



**BROCKTON TRAFFIC COMMISSION**  
**Thursday, December 9, 2021**  
**6:00 P.M.**

**MINUTES**

The Traffic held its monthly meeting at the Arnone School Cafetorium, Little Theater, 135 Belmont Street, Brockton, MA 02301, at 6:00 p.m. on Thursday, December 9, 2021.

Present were Traffic Commissioners: Traffic Commissioner Mark Porcaro, Deputy Fire Chief Joseph DePasquale, Interim DPW Commissioner Pat Hill, Ken Galligan, Stephen Hooke, Councilor Jack Lally and Jim Sweeney.

There being a proper quorum, the meeting was called to order by Commissioner Porcaro at 6:00 p.m. Upon motion made by Councilor Lally, seconded by Deputy Fire Chief DePasquale, to waive and approve the reading of the October 28, 2021 Minutes. Motion carried by a roll call 7-0 in the affirmative.

**OLD BUSINESS**

1. **BELMONT STREET AND BELMONT AVENUE**  
Requested by: Councilor-At-Large Winthrop Farwell, Jr.  
Issue/ Request: Discuss potential accident mitigation options

**SUBCOMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION:**

- (A) ADD A "NO PARKING SIGN HERE TO CORNER" SIGN TO THE EXISTING SIGN POST IN FRONT OF 272 BELMONT AVE.,
- (B) ERECT A "NO PARKING" SIGN AND SIGN POST IN FRONT OF 301 BELMONT STREET.,
- (C) ADD A STOP LINE/ BAR AND "STOP" LINE PAINTING ON BELMONT AVE. CLOSER TO THE BELMONT STREET INTERSECTION.,
- (D) ADD A STOP LINE/ BAR AND "STOP" LINE PAINTING ON MANOMET STREET CLOSER TO THE BELMONT STREET INTERSECTION,

- (E) REPLACE THE WORN “NO PARKING HERE TO CORNER” SIGN ON MANOMET STREET @ BELMONT STREET (EAST SIDE OF MANOMET STREET.), AND**
- (F) “NO PARKING” BELMONT AVENUE WESTSIDE, 100 FT NORTHERLY (TO BE MEASURED BY EDDIE)**

Discussion: to accept the subcommittee recommendation but to add to F after 100 FT Northerly “from Belmont Street.”

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

**VOTED: TO APPROVE SUBCOMMITTEE RECOMMENDATIONS WITH CHANGES TO F.**

**2. NORTH CARY STREET BETWEEN MOODY STREET AND BOYDEN STREET**

**Requested by: Ward 5 Councilor Jeff Thompson**

**Issue/ Request: Guardrail**

Discussion: Ward 5 Councilor Jeff Thompson was not present and the Commissioners voted to continue to January meeting.

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

**VOTED: TO CONTINUE TO THE JANUARY 27<sup>TH</sup> MEETING.**

**3. PARKLETS – POLICY & DESIGN GUIDELINES**

**Requested by: Rob May, Director of Planning and Economic Development**

Present was Emily Inne from Innes & Associates and Rob May, Director of Planning and Economics.

Discussion: Rob May was unable to make the last meeting in October to discuss the Parklets Policy and so the matter was voted to continue to the December meeting (please note, no meetings in November).

There were a few concerns regarding the Parklets Policy. Mr. Galligan had issues with the structure for protection around the tables and chairs. He would like to see large visible reflective tape all around the jersey barriers at the bottom of the planters. Mr. Galligan brought up concerns of liability on the City and if there would be more liability for the City for allowing these Parklets. Ms. Inne stated no and the liability would be on the business owners. Mr. Galligan stated there are sections where these Parklets should not be installed such as parts of Main Street and Legion Parkway because they are too narrow. Another concern that was brought was in case of an emergency, who would be responsible to remove the parklets. It was said that DPW would be the designated department to remove them in case of emergency. If they were no

emergencies and parklets had to be removed for whatever reason would be the responsibility of the business owner. As for the Department sign-offs, Galligan suggested the order should be Planning>Traffic>DPW>Fire>Building. Mr. Sweeney added maybe having a 2<sup>nd</sup> tentative date for applicants.

Mr. Stephen Hooke stated he is not opposed to the Parklets but would like to make sure they are safe. Mr. Hooke asked how long would the permit be which was discussed and stated the permit would be from May to November 1<sup>st</sup>.

Captain Porcaro asked if there would be a limit on the Parklets and he would also like to see a Traffic Engineering Study done to see what their conclusion would be. Ms. Inne responded and said they would have a limit on the Parklets the first year, maybe 5 or 6 and rereview the following year.

Interim DPW Commissioner Hill stated having to remove Parklets in case of an emergency would take up time and he would like to go and take a look at the areas that would have parklets. Councilor Lally stated he would like to find a way to add this to subcommittee.

In conclusion, a few issues needed to be addressed before taking a vote such as the patio heaters for the colder months and who would be the department to sign off, reflective tape around the jersey barriers that would be seen by motorist from at least 1 mile away, having a licensed engineer design the parklets, emergency removal, relocation and removal, jersey barriers to be installed for protection, electrical wiring and the order of Department sign-offs.

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

**VOTED: TO CONTINUE TO JANUARY 27th MEETING FOR FINAL APPROVAL PENDING CHANGES TO THE PARKLET POLICY SUGGESTED BY THE TRAFFIC COMMISSION.**

**4. GREEN PLACE (Board members- see attached)**

**Requested by: Councilor-At-Large Rita Mendes o/b/o Jean Asnack Chery**

**17 Green Place**

**Issue/ Request: Sidewalks on both sided of the street**

**SUBCOMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION:**

**A. INSTALL A SIDEWALK WITH GRANITE-EDGED STONE CURBING ON THE EAST SIDE OF THE STREET FROM CLIFTON AVE. SOUTHERLY TO GLEN AVE.**

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

**VOTED: TO APPROVE SUBCOMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION.**

**5. NORTH QUINCY STREET (Board members- see attached study)**

**Requested by: Captain Mark Porcaro**

**Issue/ Request: Technical Memorandum/ Engineering Study received by Lisa Sherman, CDM Smith**

**(from 10/22/20 Minutes):**

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

**SUBCOMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION:**

- A. ERECT A "CROSSWALK AHEAD" SIGN WITH CORRESPONDING DIAGNOL ARROW SIGN ON POLE #102 IN FRONT OF 616 N. QUINCY ST.**
- B. ERECT A "CROSSWALK AHEAD" SIGN WITH THE CORRESPONDING DIAGNOL ARROW DOWN SIGN ON THE SIDEWALK IN FRONT OF 101 N. QUINCY ST. ABINGTON (BROCKTON OWNS SIDEWALK)**
- C. ERECT ONE "CROSSWALK" SIGN ON THE SIDEWALK FOR THE CROSSWALK LOCATED AT 604 N. QUINCY ST. AND ANOTHER SIGN ACROSS THE STREET FROM THIS LOCATION**
- D. INCREASE THE STREET LIGHTING ON POLES # 99, 100, AND 102 (WEST SIDE OF THE ROAD)**

Upon motion duly made by Councilor Lally, seconded by Deputy Fire Chief DePasquale, the motion was carried out by a roll call vote; 7 in the affirmative.

**VOTED: TO APPROVE SUBCOMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION.**

**6. 68 TROUT STREET**

**Requested by: Lisa Fruzzette & Donna Williams**

**Issue/ Request: Neighbor created an illegal parking space**

Discussion: Pat Hill did go out and take a look and passed it on to the Highway Dept. to go take a look as well. Councilor Lally motioned to postponed till next meeting or could be added to a Special meeting with the Parklets.

Upon motion duly made by Councilor Lally, seconded by Deputy Fire Chief DePasquale, the motion was carried out by a roll call vote; 7 in the affirmative.

**VOTED: TO CONTINUE TO NEXT MEETING ON JANUARY 27, 2022.**

**7. IT'S TIME FOR A CHANGE (Board members- see attached)**

**Requested by: Councilor-At-Large Rita Mendes and Ward 4 Councilor Susan Nicastro on behalf of Helena Andrade**

**SUBCOMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION:**

- 1. Send a letter to Old Colony Planning Council (OCPC) requesting a study (Road Safety Audit) on the need for a traffic signal at Main Street and Forest Avenue.**
- 2. Install pedestrian crosswalks located in the area of Main Street and Florence Street (across Main Street) and Main Street and Hancock Street (again, across Main Street).**
- 3. Install a new overhead street light on Pole #47 (located across from 740 Main Street).**
- 4. Install a new overhead street light on Pole #VZ39 (located at Main Street and Williams Place).**
- 5. Install two (2) 30 mph speed limit signs, one (1) sign immediately north and one (1) sign immediately south of Vicente's Market on Main Street.**

**8. PEARL STREET (Board members- see attached)**

**Requested by: Email request forwarded from Councilor Dennis Eaniri from Maryann Calnan**

**Issue/ Request: Change in Traffic lights at corner of Pearl & Torrey Street and large intersection where Cumberland Farms is located on Belmont & Pearl Street**

**SUBCOMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION:**

- 1. Pearl Street and Torrey Street intersection: This will require a reconstruction of the intersection. This will have to be professionally studied.**
- 2. Pearl Street and Belmont Street intersection: \*Traffic Commission letter to Mass DOT expressing our concerns (the intersection belongs to Mass DOT). (\*Board members: Letter was sent to Mass DOT requesting their assistance/guidance with left arrows at the Pearl Street intersection).**

**9. FOREST AVE. (FROM Rt. 123/ BELMONT ST. TO GORDON ST. (Board members- see attached)**

**Requested by: Captain Mark Porcaro o/b/o retired DPW Commission Larry Rowley**  
**Issue/ Request: request for an RSA**

Discussion: Councilor Lally asked Commissioner Captain Porcaro to take items 7, 8 and 9 and continue them to the next meeting on January 27, 2022. Commissioner Captain Porcaro agreed.

Upon motion duly made by Councilor Lally, seconded by Deputy Fire Chief DePasquale, the motion was carried out by a roll call vote; 7 in the affirmative.

**VOTED: TO CONTINUE TO NEXT MEETING ON JANUARY 27, 2022.**

**SIGN REQUEST:**

**10. ANNE MARIE DRIVE**

Requested by: Freddie & Faith Milligan, 39 Anne Marie Drive  
Issue/ Request: “No Speeding” sign (enforced), “Slow Down” (enforced) and “Not a Through Street” (enforced) – Signage between East Ashland Street and Anne Marie Drive and one between North Quincy Street and Anne Marie Drive to stop flow from both ends

**SUBCOMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION:**

- A. TAKE NO ACTION REGARDING ANY NEW SIGNS (SUFFICIENT SIGNS ALREADY EXIST)**
- B. POLICE TRAFFIC ENFORCEMENT WHEN MANPOWER PERMITS**

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

**VOTED: TO ACCEPT SUBCOMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION.**

**11. 180 COLONEL BELL DRIVE**

Requested by: Henderson Forde  
Issue/ Request: Crosswalk line painting/ speed lights with flashing lights

**SUBCOMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION:**

- A. BROCKTON PUBLIC SCHOOLS WAS CONTACTED FOR THEIR INPUT ON THIS REQUEST. THE SPEEDING AND CONGESTION ISSUE HAS ALREADY BEEN REFERRED TO THE SCHOOL POLICE AND THEY HAVE NO KNOWLEDGE OF ANY NEW CROSSWALK REQUEST.**
- B. TAKE NO ACTION AT THIS TIME.**

Upon motion duly made by Deputy Fire Chief DePasquale, seconded by Councilor Lally, the motion was carried out by a roll call vote; 7 in the affirmative.

**VOTED: TO ACCEPT SUBCOMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION.**

**12. 30 EAST ASHLAND STREET (AND MONTELLO STREET)**

Requested by: Jeannica Flounoury  
Issue/ Request: Guardrail – house/ yard has been hit by cars twice in past 2 years

**SUBCOMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION:**

- A. TAKE NO ACTION AT THIS TIME (CROSSWALK CURRENTLY EXISTS RIGHT WHERE A GUARDRAIL WOULD GO AND THERE IS NO RISK OF A VEHICLE CRASHING INTO ANYTHING OTHER THAN A SMALL BRICK WALL AND A RAISED DIRT LOT)**

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

**VOTED: TO ACCEPT SUBCOMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION.**

**13. ALANDALE, CASHMAN AND LOVETT STREETS INTERSECTION WITH CARRLYN ROAD AND HEALY TERRACE**

Requested by: Ron Dimarzio, et al  
Issue/ Request: Stop signs

**SUBCOMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION:**

- A. TAKE NO ACTION AT THIS TIME.**

Upon motion duly made by Councilor Lally, seconded by Pat Hill, the motion was carried out by a roll call vote; 7 in the affirmative.

**VOTED: TO ACCEPT SUBCOMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION.**

**14. CHERRY STREET AND DIVISION STREET INTERSECTION**

Requested by: Julio Rivera, 114 Cherry Street  
Issue/ Request: 4-way stop sign

**SUBCOMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION:**

- A. UPGRADE THE EXISTING “STOP” SIGNS AT THE CHERRY AND FORD ST. INTERSECTION WITH RED STRIPING**
- B. ERECT ONE “STOP AHEAD” SIGN NORTH OF POLE #8 ON CHERRY ST. AND ANOTHER SIGN IN FRONT OF 94 CHERRY ST.**
- C. ERECT A “STOP” SIGN SOUTH OF POLE #9 (SOUTHEAST CORNER OF CHERRY @ FORD STS.)**
- D. ERECT A “STOP” SIGN WEST OF POLE #16 ON FORD ST.**

Upon motion duly made by Deputy Fire Chief DePasquale, seconded by Pat Hill, the motion was carried out by a roll call vote; 7 in the affirmative.

**VOTED: TO ACCEPT SUBCOMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION.**

**15. COURT STREET & KATHLEEN ROAD AND COURT STREET & PONTIAC ROAD**

Requested by: Ericka Goldman O'Connell

Issue/ Request: Speed bumps (cars speeding multiple accidents)

**SUBCOMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION:**

**A. REQUEST AN ACCIDENT HISTORY**

**B. ERECT A "STOP" SIGN AT KATHLEEN RD. @ COURT ST.**

**C. POLICE TRAFFIC ENFORCEMENT WHEN MANPOWER PERMITS**

Discussion: Mr. Ken Galligan would like to move on Subcommittee Recommendation B and C and to keep A open.

Upon motion duly made by Ken Galligan, seconded by Pat Hill, the motion was carried out by a roll call vote; 7 in the affirmative.

**VOTED: TO MOVE ON SUBCOMMITTEE RECOMMEDATION B & C AND TO KEEP SUBCOMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION A OPEN.**

**16. GRAFTON STREET**

Requested by: Laura DiRienzo, 64 Grafton Street

Issue/ Request: "Slow Children" – multiple signs along Grafton Street

**SUBCOMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION:**

**A. ERECT A "SLOW" SIGN ON POLE #11 IN FRONT OF 77 GRAFTON ST. SO AS TO WARN MOTORISTS OF THE ROADWAY CURVE AHEAD.**

Discussion: to make a change on Subcommittee Recommendation A and include Southbound after Pole #11.

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

**VOTED: TO ACCEPT SUBCOMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION AND INCLUDE SOUTHBOUND AFTER POLE #11.**

**NEW BUSINESS**

**17. 28 WARREN AVENUE**

Requested by: Captain Mark Porcaro o/b/o the Mayor's Office

Issue/ Request: New crosswalk

Discussion: John Messina reached out to Commissioner Captain Porcaro on behalf of the Mayor because of the people attending church across the street. It was recommended to refer to subcommittee and to have CDM Smith do a study. Pat Hill stated engineer may not go for this.



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

**VOTED: TO SEND TO SUBCOMMITTEE.**

**18. QUINCY & COURT STREETS**

**Requested by: Captain Mark Porcaro o/b/o Kenneth Thompson  
Issue/ Request: calls from parents to paint a crosswalk**

Discussion: New crosswalk may require Engineering Study. Councilor Lally added there maybe fresh painted needed.

Upon motion duly made by Councilor Lally, seconded by Pay Hill, the motion was carried out by a roll call vote; 7 in the affirmative.

**VOTED: TO CONTINUE THIS ITEM TO THE NEXT MEETING ON JANUARY 27, 2022.**

**19.34 HERMON STREET**

**Requested by: Ward 6 Councilor Jack Lally  
Issue/ Request: running a construction business from their property, and repeatedly parking dump truck, with a large attached on the street**

Discussion: Councilor Lally stated it has been sent to the Quality of Life and residents saw signs on Jordan Street for no commercial vehicles and wants the same sign on Hermon Street.

Upon motion duly made by Councilor Lally, seconded by Deputy Fire Chief DePasquale, the motion was carried out by a roll call vote; 7 in the affirmative.

**VOTED: TO SEND TO SUBCOMMITTEE.**

**20. OAK STREET**

**Requested by: Ward 7 Councilor Shirley Asack & Paula Mitoulis Tsitsopoulos  
Issue/ Request: For a Traffic signal on Oak Street between the Annunciation Greek Orthodox Church and NE Electric**

Discussion: Present was Paula Tsitsopoulos on behalf of the church asking for flashing light. The parking lot across the street from the church is used often and a flashing signal light could really help. Councilor Lally added the church does have a lot of traffic and asked if the church would be will to help with the cost. Paula stated she doesn't see an issue and will bring this up to the church.

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

**VOTED: TO SEND TO SUBCOMMITTEE.**

**21.59 RAINBOW CIRCLE**

**Requested by: Ward Councilor 7 Shirley Asack and resident Smith Vil**

**Issue/ Request: to have the commission relook at the traffic and speeding issues on Rainbow Circle possibly making a one way or resident traffic only**

Discussion: Present was resident Mr. Smith Vil. His issues are the speeding occurring on Rainbow Circle in upwards of almost 50/60 mph. He goes on to say that it is impossible to contact the police because by the time they come, it is too late to catch the offenders. Mr. Vil said motorist will often use Belair to Battles for shortcuts. Cars from Raymond Street do not stop. He has tried in the past to flag them down to slow down. He has also seen horrible accidents where cars have flipped over. Mr. Vil suggested a possible 1 way to reduce traffic or maybe make Rainbow Circle a resident traffic only. He is coming up with ways to prevent a horrible accident from happening because the signs do not work.

Councilor Asack stated she has received a lot of complaints from residents on Rainbow Circle for the speeding.

Councilor Lally stated Leland Street became a 1-way Street because all residents on Leland were on board.

Mr. Ken Galligan stated double "Stop" signs were put up on Oakridge, Belair and Rainbow Circle. Also, to look into narrowing down Rainbow and Battles. Councilor added that in Avon, there has been attempts to narrow roads.

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

**VOTED: TO SEND TO SUBCOMMITTEE.**

**22.187 BATTLES STREET**

**Requested by: Ward Councilor 7 Shirley Asack and Jor Her**

**Issue/ Request: to have the commission review intersection in front of his house at North Warren and Battles St. Possible reflective signage or blinking signal. As there has been numerous accidents of cars not stopping and he is afraid for the safety of his family.**

Discussion: Present was Councilor Asack stating when guardrail was installed and the political signs were up, it helped to prevent accidents, but when the political signs came down, accidents started happening. The damaged guardrail is still not fixed.

Mr. Ken Galligan suggested to possibly double up on the guardrails, install reflective tape on the guardrails and install a "Stop Ahead" sign. He also stated that it is not a good thing to have to wait for a replacement guardrail and should look into RFP for guardrails or possibly creating a City fund for guardrails replacements.

Creating an Ordinance was also discussed because residents should not have to wait on insurance to get guardrails replaced.

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

**VOTED: TO INSTALL "STOP AHEAD" SIGN AND INSTALL 4' LARGE CHEVRON BOARD BETWEEN RICHMOND STREET AND BATTLES.**

### **23. Insurance Revolving Fund**

**Requested by Councilor Lally**

**Issue/ Request: in 3,6 months to create an Insurance Revolving Fund to pay for guardrails**

Discussion: Councilor Lally to state by having this fund, we would not have to wait on Insurance to replace damaged guardrails and at this time Councilor Asack can return to the meeting.

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

**VOTED: TO RETURN IN 3 – 6 MONTHS TO DISCUSS INSURANCE REVOLVING FUND TO PAY FOR GUARDRAILS AND COUNCILOR ASACK CAN RETURN TO THE MEETING.**

### **24. Vice Chairman Nominations**

**Requested by: Mr. Ken Galligan**

**Issue or Request: to nominate a Vice Chairman to the Traffic Commission**

Discussion: Councilor Lally moved to open up nominations for Vice Chairman to the Traffic Commission which was seconded by Stephen Hooke.

Mr. Galligan nominated Pat Hill and vote was taken.

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

**VOTED: PAT HILL IS THE VICE CHAIRMAN TO THE TRAFFIC COMMISSION.**

Motion was made by Councilor Lally, seconded by Stephen Hooke to adjourn the meeting. All were in favor. Meeting adjourned at 8:10 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

*Synthia Olivier*

Synthia Olivier

Administrative Assistant to Traffic Commission

**\*THE NEXT MEETING WILL BE HELD ON THURSDAY, January 27, 2022.  
DEADLINE TO ADD ITEMS TO THE MEETING AGENDA IS FRIDAY, January 14,  
2022.**