



BROCKTON TRAFFIC COMMISSION
Thursday, May 5, 2022
6:30 P.M.

MINUTES

The Traffic held its monthly meeting at the Arnone School Cafetorium, Little Theater, 135 Belmont Street, Brockton, MA 02301, at 6:30 p.m. on Thursday, May 5th, 2022.

Present were Traffic Commissioners: Traffic Commissioner Captain Mark Porcaro, Retired Fire Chief Kenneth Galligan, Deputy Fire Chief Joseph DePasquale, DPW Commissioner Patrick Hill, Director Stephen Hooke, Councilor at Large Rita Mendes and Councilor Shirley Asack.

There being a proper quorum, the meeting was called to order by Commissioner Captain Porcaro at 6:31 p.m. Upon motion made by DPW Commissioner Hill, seconded by Director Hooke, to waive and approve the reading of the March 24th, 2022 and April 14th, 2022 Special Meeting Minutes. Motion carried by a roll call 7-0 in the affirmative

OLD BUSINESS

1. WEST ELM & BELMONT AVENUE

Requested by: Councilor at Large Rita Mendes o/b/o Ibrahim Momoh of 34 Glenwood Street

Issue/Request: States that a lot of accidents happen there.

SUBCOMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION:

- A. REMOVE ALL SHRUBS AT 309 W. ELM STREET FROM THE RHODODENDRON BUSH ALONG BELMONT AVENUE AROUND TO THE DRIVEWAY ON W. ELM STREET (LEAVE THE WHITE POST INTACT).**
- B. ADD SOME ADDITIONAL 30 MPH ON W. ELM STREET (POLE #27, WB AND POLE #39 EB).**

Discussion: It was discussed as to whether or not the Commission would remove the shrubs or if that was the homeowner's responsibility. It was determined that it was the homeowner's responsibility as the shrubs were on his property and he will be notified of the Subcommittee recommendations. Commissioner Porcaro also noted that the crash data was pulled for this intersection and it seemed most of the accidents were occurring when a vehicle was going southbound on Belmont Ave and crashing into a vehicle going westbound on West Elm Street.

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

VOTED: TO ACCEPT THE SUBCOMMITTEE RECOMMENDATIONS AND NOTIFY THE OWNER OF THE PROPERTY TO REMOVE THE SHRUBS.

2. WESTON STREET & PROSPECT AVENUE

Requested by: Councilor at Large Rita Mendes o/b/o Nick Palantzas of 80 Weston Street

Issue/Request: Is complaining about speeding and is asking for a Stop sign at the corner of Weston Street and Prospect Street

SUBCOMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION:

- A. MAKE THIS INTERSECTION A 4-WAY STOP BY ADDING STOP SIGNS (WITH RED REFLECTIVE STRIPING) AND STOP AHEAD SIGNS (WITH YELLOW REFLECTIVE STRIPING) ON WESTON ST. NORTH AND SOUTH OF THE INTERSECTION.**
- B. ADD STOP LINES ON WESTON ST. JUST NORTH AND SOUTH OF THE INTERSECTION TO GO WITH THE NEW STOP SIGNS.**
- C. MAKE ELLIS ST. AND PROSPECT AVE. A 4-WAY STOP BY ADDING STOP SIGN (WITH RED REFLECTIVE STRIPING) AND STOP AHEAD SIGNS (WITH YELLOW REFLECTIVE STRIPING) JUST NORTH AND SOUTH OF THE INTERSECTION.**
- D. ADD STOP LINES ON ELLIS ST. JUST NORTH AND SOUTH OF THE INTERSECTION TO GO WITH THE NEW STOP SIGNS.**

Discussion: Councilor-at-Large Mendes asked if the 4 way stop signs would need an engineering study or if the signs would be put up after this is approved tonight. Traffic Commissioner Captain Porcaro stated that if it's approved tonight we can get those stop signs up and running quickly.

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

VOTED: TO ACCEPT THE SUBCOMMITTEE RECOMMENDATIONS.

3. MAIN STREET & LEGION PARKWAY

**Requested by: Councilor at Large Rita Mendes o/b/o Councilor Tavares
Issue/Request: a guardrail for the Brockton Neighborhood at the corner of Main St. and Legion Parkway. At least 12 cars/ accidents that have hit the building over the years.**

SUBCOMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION:

A. THERE ARE NO OBJECTION TO BOLLARDS BEING INSTALLED.

Discussion: Councilor-at-Large Mendes asked if the City would be installing the bollards or if Brockton Neighborhood Health would be installing them. Commissioner Hill stated that the City typically does not install Bollards. Councilor-at-Large stated that she doesn't believe that Brockton Neighborhood Health has any objections to installing the Bollards themselves. Commissioner Captain Porcaro stated that the commission has no objections to the bollards being placed there whether the City puts them there or Brockton Neighborhood Health puts them there.

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

VOTED: TO ACCEPT THE SUBCOMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION.

4. 609-627 PLEASANT STREET

**Requested by: Brad Cartwright, President of Gillon Associates, Traffic & Parking Specialist
Issue/Request: Traffic Access and Impact Comparison Brockton, MA- 609-627 Pleasant Street.**

SUBCOMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION:

A. HEAVY TRAFFIC AND HEAVY STOPPED TRAFFIC OBSERVED UP TO THE DRIVEWAY OF THE SITE.

B. THIS PROPERTY IS CURRENTLY ZONED AS C5 (OFFICE SPACE), AND A USE VARIANCE IS BEING SOUGHT BEFORE THE ZONING BOARD FOR RESIDENTIAL, WHICH IS CURRENTLY UNDECIDED. RECOMMEND THAT THE TRAFFIC COMMISSION TAKE NO ACTION AT THIS TIME SINCE NO DEFINED ISSUE IS CLEARLY BEFORE US.

Discussion: Present was Attorney John McCluskey on behalf of Brad Cartwright. They have been in front of the board in the past specifically at the March 24th, 2022 meeting. Attorney McCluskey explained that they were going to go through with a commercial property. It was approved and then appealed by the neighbors through the court. After consideration and the fact that they met with residents in the surrounding area they are looking to go forward with a residential property. Attorney McCluskey stated that they have come here tonight before the Traffic Commission just to get some ideas as to what this new project might require from the Traffic Commission. He stated that we've talked a lot about traffic on this project and back in 2015 the Traffic Commission issued a letter to the Mass DOT as to their recommendations at

that time relative to this project and there was a discussion about block the box. Attorney McCluskey stated that he has submitted some additional plans. It's currently zoned as C5. There was discussion with the commission as to the issues that could occur with the parking and whether or not there would be insufficient on Street parking. The preliminary plan has 78 units with 78 parking spots. Retired Fire Chief Kenneth Galligan expressed concerns with the amount of traffic on Pleasant Street, specifically if a car was heading east on Pleasant Street attempting to make a left into the driveway that could cause a backup to route 27. Also discussed was the concern with the west driveway and that a right hand turn only sign would be recommended if the project was to go forward. The biggest problem is the blocking of the driveway in the front because if someone wants to take a left heading east they would shut down all of Pleasant Street. There needs to be sufficient onsite parking to alleviate some of the traffic issues. Adjusting the traffic light at this intersection is not an option as the light is controlled by the State. Attorney McCluskey stated that the traffic will be properly addressed and that the best use of this property at this time is residential, of which a use variance is being sought.

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

VOTED: TO ACCEPT THE SUBCOMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION.

5. ELLIOT STREET

Requested by: Council President John Lally and Councilor Thompson

Issue/Request: new speed limit signs on Elliot Street. Problems with speeding and issues with people going around stopped school buses.

SUBCOMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION:

- A. ADD A 30 MPH SIGN ON POLE #12 (BY 83 ELLIOT ST. EB)**
- B. ADD A 30 MPH SIGN ON POLE #20 (BY 158 ELLIOT ST. WB)**
- C. ADD A 30 MPH SIGN BY POLE #28 (WB)**
- D. ADD TWO OVERSIZED STOP SIGNS (WITH RED REFLECTIVE STRIPING) ON ELLIOT ST. AT N. CARY ST.**
- E. ADD ONE STOP AHEAD SIGN (WITH YELLOW REFLECTIVE STRIPING) ON ELLIOT ST. PRIOR TO THE N. CARY ST. INTERSECTION.**

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

VOTED: TO ACCEPT THE SUBCOMMITTEE RECOMMENDATIONS.

6. 596 SUMMER STREET

Requested by: Dr. James Cobbs, Executive Director of Operations, Brockton Public Schools

Issue/Request: School Zone designation for the former May Center, 596 Summer Street, in anticipation of the new school being relocated there.

SUBCOMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION:

A. RECOMMEND AN ENGINEERING STUDY FOR THE SCHOOL ZONE REQUEST.

B. RECOMMEND FAST-TRACKING THIS ITEM, SINCE THE NEW SCHOOL WILL OPEN THIS COMING SEPTEMBER.

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

VOTED: TO ACCEPT THE SUBCOMMITTEE RECOMMENDATIONS.

NEW BUSINESS

7. 1014 PEARL STREET- JM PET RESORT

Requested by: Captain Mark Porcaro o/b/o Jenny Mather

Issue/Request: Parking on Lancaster Street and new crosswalk across Pearl Street (somewhere between Lancaster Street and JM Pet Resort). Ms. Mather is seeking Commission approval to park employees there and is willing to clean up the Street. The crosswalk would be for the safety of JM Pet Resort employees (or anyone using it) crossing Pearl Street from Lancaster Street.

Discussion: Ms. Mather was present and discussed in length the need of removing the No Parking signs on Lancaster Street in order for her employees to be able to park there. The issue that she is having does not involve the transient people coming and going in her parking lot, it's that of her employees. There is not enough parking for her employees and the transient individuals in her parking lot at the same time. The surrounding businesses have been very generous in allowing her employees to park in their parking lots. However, this has caused the issue that her employees are walking to and from those parking lots and there are no sidewalks, which is dangerous. It was discussed that there is not a lot of funerals at the cemeteries and that when her employees do park there they keep the area very clean. She noted that she had 20 of her employees park on the left side of Lancaster Street yesterday to illustrate that you can fit 20 cars, 40 cars, if needed. There is a fire hydrant that would need to be avoided. Lastly, she stated was that she had to say no to the Rabies clinic this year, which she's done every year, historically for the City of Brockton, that they've asked her and she couldn't do it because she couldn't accommodate the parking. She knew that it wouldn't be safe. And didn't do it. She'd like to be able to go back to doing that. She also has held legislative rallies at the facility, and has thrown herself at the mercy of using all the surrounding parking lots in order to still stay engaged and do these community events, she would need the parking. She was happy to answer any questions.

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Commissioner Captain Porcaro stated to give you a little bit of a history Ms. Mather reached out to me at the station because like she explained she wants to park there but she observed the No Parking signs, at least two. Ms. Mather stated that there are two no parking signs and that one of them is completely fallen over and one of them is old. When she reached out and asked why there was no parking signs there. Is it a city Street, is it a state Street, is it owned by the cemetery, who owns the Street? Traffic Commissioner Captain Porcaro did the research.

Traffic Commissioner Captain Porcaro indicated that he contacted the clerk for the Traffic Commission to pull the traffic commission records to see if/when the no parking signs were authorized by the Traffic Commission. The records indicated that there was no record of the Traffic Commission authorizing the No Parking Signs on Lancaster Street. Commissioner Porcaro also stated that his position was that they were put up at some point and that the Cemetery has probably come to rely upon those signs as being legitimate No Parking signs. Commissioner Porcaro also indicated that he had the clerk reach out to the Cemetery, however, the clerk did not hear back from them.

Commissioner Hill stated that his only issue would be that do we have the legal authority to give someone the authority to use the public Street as a parking area? The Commission agreed that if you get rid of the No Parking signs there that it's fair game for anyone to park there.

It was also discussed that when there are funerals at the cemetery the cemetery uses the driveways of the cemetery more often than they use Lancaster Street for funeral parking. It was further discussed that it may seem better to have the employees park on one side of Lancaster Street, specifically the South side of the street.

Retired Fire Chief Kenneth Galligan suggested that someone reach out to Mark Fienberg and let him know what's going on of which Captain Porcaro replied that that was who he had the clerk for the traffic commission reach out to and hasn't heard back from.

Retired Fire Chief Kenneth Galligan also wanted to discuss the crosswalk request and stated that there is no street light at the corner of Pearl Street and Lancaster Street and that one should be placed there, if Ms. Mather's employees will be crossing the street in the dark. It was discussed that the issue with placing a crosswalk there was that there were no sidewalks at this location. Commissioner Hill stated that there's no sidewalk there and it would have to happen outside the intersection.

Ms. Mather's asked if we could put up a pedestrian crossing or a slow sign as you come off the light. Retired Fire Chief Kenneth Galligan stated we could put up a pedestrian crossing sign. It was discussed that there are very specific regulations relative to sidewalks and crosswalks and at this location there isn't anything to work with relative to this issue. Commissioner Captain Porcaro stated that normally an Engineering study is conducted with the issues of crosswalks and sidewalks.

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

VOTED: TO SEND TO SUBCOMMITTEE.

8. TIFFANY DRIVE

Requested by: Ward 3 Councilor Mark D'Agostino

Issue/Request: Children Slow Sign

Discussion: Councilor Mark D'Agostino was present at the meeting and stated he put this request in on behalf of some constituents in the neighborhood who have raised some concerns about the speeding in the neighborhood. Mr. Navin is the person who reached out to me and he is here as well. The reality is that once Tiffany Street was connected to Stonehill Street, it created a pass through. Now those roads are connected which has created a pass through to get around that intersection to come in or out through the law office and go right in through the neighborhood out Tiffany Drive onto Pearl Street and avoid that whole intersection. That's the issue that prompted this request. He stated that he fully supports this request

Resident, Mr. Navin was also present and discussed that he has his grandchildren living with him and that many families have children in the neighborhood. The speed of pass through traffic is becoming more and more of a concern. He sees them coming up his way to go out Torrey Street. We'd appreciate it if we could have at least one sign put up to remind people to slow down as there are kids in the neighborhood.

Resident, Mr. Kelly was also present and would like to request an additional Children Slow sign be placed closer to where Mr. Navin resides.

Mr. Navin's stated that the foot traffic has picked up over the last two years and people walk in the neighborhood, exercising their dogs, exercising themselves. The age limit on Tiffany Drive has gone from my age of 76, down to 30, 40. He discussed that multiple trucks, such as UPS trucks, etc. use those streets now and that is dangerous with so many children, dog walkers, etc. on the street.

There was discussion as to how they are cutting through and Councilor D'Agostino stated that they are skipping the entire intersection. Councilor D'Agostino stated that he's lived in the neighborhood since 2010 and more younger families have moved into the neighborhood creating more foot traffic.

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

VOTED: TO SEND TO SUBCOMMITTEE.

9. 60 HOPE STREET

Requested by: Robert R. Bernard

Issue/Request: Private Property, No Dumping, Police Take Notice

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

VOTED: TO SEND TO SUBCOMMITTEE.

10. CRESCENT STREET- ADAMS GARAGE

Requested by: Ward 5 Councilor Jeffrey Thompson

Issue/Request: to remove the taxi cab restriction on the spots on Crescent Street next to the Adams Garage.

Discussion: Ward 5 Councilor of Jeff Thompson was present. At this time, he is requesting that the commission consider removing the taxi cab restriction on the spots next to the Adams Garage on Crescent Street. Councilor Thompson spoke briefly on the issue and stated that city has approved Sycamore Grove. It's a project that's going to be funded by ARPA, it's a public green space that's going to be built in the old bus terminal behind the current DUA building. There's an expectation that that project is going to start probably fall time depending on how quickly we can get the RFP process moving. He met with the Parking Authority to discuss the parking in the area. One of the suggestions that was discussed during that conversation was to potentially remove the restrictions of the cab only and those spots right next to the Adams garage. He's asking for the boards consideration in removing the restriction on those spots.

It was discussed as to whether or not the cab companies still use those spots and if there were in fact any cab companies left in Brockton, as individuals use Uber and Lyft more often now.

There was discussion with the board members as to whether or not to send this matter to subcommittee and whether or not there were cabs currently using those spots of which they will also check with the City Clerk's office. It was recommended to send this to subcommittee in order for the commission to view the spots.

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

VOTED: TO SEND TO SUBCOMMITTEE.

11. 1208 BELMONT STREET- TIMELESS ANTIQUES

Requested by: Gary Epstein and Robert Cohen by Attorney John McCluskey

Issue/Request: to assess potential traffic and parking impacts associated with a construction of a 42-unit apartment building at 1208 Belmont Street.

Discussion: present was Attorney John McCluskey representing Gary Epstein and Robert Cohen. Also present was Scott Faria from J.K. Holmgren Engineering, Inc.

Attorney McCluskey stated that this property is in a C5 Zone. Before my client purchased the property, the city zoned it C5. Right now you could put a commercial property there such as a Minute Clinic. We are proposing a 42-unit apartment building. The neighbors are in favor of this. When we first submitted this to the Traffic Commission we provided a report. It spells out what the traffic impact would be. Attorney McCluskey discussed in depth the difference in the traffic impact between commercial and residential use. The study by Van Ness, which is one of the top traffic engineering companies in the country, did an extensive study on this property to outline and tell us what the proposed traffic impact would be for residential use. Attorney McCluskey

explained that he wasn't quite satisfied with that and wanted to understand a little better. You can see the commercial use by right for this property is significantly higher than the residential use by way of a variance, which we're going to ask the zoning board of appeals for approval of. Therefore, the least impact would be residential use not commercial use. All of the parking is on site and well contained. 80 % are 1 bedroom and 20% are 1-bedroom units. A parking variance is also being sought. There is 1 ½ spaces per unit, 42 units and 63 parking spaces. If this goes through the ZBA and the Planning Board we would be looking to put a gate across the exit onto Belmont Street to be used as an emergency exit only. All of the traffic into and out of the site would go on Mill Street and then Mill Street connected out to Pearl Street. Therefore, no traffic would be going onto Belmont Street. This will be the best way to alleviate that point of impact that's there right now with the existing.

Mr. Kelly was present and stated that he's worried about the traffic coming out of Pearl Street and the other thing he is worried about is traffic of 40 miles an hour through the light to turn into Stonehill. He expressed that having a residential parking here is the wrong spot for it. One thing I don't understand is when I look at these traffic studies is that they use a 112-bed nursing home as their model for but they're putting in a 42-unit apartment. The other thing about it by law he is required to have two spots per unit, Mr. Kelly stated that he pulled the crash data from the Mass DOT and there is an incredible amount of accidents here and there was over 350 accident over the last eight years. He continued to state this is the wrong place to have a residential development. There are no crosswalks. This is a deadly intersection. We have had 1 fatality here in the last 3 years. To put residential in our neighborhood is not appropriate at that location.

Councilor D'Agostino was present as well and stated that several people have reached out to him as the ward councilor. One was in support and emailed a letter of support. He stated that the resident stated that Gary and Rob have been great neighbors and that they trusted them to do what's in the best interest of everybody. However, everybody else that I've heard from has the same concern which is safety of that intersection and I share the same concern. The RSA study by the DOT study cited a lot of improvements that needed to be done to improve the safety at this intersection and that's with the current traffic. There is a substantial issue with accidents at this intersection. The accidents in this location are at the top # 5 in the region.

The Commission discussed that traffic issues at this location whether it's used as commercial or residential development. It was stated that the current traffic issues that are just that current traffic issues on Belmont and Pearl with or without the development being proposed at this time. The use being proposed has a far less impact at the intersection. Mill Street will be like a private driveway.

Commissioner Porcaro also stated that the 2 intersections in question are state intersections controlled by Mass DOT. Mill Street is under the city's control. He asked what exactly if anything is being sought by the Brockton Traffic Commission on this issue. McCluskey stated that he wanted to present this to the Traffic Commission to get the boards input before the scheduled Board of Appeals Hearing next week.

Commissioner Hill asked if this would require Mass DOT approval and it was stated that if they were blocking the exit off that they wouldn't have to go to Mass DOT.

The Commission recommended that this be sent back to the Traffic Commission after they have something favorable from the Board of Appeals

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

VOTED: TO SEND TO SUBCOMMITTEE AND TO NEXT MEETING

12.290 GREEN STREET

**Requested by: Dale Rolinda DuPree Robinson
Issue/Request: Handicapped Parking Sign**

Discussion: Dale Rolinda DuPree Robinson was present along with her husband and son. Mrs. Dupree Robinson husband stating that she's been on Green Street for 28 years, they are retired and there are problems that cause conflict on that Street with parking, to which he stated sometimes cars are double and triple parked on Main Street and we can't even get to the front of the house at all. It's imperative that we have some type of parking in the front of the house as his wife has multiple doctor's appointment throughout the month. Her son spoke and stated that one of the issues is that when they are pulling out of the driveway there is not a clear view when all the cars are parked there. The other issue is that she can't walk right into the car and if there's an emergency she can't get right into the car if it's not parked out front of the house. The sign would help us in front of the house.

There was discussion between her son, husband and the commission as to whether or not the driveway was an option and it was stated that the driveway is very narrow and there isn't a door on that side of the house for her to be able to get into the vehicle in the driveway. It happens to be one of the narrowest driveways on Green Street. Getting her out of the house to where the car is parked, that has to be unimpeded. If we have neighbors that park on our side of the Street, it impedes our way of getting her to the car.

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

VOTED: TO SEND TO SUBCOMMITTEE.

13.36 FLORENCE STREET

**Requested by: Paul Forrest
Issue/Request: Handicapped Parking Sign**

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

VOTED: TO SEND TO SUBCOMMITTEE.

14. BELMONT STREET AND BELMONT AVENUE

**Requested by: Samuel Saint-Dic
Issue/Request: Traffic Light, Flashing Light and Guardrail, too many accidents at the intersection of Belmont Street and Belmont Avenue each month.**

Discussion: Samuel Saint-Dic was present. Mr. Saint-Dic stated he has owned the business for 35 years since he is a small business owner. Every few days there is an accident at the intersection and that his building keeps getting struck every time. The last time there was a big accident it was in July 6th, 2021 and the city closed his building. He is currently having the building repaired so that he can open his businesses again. He is requesting a traffic light, a flashing light or a guardrail to protect his building. He stated that he's been asking for this for the past many years and nothing has happened. Mr. Saint-Dic also mentioned that there is 3 or 4 bus stops right at the intersection that picks up children and that is very dangerous with the amount of accidents there.

Retired Fire Chief Kenneth Galligan stated maybe a bollard would help and Commissioner Captain Porcaro agreed. Commissioner Hill noted that the sidewalks on Belmont Street are very narrow as it. They are very difficult to make changes especially during the snow. Putting a guardrail there he stated would not be feasible. Even bollards would restrict the ability to clean the sidewalks.

Retired Fire Chief Kenneth Galligan suggested that he could 45 the front of that building and recess it back 45 and move the door onto Belmont Street as it's currently on Belmont Avenue and he could put some bollards on the back side of the sidewalk.

Commissioner Hill stated relative to the traffic lights and/or flashing traffic light that the 2 streets do not line up of which Councilor Asack and Retired Fire Chief Galligan agreed. Commissioner Hill also stated that the whole intersection would have to be redesigned in order to put a traffic light because the intersection would have to line up even for a flashing light at the intersection. It wouldn't conform with the intersection. Retired Fire Chief Kenneth Galligan stated we prohibited parking on the west side of Belmont Avenue from Belmont Street and put up a No Parking sign up at the driveway of the building behind your parking lot because we found that there were cars parking next to your store on Belmont Avenue and we also prohibited parking on Manomet Street.

The Commission also discussed the house on the southeast corner of Manomet at Belmont Street that could be obstructing the view, however, there is a fence there and that's not obstructing the view, it's the misalignment of the streets. Commissioner Hill also stated if the owner was to put bollards in the front of his building he would be concerned that the bollards would actually push pedestrian traffic out into the street, which would increase the likelihood that someone is going to get hit by a car on Belmont Street or Belmont Avenue.

Upon duly motion made by Director Hook, seconded by Councilor Asack, the motion carried by a roll call vote; 7 in the affirmative.

VOTED: TO SEND TO SUBCOMMITTEE.

15. CLIFFORD AVENUE & ALBOIN STREET

Requested by: Jacira Monteiro

Issue/Request: Autistic Child Slow Down

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

VOTED: TO SEND TO SUBCOMMITTEE.

16. KENNEDY DRIVE

Requested by: Kevin Connor

Issue/Request: No U Turn and Fire Lane, No Parking, \$100 Fine

Discussion: The Commission discussed that this is private property owned by the BHA. Councilor Asack stated that she's explained to them that is private property. They have reached out to the tenant advocate. They've had the police there and there are people there who illegally park on the sidewalk. She's told them that the Traffic Commission doesn't put signs on private property and explained to them how the Traffic Commission works. Commissioner Hill confirmed that it's private property. The Commission also discussed going out on subcommittee there to take a look and then sending a letter to the BHA with their recommendations.

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

VOTED: TO SEND TO SUBCOMMITTEE.

Motion was made by DPW Commissioner Hill, seconded by Deputy Fire Chief DePasquale to adjourn the meeting. All were in favor. Meeting adjourned at 8:48 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Michelle Yaffe

Michelle Yaffe

Secretary to the Traffic Commission

**** THE NEXT MEETING WILL BE HELD ON THURSDAY, MAY 26TH, 2022. DEADLINE TO ADD ITEMS TO THE MEETING AGENDA IS FRIDAY, MAY 20TH, 2022.****