



**BROCKTON TRAFFIC COMMISSION**  
**Thursday, January 27, 2022**  
**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, January 27, 2022.

Present were Traffic Commissioners: Traffic Commissioner Mark Porcaro, Deputy Fire Chief Joseph DePasquale, Interim DPW Commissioner Pat Hill, Retired Fire Chief Kenneth Galligan and Councilor Shirley Asack.

There being a proper quorum, the meeting was called to order by Commissioner Porcaro at 6:06 p.m. Upon motion made by Commissioner Hill, seconded by Councilor Asack, to waive and approve the reading of the December 9, 2021 Minutes, January 6, 2022 Special Traffic Minutes and January 20, 2022 Special Traffic Minutes. Motion carried by a roll call 5-0 in the affirmative.

**OLD BUSINESS\***

\*(Full text of "Old Business" requests can be found on the 10/28/21 Agenda)

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

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

**Issue/ Request: Guardrail**

Upon duly motion made by Councilor Asack, seconded by Deputy Fire Chief DePasquale, the motion carried by a roll call vote; 5 in the affirmative.

**VOTED: MOTION TO CONTINUE TILL FEBRUARY MEETING.**

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

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

Present was Rob May and Emily Innes.

Discussion: This agenda was presented last month and made revisions with red balloon clouds. Retired Fire Chief Galligan asked if Father Kenney Way was removed which was confirmed. Captain Porcaro discussed at subcommittee to request a Special meeting after all approvals have been made. Commissioners were all in agreement to have business owners apply by a certain time and have one meeting. Captain Porcaro stated that Mr. May has made revisions according to the Boards suggestions. Retired Fire Chief Galligan has reviewed the changes and is pleased with the revisions.

Upon duly motion made by Councilor Asack, seconded by Deputy Fire Chief DePasquale, the motion carried by a roll call vote; 5 in the affirmative.

**VOTED: MOTION TO ACCEPT THE REVISIONS MADE TO THE PARKLET POLICY.**

**3. 68 TROUT STREET**

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

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

Present were Lisa Fruzzette and Donna Williams of 68 Trout Street.

Discussion: Commissioner Pat Hill has sent the owner a letter regarding the driveway and has not received a response yet. It is stated that there is currently one unregistered vehicle in the driveway. Captain Porcaro stated he went around to the most main areas and distributed Winter Parking Ban tickets. Councilor Asack mentioned Code Enforcement can address the issues of commercial vehicles being in the area. Captain Porcaro would like the residents of Brockton to call the non-emergency number rather than going through See-Click-Fix. Captain Porcaro state the See-Click-Fix is not monitored 24 hours. Calling the non-emergency number will ensure the calls come through.

\*No action- continue to follow-up

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

**Requested by: Councilor-At-Large Rita Mendes and Ward 4 Councilor Susan Nicasro 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.**

**5. 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 MassDOT expressing our concerns (the intersection belongs to MassDOT). (\*Board members: Letter was sent to MassDOT requesting their assistance/guidance with left arrows at the Pearl Street intersection).**

**6. 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**

Present was Mary Waldron who works closely with Mass DOT including TIP (Transportation Improvement Program).

Discussion: The Board members discussed agenda items four, five and six collectively. Captain Porcaro started off by stating that we've dealt with the issues at these locations and have asked for Road Safety Audits and representatives come to present. Ms. Waldron explained to perform a Road Safety Audit is data driven and a dash cam is used to provide a review. The Board members discussed Main Street and Forest Avenue. Commissioner Hill stated the Mayor had him set up a meeting with engineering to put together a project for Main Street and Forest Avenue. Captain Porcaro will ask Old Colony to reach out to the Mayor's office to have Main Street and Forest Avenue added to the TIP (Transportation Improvement Program). Ms. Waldron met with the Mayor to prioritize the list and to go onto the TIP (Transportation Improvement Program) is not the right process. Ms. Waldron went onto to explain as Commission can make a recommendation to the Mayor on which street can be done and it would be a five-year period. Retired Fire Chief Galligan to state if it would be appropriate for the board to support and issue a letter. Ms. Waldron responded with stating that it should go through the Mayor. Retired Fire Chief Galligan stated a letter can be sent to the Mayor approving the report.

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

**VOTED: TO HAVE THE TRAFFIC COMMISSION PUT TOGETHER A LETTER INFORMING THE MAYOR THE BOARD IS IN RECEIPT OF THE REPORT AND TO INCORPORATE MAIN STREET AND FOREST AVENUE.**

**7. 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**

Upon duly motion made by Deputy Fire Chief DePasquale, seconded by Councilor Asack, the motion carried by a roll call vote; 5 in the affirmative.

**VOTED: TO ACCEPT SUBCOMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION.**

**8. 28 WARREN AVENUE**

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

**Issue/ Request: New crosswalk**

**SUBCOMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION:**

**A. RECOMMENDS AN ENGINEERING STUDY FOR THIS CROSSWALK REQUEST**

Discussion: Commissioner Hill submitted request for an engineering study and has notes which will be submitted at next month's meeting February 24, 2022. Commissioner added that 28 Warren Avenue does not qualify for a crosswalk.

Upon duly motion made by Commissioner Hill, seconded by Deputy Fire Chief DePasquale, the motion carried by a roll call vote; 5 in the affirmative.

**VOTED: TO POSTPONE TILL AFTER THE ROAD SAFETY AUDIT.**

**9. 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**

**SUBCOMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION:**

**A. MOUNTING A "NO COMMERCIAL VEHICLES" SIGN ON THE UTILITY POLE IN FRONT OF 22 HERMOM STREET.**

Discussion: Retired Fire Chief Galligan stated “No Commercial Vehicle Parking” is what the sign should say.

Upon duly motion made by Deputy Fire Chief DePasquale, seconded by Councilor Asack, the motion carried by a roll call vote; 5 in the affirmative.

**VOTED: TO ACCEPT SUBCOMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION AND INCORPORATE PARKING.**

**10. 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**

**SUBCOMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION:**

- A. RECOMMENDS AN ENGINEERING STUDY FOR THIS CROSSWALK**
- B. RAPID RECTANGULAR FLASHING BEACON (R.R.F.B.) REQUEST**

Discussion: Councilor Asack asked which company was being used for the study and Captain Porcaro stated CDM Smith. Councilor Asack also inquired about the cost for the study and Captain Porcaro stated they received a reduced price. Commissioner Hill added the length of time to receive recommendations is between one month to forty-five days. Captain Porcaro stated the Board will type up a report and put this item back on the agenda for next month’s meeting, February 24, 2020 to decide.

Upon duly motion made by Councilor Asack, seconded by Deputy Fire Chief DePasquale, the motion carried by a roll call vote; 5 in the affirmative.

**VOTED: TO ACCEPT SUBCOMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION.**

**11. 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**

**SUBCOMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION:**

- A. RECOMMENDS AN ENGINEERING STUDY TO SEE WHETHER ADDITIONAL LINE AND PAVEMENT MARKINGS SHOULD BE ADDED TO RAINBOW CIRCLE (FROM BELAIR STREET TO BATTLES STREET) TO BETTER CLARIFY STREETS AND TRAVEL LANES AND ALSO TO HELP REDUCE SPEEDING ISSUES**

Upon duly motion made by Councilor Asack, seconded by Deputy Fire Chief DePasquale, the motion carried by a roll call vote; 5 in the affirmative.

**VOTED: TO ACCEPT SUBCOMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION.**

## **NEW BUSINESS**

### **12. AMC STUDIOS FILMING LOCATION/ REQUESTS**

**Requested by: Michael Judge, Assistant Location Manager**

**Issue/ Request: to schedule filming locations for Block 1, Jan. 28<sup>th</sup>- Reid's Ultimate Breakfast 2021 Main St (day), Feb 1<sup>st</sup>- Exterior-Residence 8 & 10 Nason St (day), Feb 2<sup>nd</sup>- West Branch Library move to George's Café (day) and Feb 3<sup>rd</sup>- 418 Belmont St (interior) move to DW Field Parkway after gates CLOSED (Night)**

Present were Michael Judge and Peter Dooly.

Discussion: A map was provided by both Mr. Jude and Mr. Dooley to explain the parking in various locations. Mr. Judge and Mr. Dooley were both present to discuss parking restrictions and signs for filming. The entire season would go through the end of April and at each of the filming sites would be generators for powering needs, temperature checks, traffic control at central locations and requesting to have those roads closed for safety reasons. Accommodations were made with residents prior to filming. February 9<sup>th</sup> would be the starting point at the Library. The parking lot which used to be Stop's Shop on Belmont Street and the parking lot at Porter and Chester has been rented for space. The base camp will be located at Porter and Chester's parking lot and will mitigate and parking request. Commissioner Hill stated they filming crew may want to approach the residents of Thunder Avenue with care during the filming in the area. On February 10<sup>th</sup>, the filming crew will be working with Tim Carpenter for park filming location. February 28, 2022 is when the crew will return to Brockton and filming will take place inside a funeral home. A request is made for the shutdown of that street. March 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> filming will take place on Nason Street and may reach out to Department for the street lights to be turned off. Intermittent Traffic Control was referenced on the map and Commissioner Hill inquired about it. Mr. Judge and Mr. Dooley explained it is when a director says hold traffic. Usually a supervisor from the police department will be present to direct the traffic and this lasts for about a minute or two. They also explained how TV is more reasonable than movies where they will shutdown streets but if traffic becomes an issue, then they can readdress. Councilor Asack inquired if there were any issues during the last shooting. Mr. Judge responded that he was not on the last shooting. Commissioner Hill suggested temporary barrels with "No Parking" posted on the barrels. Councilor Asack asked if they presented before the Parking Authority? Commissioner Hill responded there is no need unless the meters and parking will be affected. Mr. Judge and Mr. Dooley stated as they receive new dates, they will be back to the Traffic Commission Board to present. Commissioner Hill asked if assistance would be needed for snow. Mr. Judge responded it is a case by case scenario and if assistance is needed, they will reach out. The filming crew also uses Wells out in Randolph for any snow removal needs. Deputy Fire Chief DePasquale stated the plans seem concrete. Retired Fire Chief Galligan suggested for them to reach out to Campanelli Business, Men's Association and Ron Bethany.

Upon duly motion made by Commissioner Hill, seconded by Deputy Fire Chief DePasquale, the motion carried by a roll call vote; 5 in the affirmative.

**VOTED: TO ACCEPT PROPOSAL AS IS.**

A motion was made by Councilor Asack, seconded by Commissioner Hill to hear 15 Ellis Street on the agenda of the Traffic Commission.

### **13.15 ELLIS STREET**

**Requested by: Rigaberto Quinones and Grisel Quinones**

**Issue/ Request: speeding, too many close calls with multiple autistic children living in the neighborhood**

Present were Mr. Rigaberto Quinones and Mrs. Grisel Quinones.

Discussion: Mr. and Mrs. Quinones started off by explaining when a car was coming down Pleasant onto Ellis it was pushed about 300 feet and had this been during school hours, many kids would have been seriously injured. They expressed speeding tickets given is not going to help the current situation. There may be a cop at the corner but after an amount of tickets are given, their presence is gone. There are many autistic children living within the neighborhood. They continued to explain how on Prospect and Ellis where is a "Stop" sign and they motorist ignore it. Mr. Quinones also explained how an employee of the City sustained damage to his vehicle while tending to constituents. They expressed how the speeding happens all hours of the day and night. Kids are scared to stand at the bus stop. Captain Porcaro took notes from The Quinones on how many and where the other Autistic children reside. Retired Fire Chief Galligan inquired if all children stood at the bus stop. Mrs. Quinones responded some children receive door to door service while others have to stand at a bus stop. Galligan stated there seems to be two issues that need to be addressed which is the Autistic children living on Prospect and Ellis; and the speeding.

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

**VOTED: SEND TO SUBCOMMITTEE BUT IN THE MEANTIME GET POLICE TRAFFIC CONTROL AT PEAK HOURS TO BE IN THE AREA UNTIL SUBCOMMITTEE BOARD CAN GET OUT THERE.**

Motion was made by Councilor Asack, seconded by Deputy Fire Chief DePasquale to adjourn the meeting. All were in favor. Meeting adjourned at 7:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

*Synthia Olivier*

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Administrative Assistant III  
to Traffic Commission

**\*THE NEXT MEETING WILL BE HELD ON THURSDAY, February 24, 2022.  
DEADLINE TO ADD ITEMS TO THE MEETING AGENDA IS FRIDAY, February 11,  
2022.**