



BROCKTON TRAFFIC COMMISSION
Thursday, May 26, 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 26th, 2022.

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

There being a proper quorum, the meeting was called to order by Commissioner Captain Porcaro at 6:30 p.m. Upon motion made by DPW Commissioner Hill, seconded by Councilor Asack, to waive and approve the reading of the March 5th, 2022 Minutes. Motion carried by a roll call 7-0 in the affirmative

OLD BUSINESS

1. WESTON STREET & PROSPECT AVENUE- RECONSIDERATION OF SUBCOMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION # C- Requested by Bill Hill

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: Present was Bill Hill. Mr. Hill wanted # C of the Subcommittee reconsidered. He's lived on the street for 52 years and he doesn't see how this would help with the speeding at this intersection. He stated that he believes it would be effective at the Weston Street intersection but not at the Ellis Street intersection. He stated that he believes there may be other ways that the Traffic Commission can mediate this issue at the Ellis/Prospect intersection. Traffic Commissioner Porcaro stated it sounds like Mr. Hill would like the Traffic Commission to strike # C in its' entirety.

Upon duly motion made by Deputy Fire Chief DePasquale, seconded by DPW Commissioner Patrick Hill, the motion carried by a roll call vote; 7 in the affirmative.

VOTED: TO ACCEPT THE SUBCOMMITTEE RECOMMENDATIONS A, B & D AND TO SEND ITEM # C BACK TO SUBCOMMITTEE.

2. 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.

SUBCOMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION:

- A. Take down all "No Parking" signs on Lancaster Street (Lancaster St. is a public way and there are no Traffic Commission records approving the no parking regulation).**
- B. Allow for general public parking on the southside of Lancaster Street.**
- C. Allow cemetery parking on the northside of Lancaster Street.**
- D. Install a street light on Pole #102 (Pearl @ Lancaster Streets).**
- E. Request a traffic engineering opinion for installing two "Pedestrian" signs on Pearl Street (NB and SB lanes near Lancaster St.)**
- F. If the engineering opinion disfavors the pedestrian signs, then request a crosswalk study.**

Discussion: Present was Jenny Mather. She thanked the Commission and Traffic Commissioner Porcaro stated that the Engineering Study will be done and he will notify Ms. Mather of the determination of said study.

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

VOTED: TO ACCEPT THE SUBCOMMITTEE RECOMMENDATIONS.

3. TIFFANY DRIVE

**Requested by: Ward 3 Councilor Mark D'Agostino
Issue/Request: Children Slow Sign**

SUBCOMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION:

- A. Install a "No Thru Traffic" sign on Pole #35 (closest to 27 Tiffany Dr.).**
- B. Install a "Slow" sign on Pole #4 (closest to 28 Tiffany Dr.).**
- C. Install a "Children" sign on Pole #8 (closest to 68 Tiffany Dr.)**
- D. Install a "No Thru Traffic" sign on Pole #65-T (closest to 11 Stonehill St.).**
- E. Install a "Slow" sign on Pole #3 (closest to 19 Stonehill St.).**
- F. Install a "Children" sign on Pole #4 (closest to 40 Stonehill St.).**

Discussion: Present was Bill Navin. Mr. Navin asked if there was going to be 3 signs put up and Traffic Commissioner Porcaro replied that there would be 3 signs on Tiffany Drive and 3 signs on Stonehill Street if it's approved tonight.

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

VOTED: TO ACCEPT THE SUBCOMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION.

4. 60 HOPE STREET

**Requested by: Robert R. Bernard
Issue/Request: Private Property, No Dumping, Police Take Notice**

SUBCOMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION:

- A. Deny the request (not a Traffic Commission issue).**
- B. DPW has installed the sign.**

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

VOTED: TAKE NO ACTION.

5. 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.

SUBCOMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION:

- A. Attempt to contact cab companies and ask their opinion on the cab stand removal.**
- B. Remove any parking prohibitions except the "No Parking Corner to Here" sign near the garage's entrance/exit**

Discussion: Traffic Commissioner Porcaro stated that he was contacted by Erik Akesson, Director of the Parking Authority and Mr. Akesson stated he had reached out to Yellow Cab on behalf of the Traffic Commission and they have no objections to removing the cab signs.

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

VOTED: TO ACCEPT THE SUBCOMMITTEE RECOMMENDATIONS.

6. 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.

SUBCOMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION:

- A. The property is currently zoned for business, but residential zoning is being sought and those are the plans before us.**
- B. Assuming residential zoning is allowed, there is insufficient on-site parking, which will lead to off-site (street) parking.**
- C. The area streets are generally residential and lack parking prohibitions and an increase in off-site/street parking could lead to more regulations.**
- D. MassDOT has plans for the Pearl Street/Belmont Street intersection, but those plans are unknown.**
- E. Similar to the Pleasant Street request, this commission does not have a defined issue before it and there are too many unknowns, so it declines to offer an opinion at this time.**

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

VOTED: TO ACCEPT THE SUBCOMMITTEE RECOMMENDATIONS.

7. 290 GREEN STREET

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

SUBCOMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION:

- A. Grant the request, conditioned on the receipt of supporting medical documentation.**

Discussion: Present were Dale Rolinda DuPree Robinson and her husband. They thanked that Traffic Commission. Proper medical documentation was received by the Traffic Commission.

Upon duly motion made by Deputy Fire Chief Joseph DePasquale, seconded by Councilor at Large Rita Mendes, the motion carried by a roll call vote; 7 in the affirmative.

VOTED: TO ACCEPT THE SUBCOMMITTEE RECOMMENDATIONS.

8. 36 FLORENCE STREET

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

SUBCOMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION:

- A. Deny the request
B. The address is on the south side of the street, and there is presently a no parking prohibition along the length of that side of the street.
C. Recommend that the complainant attempt to resolve with the landlord as there appears to be sufficient driveway space.**

Discussion: Councilor Asack stated that a letter should be sent to the Resident letting them know of the Traffic Commission's determination. The Commission agreed. A letter will be sent to notify the resident.

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

VOTED: TO ACCEPT THE SUBCOMMITTEE RECOMMENDATIONS.

9. BELMONT STREET AND BELMONT AVENUE

Requested by: Samuel Saint-Dic

Issue/Request: Traffic Light, Flashing Light and Guardrail, too many accident at the intersection of Belmont Street and Belmont Avenue each month.

SUBCOMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION:

A. Request an engineering study.

Upon duly motion made by Deputy Fire Chief Joseph DePasquale, seconded by Councilor at Large Rita Mendes, the motion carried by a roll call vote; 7 in the affirmative.

VOTED: TO ACCEPT THE SUBCOMMITTEE RECOMMENDATIONS AND NOTIFY OWNER.

10. CLIFFORD AVENUE & ALBOIN STREET

Requested by: Jacira Monteiro

Issue/Request: Autistic Child Slow Down

SUBCOMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION:

A. Grant the request and install one "Autistic Child" sign on Pole #4 (closest to 22 1/2 Clifford Ave.)

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 POSTPONE UNTIL PROPER MEDICAL DOCUMENTATION IS RECEIVED.

11. KENNEDY DRIVE

Requested by: Kevin Connor

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

SUBCOMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION:

The Subcommittee recommends sending a letter to both the Brockton Housing Authority and the Brockton Fire Department's Fire Prevention Bureau supporting establishing and/or improving the fire lanes and any necessary signs and pavement markings.

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

VOTED: TO ACCEPT THE SUBCOMMITTEE RECOMMENDATIONS.

NEW BUSINESS

12. CLAREMOUNT AVENUE

Requested by: Andrea Hartley

Issue/Request: to address the significant increase in heavy truck traffic on the street for the past 3 weeks. The trucks are hauling material from the New Heights back entrance on Sprague Street. These trucks are loud and have become a nuisance. Recently there have been more than 17 heavy trucks that have passed by the house by 8 a.m. This does not include the multiple pickup and box trucks whose traffic has increased as well. More recently, they are now starting before 8 a.m. This has been a quiet residential street up until now and it is not safe to have these trucks using our street as an industrial access road.

Discussion: Present was Andrea Hartley. Traffic Commissioner Porcaro stated that he went up to this location a few weeks ago and that during the time that he was there he observed 6 dump trucks going up and down Claremount Avenue using the street to access the facility at the end of the street (New Heights). Traffic Commissioner Porcaro further stated that there are multiple Children signs on the street and that he spoke to a neighbor who stated there are numerous children that live on the street. He noticed while there that one dump truck was headed east and another one was headed west, one of the trucks had to pull over in order for the other truck to pass by. It's a narrow residential street and it needs to be looked at if they are going to be using it this way.

Andrea Hartley stated that she works from home and that she sees the traffic. She's seen at least 17 trucks and on average 10 trucks. There is a dip at the end of the street and they hit that dip and it sounds like someone is crashing into a building. It's been a nuisance now for about six weeks.

Traffic Commissioner Porcaro asked Ms. Hartley if prior to six weeks ago were they using this street and she replied no, they were using the front entrance. They have another entrance on 37 but they have stopped using it. Traffic Commissioner Porcaro stated they're not using Howard Street anymore and that they went to plan B and started using the side streets of which Ms. Hartley replied yes.

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

VOTED: TO SEND TO SUBCOMMITTEE

13.56 OAKLAND STREET

Requested by: Councilor Susan Nicastro on behalf of Paul and Susan LaPierre

Issue/Request: to address continuing problems that Mr. & Mrs. LaPierre and other Oakland Street neighbors have been encountering with the great volume of vehicles traveling at speeds in excess of 30mph on the street. The LaPierres' house is built on a hill which overlooks the street. Their fence at the bottom of the hill has been repeatedly struck by moving vehicles. They specifically seek signage as to the speed limit, a guardrail to protect their fence and such other traffic controlling measures as the Traffic Commission determines will address this ongoing problem.

Discussion: Present was Ward 4 Councilor Susan Nicastro and Mr. Paul LaPierre. A map of the area was handed out to the Commission together with a Petition signed by the residents in the area supporting the request. This item was discussed in length relative to the speeding that occurs on Oakland Street. Mr. LaPierre brought up many issues with the speeding on his street. His fence, mailbox, front stairs, etc. have all been damaged to the extent that his insurance company will no longer cover the damages. There are no speed limit signs on Oakland Street. There is a speed check by radar sign on the street. Mr. LaPierre stated if Commissioner Hill could put some speed bumps on the street that would fix the problem. Traffic Commissioner Porcaro asked Mr. LaPierre if there was a specific time that the speeding is occurring of which Mr. LaPierre replied day and night. Commissioner Hill asked if it has gotten worse since the street was paved and Mr. LaPierre stated that it has. Mr. LaPierre stated that last year there was a Brockton Police Officer that was on the other side of the street and he was doing radar on the street. During that time he wrote multiple tickets. He further stated that it's a cut through for Massasoit and Commissioner Hill agreed. There was discussion about a possibility of a guardrail at this location. Councilor Nicastro stated that guardrails aren't a perfect answer because they too get hit and need to be repaired. Retired Fire Chief Galligan stated that we should add Police radar enforcement over there of which Traffic Commissioner Porcaro stated that could be added to the list. Mr. Sweeney discussed maybe cobblestones and/or rumble strips with the Commission.

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

VOTED: TO HAVE ENFORCEMENT RADAR BY POLICE (INCLUDING FOR THE DIRT BIKES AND 4 WHEELERS) AND TO SEND TO SUBCOMMITTEE

14. ASPEN STREET AND KESWICK ROAD

Requested by: Councilor President John Lally

Issue/Request: Request for a stop sign at the end of Aspen Street

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

15. 167 MELROSE STREET

Requested by: Kaye-Dee Pena

Issue/Request: Guardrails on all four sides

Discussion: The Commission discussed that we should reach out to the resident to have them present at the next Traffic Commission meeting to discuss where they wanted the guardrails place and to postpone this item to the next Traffic Commission meeting of June 23rd, 2022 to have the resident present to discuss this matter.

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

VOTED: TO POSTPONE TO THE JUNE 23RD, 2022 MEETING.

16. 33 FULLER STREET

Requested by: Marlene Wheeler

Issue/Request: Reflective stop signs at Fuller & Bartlett Street

Discussion: The Commission discussed that we should reach out to the resident to have them present at the next Traffic Commission meeting to discuss their request. Items 15, 16, 17, 18 & 19 were voted on collectively to postpone to the next Traffic Commission meeting.

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

VOTED: TO POSTPONE TO THE JUNE 23RD, 2022 MEETING.

17. 114 CHERRY STREET

Requested by: Janni Encarnacion

Issue/Request: Stop Sign- the 4 way intersection of Cherry Street and Division Street.

Discussion: The Commission discussed that we should reach out to the resident to have them present at the next Traffic Commission meeting to discuss their request. Items 15, 16, 17, 18 & 19 were voted on collectively to postpone to the next Traffic Commission meeting.

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

VOTED: TO POSTPONE TO THE JUNE 23RD, 2022 MEETING.

18.65 CLIFTON AVENUE

Requested by: Joyce Sanchez

Issue/Request: 2 Stop signs and the movement of 1 current stop sign @ Warren Avenue and Clifton Street

Discussion: The Commission discussed that we should reach out to the resident to have them present at the next Traffic Commission meeting to discuss their request. Items 15, 16, 17, 18 & 19 were voted on collectively to postpone to the next Traffic Commission meeting.

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

VOTED: TO POSTPONE TO THE JUNE 23RD, 2022 MEETING.

19.8 BISCAYNE ROAD

Requested by: Katie Balboni

Issue/Request: Stop Sign at the corner of Tiffany & Biscayne

Discussion: The Commission discussed that we should reach out to the resident to have them present at the next Traffic Commission meeting to discuss their request. Items 15, 16, 17, 18 & 19 were voted on collectively to postpone to the next Traffic Commission meeting.

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

VOTED: TO POSTPONE TO THE JUNE 23RD, 2022 MEETING.

Motion was made by DPW Commissioner Hill, seconded by Councilor Asack to adjourn the meeting. All were in favor. Meeting adjourned at 7:32 p.m.

Traffic Commission Minutes
May 26TH, 2022

Respectfully submitted,

Michelle Yaffe

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Secretary to the Traffic Commission

**** THE NEXT MEETING WILL BE HELD ON THURSDAY, JUNE 23RD, 2022. DEADLINE TO ADD ITEMS TO THE MEETING AGENDA IS FRIDAY, JUNE 17TH, 2022.****