDEN ST. @ PERKINS AVE.) AND ANOTHER SAME SIGN ON PARKER AVE. @ SUMMER ST. (ON THE SIDE NEAREST 251 SUMMER ST.).**

Discussion: Councilor Nicastro appeared to explain the issues experienced by her constituents and stated that she believes it is mostly Trojano garbage trucks using residential streets. She requested the same signage that was previously approved by the board on South Leyden Street and Perkins Avenue.

Ken Galligan said that the trucks are using N. Leyden @ Parker Street as a shortcut.

The secretary was asked to check the work orders because it appears the signage approved on South Leyden Street and Perkins Avenue is missing. ***The secretary checked the work orders and confirms this work order was emailed to the Traffic Maintenance Man/Highway Department on 7/10/19.***

**VOTED: TO APPROVE SUBCOMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION.**

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

**3. SARGENT'S WAY AND PLAIN STREET**

*Request of Ward 4 Councilor Susan Nicastro on behalf of Alexamil Rodriguez Casillas, 221 Plain Street, for placement of four way stop signs at the intersection of Sargent's Way and*

*Plain Street, to address accidents resulting from failures of vehicles to stop on Plain Street to let others turn onto Sargent's Way, or for such other relief as the Traffic Commission may deem suitable to address this issue.*

**SUBCOMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION:**

**REQUEST AN ACCIDENT HISTORY. CONTINUE THIS ITEM FOR STATUS REVIEW DEPENDING UPON THE ACCIDENT HISTORY.**

Discussion: Councilor Nicastro appeared and requested blinking stop signs so that it is more visible to drivers.

Ken Galligan pointed out that this would be a 3-way stop, not a 4-way stop and the subcommittee opined that the 3-way stop was unwarranted to put a stop sign on Plain Street.

Instead, an amendment was made to put a "Stop Ahead" sign with yellow strip for eastbound traffic on Sargent's Way.

**VOTED: TO APPROVE SUBCOMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION WITH AMENDMENT (PLACE "STOP AHEAD" SIGN WITH YELLOW STRIP FOR EASTBOUND TRAFFIC ON SARGENT'S WAY).**

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. EAST STREET**

*Request of Ward 4 Councilor Susan Nicastro on behalf of Mary Foley, 269 East Street, who is experiencing difficulty as the result of nearby tenants parking in front of Mrs. Foley's home preventing her from parking there or from moving her car out of the driveway. These cars park on the sidewalk easement area, forcing anyone passing by on foot to walk in East Street. She requests signage or such other relief as the Traffic Commission seems appropriate to address this issue.*

**SUBCOMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION:**

**DENY THE REQUEST. SUBCOMMITTEE DID NOT SEE ANY ISSUE AND SPOKE TO A PERSON WHO RESIDES THERE WHO STATED PARKING OUT FRONT WAS NOT AN ISSUE.**

Discussion: Councilor Nicastro appeared and stated that she was disappointed by the subcommittee's recommendation and pointed out that the "person" they spoke to was Mrs. Foley's son who had just moved back home and was unaware of the problems voiced by his mother. Commissioner Porcaro explained that there were no phone calls received by the BPD (according to the call logs back to 2015) for this issue. He further informed Councilor Nicastro that if a "No Parking" sign was placed in front of Mrs. Foley's residence, no one would be able to park there. Further, he suggested that Councilor Nicastro inform Mrs. Foley to call the

non-emergency number of the BPD when her driveway is blocked. It was agreed that this matter may be refiled in a couple of months if the issue continues.

**VOTED: TO APPROVE SUBCOMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION TO DENY THE REQUEST AND TO STRONGLY SUGGEST THAT MRS. FOLEY CONTACT THE NON-EMERGENCY NUMBER OF THE BPD WHEN HER DRIVEWAY IS BLOCKED. IF NO RELIEF IN A COUPLE OF MONTHS, SUGGEST THIS MATTER BE REFILED BY COUNCILOR NICASTRO.**

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.

## **5. PEARL STREET**

*Request received from Councilor-At-Large Winthrop Farwell:*

*Traffic Enforcement Strategic Planning - Pearl Street*

- A. Initial analysis and discussion of possible additional signage for Pearl Street, focusing on the area of Torrey Street to Belmont Street. Depending upon accident data, signage could include, but not be limited to: "High Traffic Enforcement Area;" "Thickly Settled District;" "Radar Patrolled;" "Patrol by Unmarked Vehicles."*
- B. Legal review and discussion of whether the Traffic Commission has authority to establish "double fines" which would attach to violations in specified high accident areas.*

(Accident history emailed to board members)

### **SUBCOMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION:**

#### **PART A.**

**FYI: A "40 MPH" SPEED LIMIT SIGN IS ALREADY MOUNTED TO THE POLE ON PEARL ST. JUST SOUTH OF THE TORREY ST. INTERSECTION.**

**POST "40 MPH" SPEED LIMIT SIGNS AT THE FOLLOWING LOCATIONS:**

**POLE #34 (PEARL ST. SB NEAR W. ELM ST. EXT.)**

**POLE #73 (PEARL ST. SB)**

**POLE #85 (800-BLOCK PEARL ST. NB)**

**ACCIDENT HISTORY HAS BEEN REQUESTED.**

**DIGITAL RADAR SPEED SIGN HAS BEEN MOUNTED TO POLE #85.**

**CONTINUE POLICE TRAFFIC ENFORCEMENT.**

#### **PART B.**

**THE MASSACHUSETTS STATE LEGISLATURE ESTABLISHES THE AUTOMOBILE LAW VIOLATIONS AND THEIR MAXIMUM PENALTIES AND ASSESSMENTS. MASSACHUSETTS**

**GENERAL LAWS CHAPTER 90C, SECTION 1 FURTHER STATES THAT THE "SCHEDULED ASSESSMENT", WHICH IS THE ACTUAL FINE A POLICE OFFICER WRITES DOWN ON A CITATION, IS DETERMINED JOINTLY BY THE REGISTRAR AND THE CHIEF JUSTICE OF THE DISTRICT COURT DEPARTMENT.**

**ALTHOUGH THERE IS SOME REFERENCE IN SECTION 468 OF DIVISION 5 OF THE BROCKTON ORDINANCES (TRAFFIC COMMISSION "POWERS") THAT THE COMMISSION "MAY PRESCRIBE PENALTIES NOT EXCEEDING FIFTY DOLLARS FOR THE VIOLATION OF ANY RULE OR REGULATION ADOPTED HEREUNDER", THIS PROBABLY WILL NOT ADDRESS THE STATED ISSUE IN THE REQUEST, WHICH IS TO ATTACH DOUBLE FINES TO VIOLATIONS IN HIGH ACCIDENT AREAS.**

**SUBCOMMITTEE RECOMMENDS FOLLOWING THE EXISTING SCHEDULED ASSESSMENT, WHICH IS THE PRODUCT OF THE MASSACHUSETTS LEGISLATURE, REGISTRAR, AND DISTRICT COURT CHIEF JUSTICE. THE CITY COUNCIL, WITH ITS ORDINANCE POWER, MAY WISH TO LOOK AT THIS REQUEST. THIS IS AN IDEA THAT MERITS DISCUSSION, BUT THE SUBCOMMITTEE FEELS THAT IT MIGHT BE HANDLED MORE APPROPRIATELY BY ANOTHER BODY.**

Discussion: Ken Galligan stated that in the past, the Traffic Commission had asked the state to review the speed limit on Pearl Street and recommended 30 mph but the state set the speed limit at 40 mph.

**VOTED: TO APPROVE SUBCOMMITTEE RECOMMENDATIONS.**

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

**SIGN REQUESTS RECEIVED FOR SAME AREA:**

**6. CORNER OF NYE SQUARE – SIGN REQUEST**

*Sign request form received from Keith Turner who resides at 30 Nye Avenue and is requesting a "Slow Down/Slow Autistic Child at Play" because people are speeding when there are autistic children that live on the street.*

**SUBCOMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION:**

**PENDING SUPPORTING MEDICAL DOCUMENTATION BEING RECEIVED, POST ONE "AUTISTIC CHILD" SIGN ON POLE #2 ON NYE AVE. NEAR SPRING ST. AND POST ANOTHER SAME SIGN BETWEEN 19 AND 23 NYE AVE. ANNUAL REVIEW OF CONTINUED NEED.**

**VOTED: TO APPROVE SUBCOMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION.**

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

**7. SPRING STREET AND NYE AVENUE – SIGN REQUEST**

*Sign request from received from Simone DeMew who resides at 211 Spring Street, Jose Galvao who resides at 217 Spring Street, Wesley DaSilva who resides at 211 Spring Street and Albertina Goncalves Pires Rodrigues who resides at 27 Nye Avenue and is requesting (1) stop sign; (2) speed limit, and (3) children playing signs because there are a lot of children playing and speeding cars.*

**SUBCOMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION:**

**INSTALL ONE STOP SIGN ON NYE AVE. SOUTHBOUND @ SPRING ST. ADD “STOP” PAVEMENT LINE PAINTING TO THIS LOCATION.  
UPGRADE THE “NO PARKING” SIGNS ON NYE AVE. (EAST SIDE OF THE STREET).  
POST “30 MPH” SPEED LIMIT SIGNS IN THE FOLLOWING AREAS:  
173 SPRING ST. (WB LANE)  
256 SPRING ST. (EB LANE AT POLE #30)  
270 SPRING ST. (EB LANE AT POLE #31)**

**DENY THE REQUEST FOR “CHILDREN AT PLAY” SIGNS BASED ON A PREVIOUS ENGINEERING REPORT THAT DISCOURAGES THEIR USE.**

Discussion: Ken Galligan added “southbound”.

**VOTED: TO APPROVED SUBCOMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION, AS AMENDED.**

Upon motion duly made by Deputy Fire Chief DePasquale, seconded by Steve Hooke, the motion carried by a roll call vote; 7 in the affirmative.

**8. 66 HAYWARD AVENUE**

*Request received from Councilor Susan Nicastro on behalf of the McDonough family residing at 66 Hayward Avenue and wish to have an “Autistic Child” sign erected in front of their home. (Board members: appropriate medical documentation has been submitted).*

**SUBCOMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION:**

**POST ONE "AUTISTIC CHILD" SIGN ON HAYWARD AVE. ACROSS FROM POLE #4 (WB TRAFFIC), AND POST ONE SAME SIGN ON POLE #7 (EB TRAFFIC).**

Discussion: Ken Galligan requested to add “annual review of continued need.”

**VOTED: TO APPROVE SUBCOMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION, AS AMENDED.**

Upon motion duly made by Deputy Fire Chief DePasquale, seconded by Steve Hooke, the motion carried by a roll call vote; 7 in the affirmative.

**9. LAURESTON STREET – SIGN REQUEST**

*Sign request from received from Envy Isbert who resides at 117 Laureston Street and is requesting a “No Parking” sign in front of his home because the street is a one-way, incoming high-speed cars in both directions and he is unable to see incoming cars while leaving their driveway when cars, trucks and school buses are parked.*

**SUBCOMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION:**

**DENY THE REQUEST. SUBCOMMITTEE DID NOT SEE ANY ISSUE OR RECEIVE ANY INFORMATION THAT WOULD SUPPORT THE REQUEST.**

Discussion: Deputy Fire Chief DePasquale stated that there are already “No Parking” signs at the driveway therefore, there is no need for additional signage.

**VOTED: TO APPROVED SUBCOMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION.**

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

**NEW BUSINESS**

**10. CAIRN ROAD AND MILDRED ROAD**

*Request received from Ward 5 Councilor Jeff Thompson who forwarded an email from his constituent, Joe Lowry. Mr. Lowry would like the speeding situation between Cairn and Mildred Roads addressed and states that neighbors have been posting on the "See Click Fix" website. Mr. Lowry thought perhaps new signage is needed to alert motorists of the speed limits both on Cairn/Mildred Roads. This is an ongoing issue which needs to be addressed before someone is injured or killed.*

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

**VOTED: TO REFER TO SUBCOMMITTEE.**

**11. 74 MARKET STREET**

*Request of Ward 4 Councilor Susan Nicastro and Councilor-At-Large Winthrop Farwell on behalf of Mr. Lloyd Hargrove of 74 Market Street, the corner of Warren Avenue and Market Street, for a stop light to control traffic in the intersection and the erection of a guardrail barrier of sufficient size to protect his home. In the 20 years Mr. Hargrove has*

*resided at this address, his property has been hit FOUR TIMES by vehicles traveling too fast across this intersection. Attached is a map showing the property.*

*Also attached is a photo taken Friday evening, July 30, shortly after the porch on his home was again struck by a vehicle. His family often enjoys sitting on this porch on warm summer evenings. Mr. Hargrove has unsuccessfully requested a stop light before, after seeing a car flipped and a woman die in this intersection. He pays his property taxes and wonders why the City does not address this problem that is not of his doing.*

*He has been told the city will erect a small guardrail for protection but he doubts that is enough to address the problem. We ask for the requested relief for Mr. Hargrove or such other relief as the Traffic Commission deems appropriate to satisfactorily address this problem.*

Discussion: Councilor Nicastro appeared and stated that Councilor-At-Large was unable to attend the meeting due to a prior engagement. Councilor Nicastro informed the board that she was contacted by Mr. Hargrove right after the incident and was told by him that normally the family would have been sitting on the porch having dinner that night but thankfully, dinner was delayed. Councilor Nicastro said she thought that vehicles come off of Route 24, down West Chestnut Street onto Market Street.

Councilor Lally made a motion to refer to subcommittee, seconded by Councilor-At-Large Mendes. On the Motion, Ken Galligan stated that this is the site of many accidents and that the Traffic Commission has put up an overhead beacon and last year arrows (left turn and right turn lanes). He recommended to start the process to install traffic signals with Old Colony Planning Council (OCPC). This committee had done a lot and this should be sent for a traffic study.

Councilor-At-Large Mendes asked if there was anything that could be done short-term and it was suggested that a longer guardrail be installed. Ken Galligan asked Councilor Nicastro to contact Mr. Hargrove to confirm he is okay with a longer guardrail around his property and let the board know. Councilor Nicastro said that she would and report back to Captain Porcaro.

**VOTED: TO OBTAIN TRAFFIC HISTORY, FORWARD TO OLD COLONY PLANNING COUNCIL (OCPC) FOR TRAFFIC STUDY FOR POTENTIAL TRAFFIC SIGNALS AND REFER TO SUBCOMMITTEE.**

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

## **12. NEW HEIGHTS CHARTER SCHOOL**

*Request received from Traffic Commissioner, Captain Porcaro to add New Heights Charter School at 1690 Main Street to the August meeting agenda. This is an older item that was originally before the Traffic Commission on February 22, 2018 and March 22, 2018 involving a school zone designation request.*



*Captain Porcaro has been in contact with Mr. Timothy Chin, who is the school's Facilities Manager, on this issue. I have also been in contact with MassDOT, who revisited the location and have scaled back/modified their original requirements for the designation.*

Discussion: Commissioner Porcaro informed the board that he emailed Mary-Jo Perry at MassDOT and received a response from Bill Travers, District 5 Operations Engineer with the Mass DOT as follows:

*"In response to your inquiry to Director Perry below, the District Traffic Section has revisited the location in question and determined that the New Heights Charter School meets the minimum warrants for the establishment of a school zone if a crosswalk is constructed to facilitate students who are required to cross the street to access the school. The application for the school zone must be submitted by the city, and the city must be willing to take ownership of the signs for maintenance purposes".*

Mr. Chin stated that they have employees walk into Main Street with stop signs and yellow vests to mitigate speeding down Main Street so that students can cross safely. He felt that at dismissal time it is dangerous for students to cross the street whether they're walking home or going to Dunkin' Donuts.

Councilor Susan Nicastro informed the board that she has witnessed dismissal times at the school and there needs to be a crosswalk, sidewalk, handicapped ramp and curbing and informed the board that after speaking with Mr. Chin, the enrollment has increased and there are currently 700 students grades 6-12.

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Commissioner Porcaro suggested that the board ask for clarification from the state as to who pays. Interim DPW Commissioner Hill stated he thought payment would be the responsibility of the owner (New Heights Charter School leases).

Ken Galligan stated that Main Street is a state highway beginning at the property line of the school heading south and when the request previously came before the board, the commission voted in favor however, their hands were tied because the city does not own the road which is why it went to the state and the state at that time said the school zone was not warranted.

Further, he stated that very few students cross Main Street east to west and it was agreed since this was going to be a problem the city wasn't going to take care of either the school or state would have to pay to get this done. The most practical way to solve this problem was to have the kids cross at the crosswalk at Sargent's Way where there is a traffic signal with pedestrian push buttons and that was where it ended up.

Mr. Galligan also reminded the board that they should check the zoning records because this issue was addressed. When this school came before zoning, they were very specific about students not being loaded/unloaded in front of the school on Main Street. Students have to be picked up on the property. The zoning stipulation was that parents couldn't load/unload students on Main Street. Mr. Galligan continued by saying that the previous request for a crosswalk that the Traffic Commission supported it but it is a state highway and the state letter does not say who is going to pay for it. He also opined that this would be an ideal location for a crosswalk with flashing lights when you push the button.

Commissioner Porcaro suggested that he could reach out to the state for clarification on who constructs and pays for the crosswalk, the city or the state. He asked Interim DPW Commissioner Hill who he thought would be responsible and he responded that it was his opinion that it would be the responsibility of the owner and that it would be quite involved. He further stated that according to the state, the city would be responsible for signage and upkeep and the removal of snow.

Ken Galligan suggested to Mr. Chin that he look at the zoning decision on how students were supposed to be loaded/unloaded the Mr. Galligan reiterated the board's past decision that was to support the crosswalk but the city will not pay because the city has no authority to put crosswalk in.

**VOTED: TO REITERATE THE BOARD'S PAST POSITION TO SUPPORT THE REQUEST BUT DO NOT HAVE THE AUTHORITY TO PUT THE CROSSWALK IN.**

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

### **13. CLIFTON AVENUE AND WARREN AVENUE**

*Request received from Ward 3 Councilor Dennis Eaniri that a STOP SIGN be placed at Clifton Avenue and Warren Avenue, going East or West.*

**VOTED: TO REFER TO SUBCOMMITTEE.**

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

#### **14. CENTRE STREET**

*Request received from school committee member, Judy Sullivan, who is the ward 5 school committee member for the East Middle School area. There is a section of the road on Centre Street right past East Middle School heading towards city center that turns from 20 miles per hour to 35 miles per hour. The sign is posted there but is a new sign that says 35 miles per hour. I have lived in the city a long time and never knew this was 35 miles per hour from here to the cemetery on Centre Street it changes back to 30 miles per hour. I was wondering why because if you are driving why would that be 35 there you are coming up to a light and then it changes to 30 right after the light. Wondering if we can at least have it 30 miles per hour there because there are many school children that walk home from East Middle School, and it should be 30 miles per hour there because of this. Please advise.*

Discussion: School Committee woman, Judy Sullivan appeared to address the confusing speed limit signage along Centre Street from East Middle School heading west towards the city center.

Ken Galligan informed Ms. Sullivan that the speed limit for a portion of Centre Street is designated by the state (35 mph) and from Cary Street west to Main Street is designated by the city at 30 mph which is the fundamental speed limit and Cary Street to the Abington line is state designated. Ms. Sullivan asked why is it 35 mph in front of East Middle School, which is a school zone. She stated that she thought the 35 mph signs were just put up. It was recommended that a letter be sent to the state to confirm the 35 mph and ask when the sign(s) were put up and if it was the state, Ms. Sullivan should contact the state legislature with her concerns. **\*Side note – there is no information on file for speed limit set by state for Centre Street.**

**VOTED: TO REQUEST INFORMATION FROM STATE ON 35 MPH SPEED LIMIT DESIGNATION AND CONTINUE TO NEXT MONTH.**

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

#### **SIGN REQUESTS:**

#### **15. FARRINGTON STREET**

*Sign request form received from Antonio R. Oliveira, Jr. who resides at 77 Farrington Street and is requesting a "Dead End" sign and "Stop" sign to avoid accidents from happening and also to stop incoming traffic onto dead end street.*

**VOTED: TO REFER TO SUBCOMMITTEE.**

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

**16. MERTON STREET**

*Sign request form received from D. Stephen Knight who resides at 40 Ridge Street and is requesting “No Parking” signs on Merton Street between Edgar Street and Ridge Street because the road is too narrow and cars parked make it difficult to get through.*

Discussion: Councilor Lally stated that he was familiar with this street and that it is one lane wide. He believed the problems occur at night so the issue would not be seen by the subcommittee when they review. He would check out and report back to the subcommittee when they review on 9/16/21.

**VOTED: TO REFER TO SUBCOMMITTEE.**

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

**17. CORNER OF FIELDS AVENUE AND PROSPECT STREET**

*Email and sign request form received from Derek Welcome who resides at 437 Prospect Street and is requesting a “No Right Turn” with arrow under the existing stop sign located on the corner of Fields Avenue and Prospect Street to prevent a head on collision because vehicles traveling on Fields Avenue are not clearly aware that they should not make a right turn onto Prospect Street and they do so often. (Board Members: copy of email and “No Right Turn” sign picture attached).*

Discussion: Ken Galligan stated that he drove by this area prior to the meeting and suggested that at the end of Fields Avenue at Prospect Street, a “No Right Turn” sign be added below the “One Way” sign on the telephone pole and also put a red “Wrong Way” sign on Prospect Street on the first telephone pole heading towards Belair Street.

**VOTED: TO APPROVE THE RECOMMENDATION MADE AT THE MEETING TO NO RIGHT TURN” SIGN BE ADDED BELOW THE “ONE WAY” SIGN ON THE TELEPHONE POLE AND ALSO PUT A RED “WRONG WAY” SIGN ON PROSPECT STREET ON THE FIRST TELEPHONE POLE HEADING TOWARDS BELAIR STREET.**

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

**\*THE NEXT MEETING WILL BE HELD ON THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 23, 2021. DEADLINE TO ADD ITEMS TO THE MEETING AGENDA IS FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 10, 2021.**