



**BROCKTON TRAFFIC COMMISSION**  
**Thursday, June 23<sup>rd</sup>, 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, June 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2022.

Present were Traffic Commissioners: Traffic Commissioner Captain Mark Porcaro, Retired Fire Chief Kenneth Galligan, Deputy Fire Chief Joseph DePasquale, DPW Commissioner Patrick Hill, Stephen Hooke, 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 6:00 p.m. Upon motion made by Retired Fire Chief Kenneth Galligan, seconded by Stephen Hooke, to waive and approve the reading of the May 26<sup>th</sup>, 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.  
SUBCOMMITTEE: RECOMMENDATION: TO STRIKE ITEM # C IN ITS' ENTIRETY.**

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

**VOTED: TO STRIKE ITEM # C IN ITS' ENTIRETY AND MAKE ITEM # D ITEM # C.**

**2. OAK STREET-REVIEW OF CDM SMITH ENGINEERING REPORT**

**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**

**VOTED: TO ACCEPT SUBCOMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION.**

**CDM SMITH'S CONCLUSION: BASED ON THE CRITERIA OUTLINED ON PAGE 3 AND FIELD OBSERVATIONS, CDM SMITH FINDS THAT THE INSTALLATION OF RRFBS WOULD NOT BE APPROPRIATE BECAUSE:**

- THERE ARE LESS THAN 20 PEDESTRIANS PER HOUR CROSSING OAK STREET AT THE STUDY CROSSWALK**
- THE AADT IS OVER 12,000 VPD**

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

**VOTED: TO ACCEPT THE ENGINEERING REPORT BY CDM SMITH, TO INCREASE SIGNAGE IN THE AREA, REPAINT THE CROSSWALK LINES AND ADD A CROSSWALK AHEAD SIGN.**

**3. 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.**

**SUBCOMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION:**

**Claremount Ave. and Sprague St. are narrow and well-worn residential side streets with numerous children signs. Recommend that using these roads for heavy commercial traffic be avoided. The facility has a large gate that allows for entry and exit onto Howard Street (Rt. 37), which is a larger road designed for greater use. Recommend the facility use Howard St. for its activity.**

Discussion: Present were State Representative Michelle DuBois, Andrea Hartley, Lisa Crowley and many other residents from the Claremount Avenue area. Andrea Hartley stated that the trucks have escalated and that she's seen upward to 40 trucks and they are there on Saturdays now as well. She asked the Commission to explain to her the recommendations that the Subcommittee recommended and Traffic Commissioner Porcaro explained the recommendations to her. There was further discussion between the residents and the Traffic Commission as to the various city departments that are involved in this matter. Lisa Crowley spoke and stated that there is currently a cease and desist order on the Howard Street parcels. She asked who can enforce the Traffic Commission recommendations and it was discussed that it is just a recommendation. State Representative Michelle DuBois spoke and asked about truck weight restrictions on the street. She stated that she has seen other towns put weight restrictions on residential streets relative to trucks. She believes from the research that she has done that there is some kind of parallel course that would have to go with the state. Traffic Commissioner Porcaro stated that if this was voted on that it would have to go to the Mass DOT for their approval. It starts with the Traffic Commission making the recommendation and it then would be sent to the Mass DOT for approval. There was a brief discussion between the residents and DPW Commissioner Patrick Hill relative to a study that the residents believe was conducted relative to weights and measures on the city's streets. DPW Commissioner Hill stated that it may have been a pavement condition index test with a percentage of the street that was done. Retired Fire Chief Kenneth Galligan stated that there is a zoning violation taking place up there and that the City's Law Department is also involved. One of the things he would suggest is that the Traffic Commission send a letter to the Law Department letting them know the Traffic Commission's recommendations on the matter. Traffic Commissioner Porcaro agreed with Retired Fire Chief Kenneth Galligan's recommendation to forward a letter to the City's Law Department. Lastly, there was a brief discussion about the bus stops that are on the street and that it is going to make it dangerous when school begins in September.

Upon duly motion made by Retired Fire Chief Kenneth Galligan, 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 TO HAVE THE TRAFFIC COMMISSION SEND A LETTER TO THE LAW DEPARTMENT WITH ITS' RECOMMENDATIONS.**

**4. 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.**

**SUBCOMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION:**

**Add a street light to Pole #9 (at 53 Oakland St.);**

**Add a 30 MPH, Slow, and Curve Ahead sign on Oakland St. as you enter from East St.;**

**Add a 30 MPH, Slow, and Curve Ahead sign on Oakland St. as you enter from Thatcher Street.;**

**Add a sign post with reflective chevrons near the property line of 56 and 64 Oakland Street.**

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

**VOTED: TO ACCEPT THE SUBCOMMITTEE RECOMMENDATIONS.**

**5. ASPEN STREET AND KESWICK ROAD**

**Requested by: Councilor President John Lally**

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

**SUBCOMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION:**

**Add a stop sign on Aspen St. (for eastbound traffic) at Keswick Rd.**

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

**VOTED: TO ACCEPT THE SUBCOMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION AND TO INCLUDE A STOP LINE.**

**6. 167 MELROSE STREET**

**Requested by: Kaye-Dee Pena**

**Issue/Request: Guardrails on all four sides**

**SUBCOMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION:**

**Add one guardrail panel (approx. ten feet) with three posts to the southeast corner of the Ames St. and Melrose St. intersection on the grass area in front of the fence to 167 Melrose Street; and**

**Add reflective chevron signage in front of the guardrail, as well.**

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

**VOTED: TO ACCEPT THE SUBCOMMITTEE RECOMMENDATIONS.**

**7. 33 FULLER STREET**

**Requested by: Marlene Wheeler**

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

**SUBCOMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION:**

**Stop sign at the northwest corner of the intersection: trim the branches;**

**Stop sign at the northeast and southeast corners: add red reflective striping.;**

**Add a new stop sign at the southwest corner of the intersection.**

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

**VOTED: TO ACCEPT THE SUBCOMMITTEE RECOMMENDATIONS.**

**8. 114 CHERRY STREET**

**Requested by: Janni Encarnacion**

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

**SUBCOMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION:**

**Deny the request (history of past denials).**

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

**VOTED: TO ACCEPT THE SUBCOMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION AND TO OBTAIN THE ACCIDENT REPORT DATA.**

**9. 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**

**SUBCOMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION:**

**Add a Stop Ahead sign on Warren Ave. (southbound lane) prior to the intersection of Clifton Ave.;**

**Add "STOP" pavement line painting to the two stop lines on Warren Ave. at Clifton Ave.;**

**Add an oversized Stop sign to the guardrail in front of 66 Clifton Ave.**

Discussion: Present was Joyce Sanchez. She has lived in the neighborhood for a year now and there is a lot of speeding on Clifton Avenue. She sees accidents all the time. The recommendations will make the community safer since it's right by the park and the school. She stated it will make the whole intersection safer.

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

**VOTED: TO ACCEPT THE SUBCOMMITTEE RECOMMENDATIONS.**

**10.8 BISCAYNE ROAD**

**Requested by: Katie Baldoni**

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

**SUBCOMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION:**

**Take no action (not enough information).**

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

**VOTED: TO POSTPONE TO THE JULY 28<sup>TH</sup>, 2022 TRAFFIC COMMISSION MEETING AND ASK THE RESIDENT TO BE PRESENT.**

## **NEW BUSINESS**

### **11. 2 PAULS WAY**

**Requested by: Pierre Lucchi Remy**

**Request/Issue: Residents and Invited guests only or no Parking sign.**

Discussion: Present was Pierre Lucchi Remy. He stated that late at night there are always parties and multiple cars parked on the street. It's a dead end street. Mr. Remy brought pictures with him which the Traffic Commission reviewed. Retired Fire Chief Galligan asked if the cars parked there are of residents that live on the street and Mr. Remy stated no. Deputy Joseph DePasquale asked if this is occurring at night or during the day and Mr. Remy stated that it occurs at night. Commissioner Patrick Hill asked if there was lighting on the street and Mr. Remy stated that there was not. There was also discussion as to whether or not the street was a private street and if DPW would be allowed to put lights on a private street. Commissioner Hill stated yes that lights could be placed on a private street. Traffic Commissioner Porcaro stated that Paul's Way has a resident only parking restriction on it.

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

**VOTED: TO SEND TO SUBCOMMITTEE, DETERMINE IF IT'S A PRIVATE WAY AND HAVE DPW PUT UP STREET LIGHTS.**

### **12.45 SUMMER STREET**

**Requested by: Roscoe Mills**

**Request/Issue: Speeding Signage- on the corner or the area of Summer Street and Grove Street. Near the Trinity Village signage on Summer Street.**

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

**VOTED: TO SEND TO SUBCOMMITTEE AND ASK THE RESIDENT TO APPEAR AT THE JULY 28<sup>TH</sup>, 2022 MEETING FOR CLARIFICATION OF HIS REQUEST.**

### **13. 24 EMPIRE AVENUE**

**Requested by: Jesus Arocho**

**Request/Issue: Resident Only Parking on Empire Street**

Discussion: Present was Jesus Arocho who has lived at this address for 27 years. There was a lengthy discussion with Mr. Arocho and the Traffic Commission members as to all of the parking that goes on on Empire Avenue due to the overflowing parking of the restaurant that is located in the neighborhood. Mr. Arocho stated that it's a dead end street with no sidewalks and that the parking pours over onto his lawn, blocks the fire hydrant and parking is often on both sides of the street and often double

parked. He stated that complaints have been made to the restaurant owner and that nothing has changed. He also stated that it makes it very difficult for ambulances to get down the street as one needed to be called for one of his neighbors before on a Friday night and it could barely get down the street. On the weekends there have been times that he hasn't been able to get down the street to get home and had to contact the police department.

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

**VOTED: TO SEND TO SUBCOMMITTEE.**

#### **14.71 HIGHLAND TERRACE**

**Request by: Zaitoon Mohammed**

**Request/Issue: Handicap sign in front of his house at 71 Highland Terrace.**

Discussion: Present was Zaitoon Mohammed. He explained to the Traffic Commission that his mother is disabled and that it's very difficult for him to park in the driveway as he gets blocked in and it's difficult for her to make it to the driveway. She has a hard time breathing and he has to take her to multiple doctor's appointments. It would be much easier for her to have a handicap parking spot in the front of the house so that she can come out of the house and get right into the car to take her to her appointments.

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

**VOTED: TO SEND TO SUBCOMMITTEE.**

#### **15. WEST CHESTNUT STREET**

**Requested by: Christine Hill of 358 West Chestnut Street**

**Request/Issue: Serious traffic issues on West Chestnut Street**

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

**VOTED: TO SEND TO SUBCOMMITTEE, CONTACT THE CHURCH ON THE CORNER ABOUT THE LIGHTING AND EXTEND THE GUARDRAIL.**

Discussion: Present was Christine Hill, Rosalyn Goodman and other residents of West Chestnut Street. Ms. Hill discussed in depth the amount of accidents that occur at this intersection. There was an accident in January of this year that a car come right off the road and hit the foundation of her home. There are at least 3/4 accidents at this intersection a year. She has replaced her fence 3 times since 2018. There is a partial



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guardrail at her house. The church on the corner of West Chestnut has a spot light that is very bright at night and blinds you when you are heading west. Retired Fire Chief Kenneth Galligan asked Ms. Hill if she would interested in the traffic commission extended the guardrail at her home and she stated yes. There was discussion with the Commission relative to the yellow flashing light that is at the corner of West Chestnut and Southworth Street.

Motion was made by Stephen Hooke, seconded by James Sweeney to adjourn the meeting. All were in favor. Meeting adjourned at 7:27 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

*Michelle Yaffe*

Michelle Yaffe

Secretary to the Traffic Commission

**\*\* THE NEXT MEETING WILL BE HELD ON THURSDAY, JULY 28<sup>th</sup>, 2022. DEADLINE TO ADD ITEMS TO THE MEETING AGENDA IS FRIDAY, JULY 22<sup>ND</sup>,2022.\*\***