



BROCKTON TRAFFIC COMMISSION
Thursday, August 25th, 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, August 25th, 2022.

Present were Traffic Commissioners: Traffic Commissioner Captain Mark Porcaro, Retired Fire Chief Kenneth Galligan, DPW Commissioner Patrick Hill, Deputy Fire Chief Joseph DePasquale, Director Stephan Hooke and James Sweeney.

There being a proper quorum, the meeting was called to order by Commissioner Captain Porcaro at 6:01 p.m. Upon motion made by Retired Fire Chief Kenneth Galligan, seconded by Director Stephan Hooke, to waive and approve the reading of the July 28th, 2022 Minutes. Motion carried by a roll call 6-0 in the affirmative

OLD BUSINESS

1. 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.

SUBCOMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION:

A. request a crosswalk study (for adding one from 19 Main St. across to 36 Main St.)

B. add two Pedestrian Crossing Ahead signs (and sign posts, if needed) on either side of Main Street just prior to the existing crosswalk at 60 Main St.

Upon duly motion made by Deputy Fire Chief Joseph DePasquale, seconded by Director Stephan Hooke, the motion carried by a roll call vote; 6 in the affirmative.

VOTED: TO ACCEPT SUBCOMMITTEE RECOMMENDATIONS.

2. 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.

SUBCOMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION:

Add one No Parking Here to Corner sign on the south side of Larch St. near the Ash St. intersection.

Upon duly motion made by James Sweeney, seconded by Deputy Fire Chief Joseph DePasquale, the motion carried by a roll call vote; 6 in the affirmative.

VOTED: TO ACCEPT SUBCOMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION.

3. 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.

SUBCOMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION:

Add a guardrail (approximately 20 feet) to the southeast corner of the Montello and Grove Streets intersection. This guardrail will be installed on the actual property of 728 Montello St. and the homeowner has agreed to remove the shrubs in the area prior to the guardrail's installation.

Upon duly motion made by Director Stephan Hooke, seconded by James Sweeney, the motion carried by a roll call vote; 6 in the affirmative.

VOTED: TO ACCEPT SUBCOMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION.

4. 20 ELMSIDE ROAD

Requested by: Loretta Braganza

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

SUBCOMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION:

A. Amend the current no parking both sides regulation to cover the entire length of the street (current regulation may only cover the first 200 feet in from W. Elm St.);

- B. Replace and reposition the current No Parking Both Sides sign near the top of the street;**
- C. Install a new post and No Parking Both Sides sign near 20 Elmside Ave; and**
- D. Add No Parking Both Sides signs to Poles #2, 3, 4.**

Upon duly motion made by DPW Commissioner Patrick Hill, seconded by Deputy Fire Chief Joseph DePasquale, the motion carried by a roll call vote; 6 in the affirmative.

VOTED: TO ACCEPT SUBCOMMITTEE RECOMMENDATIONS.

5. 128 PROSPECT STREET

Requested by: Bernadina Lopes

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

SUBCOMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION:

Have the requester appear before the Traffic Commission to explain why the guardrail is needed. Councilor Mendes, on behalf of the requestor, is seeking a continuance to the September meeting.

Upon duly motion made by Retired Fire Chief Kenneth Galligan, seconded by Director Stephan Hooke, the motion carried by a roll call vote; 6 in the affirmative.

VOTED: TO CONTINUE TO THE SEPTEMBER MEETING.

6. 34 RUTLAND STREET

Requested by: Dennis Shipley

Issue/Request- Speeding concerns on his street.

SUBCOMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION:

A. Add one 30 MPH sign to Pole #162VZ2 (for westbound traffic);

B. Add one 30 MPH sign and sign post by 48 Rutland St. and another 30 MPH; and sign and sign post by 70 Rutland St. (for eastbound traffic).

Upon duly motion made by DPW Commissioner Patrick Hill, seconded by James Sweeney, the motion carried by a roll call vote; 6 in the affirmative.

VOTED: TO ACCEPT SUBCOMMITTEE RECOMMENDATIONS.

NEW BUSINESS

7. NORTH QUINCY STREET (See the 12/9/2021 Traffic Commission Minutes)

Requested by: Council President John Lally

Issue/ Request: To revisit the original crosswalk issue and see whether a Rapid Rectangular Flashing Beacon (RRFB) can be installed in the area.

Discussion: Present was Council President Jack Lally. Traffic Commissioner Captain Porcaro stated that back in December this item was sent out for an engineering study and that the engineering company did not recommend a new crosswalk in this area rather they recommended that we enhance the existing crosswalks with ladder configurations inside the crosswalks and additional signage. Retired Fire Chief Galligan asked if the signs were put up and Porcaro stated yes the signs are up. He also asked if the street lights were put up there and DPW Commissioner Hill stated that the lights did go up. Traffic Commissioner Porcaro stated that the RRFP would need to go back out to the Engineering firm to see if that is something we can do in this area. Galligan stated that one side of the street is Abington and one side of the street is Brockton. Council President Jack Lally stated this is a real problematic spot and that he has some constituents in the area that have children and grandchildren that travel up to the store. He also has some handicap constituents in the area and they have motorized chairs, one of those individuals was already injured in this location. He is asking the Commission tonight to refer this to Subcommittee and go back out to the location to take another look. There was a lengthy discussion with Councilor President Lally and the Traffic Commission members relative to the cost sharing with Abington relative to this matter. Abington has been pretty receptive with the discussion relative to this location and are willing to sit down with the appropriate City personnel. Traffic Commissioner Porcaro stated that the original study was for a crosswalk study for a new crosswalk and the engineering company came back that we didn't need a new crosswalk because there are crosswalks, that the crosswalks should be enhanced at this location. Traffic Commissioner Porcaro believes this RRFP request is keeping with the spirit of the original engineering recommendation, it's one more step to enhance the existing crosswalk. Retired Fire Chief Galligan asked if the request for the RRFP placement to be put where the existing crosswalk is located and Councilor President Lally stating yes. Retired Fire Chief Galligan also stated that maybe the existing crosswalk should be relocated up the street more where everyone wants it. The moving of the crosswalk should also be addressed with the engineering study. Councilor President Lally agreed that we should explore the moving of the crosswalk. DPW Commissioner Hill stated that if you were to move the crosswalk you would only be moving it approximately 100 feet because there are no sidewalks near the strip mall in this location.

Upon duly motion made by Retired Fire Chief Kenneth Galligan, seconded by Director Stephan Hooke, the motion carried by a roll call vote; 6 in the affirmative.

VOTED: TO SEND FOR AN ENGINEERING STUDY.

8. COPELAND STREET AT HAYWARD AVENUE

Requested by: Ward 4 Councilor Susan Nicastro on behalf of Adewumi Oluwatoyin.

Request/Issue: Resident is looking for a crosswalk on Copeland Street close to Hayward Avenue, of other such relief as the Traffic Commission may deem appropriate, to enable safe crossing of the street.

Discussion: Present was Councilor Susan Nicastro and resident Adewumi Oluwatoyi. Ms. Oluwatoyi explained that her son and a few other kids take Copeland Street and cross over to Hayward Avenue to get to school and that there's no crosswalk in this area, therefore, she would like to request a crosswalk at this location for safety measures, this way they will be able to cross safely. Councilor Nicastro stated that she likes the idea of the RRFP and that it would be enhanced protection for these young children because people don't pay attention. Councilor Nicastro mentioned that the speed limit flashing signs in the area are burnt out. Traffic Commissioner Captain Porcaro stated that the batteries in those signs last around two or three days on the high volume roads. This will be addressed shortly and Copeland Street should be updated relatively soon. There was a brief discussion with the Traffic Commission members relative to the 30MPH sign on Copeland Street when you are coming into Brockton from West Bridgewater. They agreed that a larger 30MPH sign should be placed there. Captain Porcaro stated that the normal course of procedure relative to crosswalk requests are that they are sent out to an Engineering company for an engineering study to be done at the location and they will determine whether a crosswalk is feasible in that location and if so, the best location for the crosswalk. Deputy Chief DePasquale stated that it may not be able to go right at the intersection because it's not a controlled intersection and that the Engineering company will be able to determine that. DPW Commissioner Patrick Hill also mentioned that there is a portion of Hayward Avenue that do not have sidewalks and that the engineering study would address that.

Upon duly motion made by DPW Commissioner Patrick Hill, seconded by James Sweeney, the motion carried by a roll call vote; 6 in the affirmative.

VOTED: TO SEND FOR AN ENGINEERING STUDY AND TO PLACE A LARGER 30MPH SIGN COMING INTO BROCKTON FROM WEST BRIDGEWATER.

TRAFFIC COMMISSION ALSO DISCUSSED THE FOLLOWING:

9. MARKET STREET AT MAIN STREET

Requested by: Retired Fire Chief Kenneth Galligan

Issue/Request: For Subcommittee to go out and look at this intersection and see if 2 lanes of traffic need to be created for left turn only and a right/straight lane of traffic as well.

VOTED: TO SEND TO SUBCOMMITTEE AND PLACE ON THE SEPTEMBER AGENDA.

Upon duly motion made by Director Stephan Hooke, seconded by James Sweeney, the motion carried by a roll call vote; 6 in the affirmative.

10. COLLEEN DRIVE @ LINWOOD STREET

Requested by: James Sweeney

Issue/Request: For Subcommittee to go out and look at this area as there is a tree located at the pavement of this road and when you are trying to pull out to take a left hand turn it blocks the view.

VOTED: TO SEND TO SUBCOMMITTEE AND PLACE ON THE SEPTEMBER AGENDA.

Upon duly motion made by Director Hooke, seconded by Deputy Fire Chief Joseph DePasquale, the motion carried by a roll call vote; 6 in the affirmative.

Motion was made by Retired Fire Chief Kenneth Galligan, seconded by Director Stephan Hooke to adjourn the meeting. All were in favor. Meeting adjourned at 6:49 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Michelle Yaffe

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Secretary to the Traffic Commission

**** THE NEXT MEETING WILL BE HELD ON THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 22ND, 2022.
DEADLINE TO ADD ITEMS TO THE MEETING AGENDA IS FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 16TH,
2022****