



BROCKTON TRAFFIC COMMISSION
Thursday, July 28th, 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, July 28th, 2022.

Present were Traffic Commissioners: Traffic Commissioner Captain Mark Porcaro, Retired Fire Chief Kenneth Galligan, DPW Commissioner Patrick Hill, Stephan 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 Councilor Shirley Asack, to waive and approve the reading of the June 23rd, 2022 Minutes. Motion carried by a roll call 7-0 in the affirmative

OLD BUSINESS

1. 2 PAULS WAY

Requested by: Pierre Lucchi Remy

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

SUBCOMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION:

A. The street is clearly marked by a sign indicating it is a Private Way.

B. Add a street light to Pole #2 (in front of 2 Paul's Way).

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

VOTED: TO ACCEPT THE SUBCOMMITTEE RECOMMENDATIONS.

2. 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.

SUBCOMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION:

A. Replace the existing 30 MPH sign in front of 45 Summer St. with an oversized 30 MPH sign, trim the weeds back, and add yellow reflective striping to the sign post.

B. Add a new 30 MPH sign to Pole #12 Northbound (closest to 106 Summer Street).

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 SUBCOMMITTEE RECOMMENDATIONS.

3. 24 EMPIRE AVENUE

Requested by: Jesus Arocho

Request/Issue: Resident Only Parking on Empire Street

SUBCOMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION:

A. Add "Resident Parking Only Both Sides" signs to Poles # 2, 3, 4 and install a post and same sign on the grass area along the east side of Empire Avenue.

B. Parking enforcement

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

VOTED: TO ACCEPT SUBCOMMITTEE RECOMMENDATIONS.

1. 71 HIGHLAND TERRACE

Request by: Zaitoon Mohammed

Request/Issue: Handicap sign in front of his house at 77 Highland Terrace.

SUBCOMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION:

A. Add two "Handicap Parking" signs in front of the above address.

B. Approve the existing Handicap Parking sign currently in front of 77 Highland Terrace (pending medical documentation) and reposition the post away from the street.

C. Annually review the continued need.

Discussion: Present were Zaitoon Mohammed, Debra Bittle-Linton and Leslie Steve Linton. There was discussion between the residents and the Traffic Commission as to the existing handicap sign that is there and the neighbor in a blue jeep that parks in that specific spot all the time. It was noted that the jeep rarely moves from that spot and the residents are afraid that when the additional handicap signs are put up that the jeep will then move into the one closest to 71 Highland Terrace that is being approved here tonight.

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

VOTED: TO ACCEPT SUBCOMMITTEE RECOMMENDATIONS.

2. WEST CHESTNUT STREET

Requested by: Christine Hill of 358 West Chestnut Street

Request/Issue: Serious traffic issues on West Chestnut Street

SUBCOMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION:

A. Extend the current guardrail in front of 358 W. Chestnut St. in both directions (don't block the front walk of 364 W. Chestnut St.)

B. Add a street light to Pole #42 (in front of 358 W. Chestnut St.)

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

VOTED: TO ACCEPT SUBCOMMITTEE RECOMMENDATIONS.

6. 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). Request Resident appear before the Traffic Commission to obtain more information relative to the request.

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 TAKE NO ACTION.

NEW BUSINESS

7. ONE NINE RESIDENCES 19-31 MAIN STREET

Requested by: Councilor Shirley Asack on behalf of Joseph Goncalves
Issue/Request: requesting signage and ADA complaint crosswalk for the residents and customers of 19 Main Street, a new residential and commercial building in which tenants and guest will be using the Carpenter Garage for parking. There is nowhere to safely cross Main Street to get access to the parking garage.

Discussion: Present was Councilor Shirley Asack on behalf of Joseph Goncalves, as he was unable to make it to the Traffic Commission meeting. Councilor Asack explained that Mr. Goncalves has a new development which is on the corner of Green and Main Street. All of downtown is being developed and there is a major issue with parking. Crossing Main Street at this location is extremely tough and the resident is looking for the Traffic Commissions assistance with the residents of 19 Main Street to be able to safely get to the Parking Garage. DPW Commissioner Patrick Hill stated that this would be the type of request that would be best for an Engineer to go out and look at it.

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

VOTED: TO SEND TO SUBCOMMITTEE.

8. LARCH STREET @ THE CORNER OF ASH STREET

Requested by: James Sweeney
Issue/Request: Commercial vehicle parks at the corner. Requesting a No Parking here to corner sign.

Discussion: Present was James Sweeney. He explained to the commission that there is a commercial vehicle that parks less than 5 feet from the intersection and that there is also a bus stop there. There's one way in and one way out. It's a bottleneck. He recommends placing a No Parking Here to Corner sign at the corner of Larch and Ash Street, which would eliminate there being a vehicle blocking the intersection. When the bus stop comes you have people parked and waiting plus this vehicle and it makes it a cluster. He also suggests moving the bus stop to Julia and Ash because there is another way out there. There is also a fence there so behind the pole and the fence there is no where to park.

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

VOTED: TO SEND TO SUBCOMMITTEE.

9. 728 MONTELLO STREET

Requested by: Ward 4 Councilor Susan Nicastro on behalf of Ms. Marjorie Georges

Issue/Request: Mr. Georges owns the property of 728 Montello Street (corner of Grove Street) and is requesting a guardrail to protect her home from the fast vehicles operating on both streets listed (Montello and Grove) or such other relief that the Traffic Commission deems appropriate. Mr. Georges home was struck by a speeding vehicle on July 4th, 2022. The responding police officers suggested that she contact her councilor for a guardrail.

Discussion: Present was Councilor Susan Nicastro and resident Ms. Georges. Ms. Georges' explained to the Traffic Commission that she has lived at this location since 2014 and that there is a lot of speeding at this location. Her porch was recently hit by a vehicle. She stated they don't stop and they speed in this area. She stated that sometimes the police aren't called to the accidents because the individuals involved in the accidents exchange papers between themselves and leave. There are more accidents there then the police are aware of. She believes a speed limit sign would help as well as a guardrail to protect her home from being hit. James Sweeney mentioned the use of evaluated sidewalks. He stated that he has seen them in other towns and they seem to slow down the speeding in certain locations. It may be worth looking into for this location.

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

VOTED: TO SEND TO SUBCOMMITTEE.

10. 20 ELMSIDE ROAD

Requested by: Loretta Braganza

Issue/Request: Requesting No Parking Signs on her street.

Discussion: Present was Loretta Braganza. She stated to the Traffic Commission that this is a dead end street that only has 5 houses on it and that there are No Parking signs on the street, however, people who do not live on the street have started parking their vehicles on the street right under the signs. She also stated that when she moved in there were 5 signs, however, they have fallen down and there are only 3 signs now. She would also like Police Parking Enforcement on the street.

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

VOTED: TO SEND TO SUBCOMMITTEE.

11. 128 PROSPECT STREET

Requested by: Bernadine Lopes

Issue/Request- Looking for a guardrail - Lots of accidents.

Discussion: Councilor at Large Rita Mendes spoke on behalf of the resident and stated that there are a lot of accidents at this corner (Prospect and Warren Avenue). The resident would like a guardrail to protect her property from all of the accidents. Councilor at Large Mendes also recommended pulling the Accident data for this 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 SEND TO SUBCOMMITTEE.

12. 34 RUTLAND STREET

Requested by: Dennis Shipley

Issue/Request- Speeding concerns on his street.

Discussion: Present was Dennis Shipley. There are 18 wheelers, dirt bikes, motorcycles and ATV's that use this street as a cut through. They fly by at least 40/50 MPH. The street is in disrepair as well. He's looking for signage on the street. Councilor Asack did state that she has received requests to get the street repaved. She also stated that it's more of a cut through, they use between Battles and that whole area. She would also like to request patrol in the area. Dennis Shipley also stated that his house shakes as the trucks go by. His ceiling keeps cracking and he has to keep fixing it and he's only been there for 2 years.

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 SEND TO SUBCOMMITTEE.

13. SULLIVAN TOWERS- 140 COLONEL BELL DRIVE

Requested by: Fred Welsh, Brockton Housing Authority

Issue/Request: to allow for on- street parking for Sullivan Tower residents on Monday, August 1st, 2022 and Tuesday, August 2nd, 2022. The lot will be

closed off to the residents for the two days to allow for line painting and there are currently No Parking signs on Colonel Bell Drive that would prohibit on-street parking.

Discussion: Present was Fred Welsh from the Brockton Housing Authority. He explained to the Traffic Commission that they are doing line painting at Sullivan Towers on Monday, August 1st and Tuesday, August 2nd, 2022. There are currently No Parking signs located on Colonel Bell Drive and he would like the Commission to allow the residents to park on Colonel Bell Drive while the line painting takes place which will occur from 12pm on Monday to 12 pm on Tuesday. He stated that he reached out to Ken Thompson at the School Department to see if they could use some of the spaces at the George School. He stated that yes they would be allowed to use some spaces at the school, however, there are programs that go on during the day and therefore, there would be limited spaces available. There is a significant amount of handicap residents at Sullivan Towers and the handicap markers are faded and that's one of the reasons for the line painting. These individuals would also not be able to walk from the Sullivan Towers to the School, parking on the street for the 24 hour period would be more feasible for these individuals.

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: MOTION ALLOWED.

Motion was made by Councilor Asack, seconded by Stephan Hooke to adjourn the meeting. All were in favor. Meeting adjourned at 6:55 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Michelle Yaffe

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Secretary to the Traffic Commission

**** THE NEXT MEETING WILL BE HELD ON THURSDAY, AUGUST 25TH, 2022. DEADLINE TO ADD ITEMS TO THE MEETING AGENDA IS FRIDAY, AUGUST 19TH, 2022.****