



BROCKTON TRAFFIC COMMISSION
Thursday, March 23rd, 2023
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, March 23rd, 2023.

Present were Traffic Commission Members: Traffic Commissioner Captain Mark Porcaro, Retired Fire Chief Kenneth Galligan, Stephan Hooke, DPW Commissioner Patrick Hill, Deputy Fire Chief Joseph DePasquale, Councilor-at-Large David Teixeira 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 DPW Commissioner Patrick Hill, seconded by James Sweeney, to waive and approve the reading of the February 23rd, 2023 Minutes. Motion carried by a hand 7-0 in the affirmative

OLD BUSINESS

1. PARKING OF CERTAIN VEHICLES ON STREETS

Requested by: Deputy Fire Chief Edward Williams

Issue/Request: Specifically to look at trailers and semitrailers parking on city streets. (Board Members please see attached Fall River ordinances hereto for reference).

Discussion: Present was Deputy Fire Chief Edward Williams. Deputy Fire Chief Williams stated that there is one issue relative to the parking of school buses on city streets. People are bringing them home and leaving them on the city streets in front of their homes. He read the traffic regulation that was drafted. He stated that this drafted regulation would answer the problem with the school buses parked on city streets. He further stated that he works with the Quality of Life Task Force for the City and they get a lot of complaints relative to school buses being parked on the streets. He stated that the second regulation that was drafted, he took what Ms. Yaffe has presented to the Commission and redid it a little. It's relative to the parking of trailers on city streets. He stated that it's just not overnights it's all day long. We have landscapers and people with trailers. We

have several areas in the city that we have people doing this on a regular basis. He's asking that no one be allowed to park a trailer on the street unless it's attached to a motor vehicle and this goes with semi-trailers as well. He read into the record the draft that he had completed from the draft that Ms. Yaffe had sent to him. DPW Commissioner Patrick Hill asked Deputy Fire Chief Williams if this would pertain to trucks as well and he stated that he's still working on the trucks part of it and there's a little more work that has to be done with the trucks in general. DPW Commissioner Hill further asked when do the overnight hours start for that piece and Deputy Fire Chief Williams stated that is midnight to 7 a.m. and this would be relative to any vehicle over two in a half tons. Deputy Fire Chief Williams stated that they have been working on ordinance changes relative to this issue. Traffic Commissioner Captain Mark Porcaro stated that the bus regulation addresses the ability to tow, however, the trailer regulation draft doesn't address this resolution. Traffic Commissioner Captain Mark Porcaro further stated that it may make sense to be able to tow a trailer, of which Deputy Fire Chief Williams agreed and it was further discussed as to whether or not a ticket fee could also be added to the towing of the trailer. Retired Fire Chief Kenneth Galligan asked how would we regulate moving these trailers, if they park it for an hour and then move it 100 feet down the street to a new location? Deputy Fire Chief Williams stated that happens all the time with individuals that park at meters, that would be something we would need to address if that became an issue. It could be a new parking spot with a new ticket. It was suggested that they be both ticketed and towed. Retired Fire Chief Kenneth Galligan further stated that if a trailer is parked in front of a house because work is being done can it be parked there for 8 hours if it's there because work is being done at the house and Deputy Fire Chief Williams stated yes, if it's attached to a motor vehicle. It was further discussed between Deputy Fire Chief Williams and the Traffic Commission as to whether or not this would be an all day regulation, and he stated that it's what he would like the regulation to be, if this regulation is adopted what the penalty would be if this regulation were to be violated and that we are heading in the right direction with this regulation, it needs a little more work. Traffic Commissioner Captain Mark Porcaro further stated that he believes in the traffic regulations that it states that the traffic commission can impose fines up to \$50 and that it can be looked into and if that's the case we may be able to attach a fine to this regulation as well. Councilor President Susan Nicastro was also present at the meeting and stated that we don't want to drive businesses out of the city. We don't want to discriminate against businesses that work from their homes. She believes what we are trying to address is the people that park trailers for months and months, sometimes years, just sitting in their driveways or sometimes on their grass and it's an eyesore and bad for the neighborhoods. Deputy Fire Chief Williams stated that it can actually be dangerous to leave trailers on the street depending on how they leave them. If they put a cinder block under it, they have to worry about the kids. He further stated that this is just addressing trailers and not going after any particular business or businesses. He believes that it will approve the quality of life for the neighborhoods. Retired Fire Chief Kenneth Galligan asked if this regulation will address someone that parks a trailer on a sidewalk and should we include a public way into the regulation,

including a sidewalk or any part of any street, public way, highway or parkway, that would get us the full length of any public way, which would be 50 feet from side to side. Also we should think about whether or not a road way is under the control of the city. He further stated that we have streets that are not under the control of the city, like route 37, Howard Street and would this apply to streets like that. We should have language in this regulation such as under the control of the city and state. DPW Commissioner Hill stated we have streets that are private ways as well. Deputy Fire Chief Williams stated we can throw the language into this regulation and also in the proposed regulation it states “any vehicle registered in his name” I left that out because someone could park a trailer on the street, however, it’s not registered under their name, it could be registered in their brother-in-law’s name. It was further discussed as to whether or not an unaccepted street would be part of this regulation and DPW Commissioner Patrick Hill stated he is not sure whether or not this could cover unaccepted streets. It would have to be relative to a public safety issue. The impairment of emergency vehicles was also discussed. The Traffic Commission stated that the discussed amendments to the regulation should be drafted and this item should be continued to next months meeting.

Upon duly motion made by Stephan Hooke, seconded by James Sweeney, the motion carried by a hand vote; 7 in the affirmative.

VOTED: TO CONTINUE TO APRIL MEETING.

2. PEARL STREET- SPECIFICALLY BETWEEN BELMONT ST. AND TORREY ST.

Requested by: Councilor Mark D’Agostino

Issue/Request: Councilor D’Agostino has heard from many constituents relative to the speeding in this area.

****(Traffic Commission please see attached correspondence from MassDOT)****

VOTED: Place one of the Solar Powered Speed Limit Radars between Torrey Street and Belmont Street, Send a letter to Mass DOT to revisit this location relative to the speeding in this location and to also have police enforcement at this location. PLACE ONE OF THE SOLAR POWERED SPEED LIMIT RADAR.

Discussion: Councilor D’Agostino was not present at the meeting. Traffic Commissioner Captain Mark Porcaro read a portion of the letter from MassDOT which stated that this portion of Pearl Street is not under MassDOT’s control, they have never had anything to do with the 40MPH signs, that this street is under the city’s control and that the city can drop it to 30MPH if they wish. Deputy Fire Chief Joseph DePasquale asked the Commissioner if there has already been enforcement at this location of which Traffic Commissioner Captain Mark Porcaro stated that yes we have had some traffic enforcement controls in this area and have also installed a solar powered sign around the 700 block of Pearl Street. The Traffic Commission further discussed that driving 30MPH on Pearl Street would be way too slow and

that 40 MPH is a reasonable speed for Pearl Street. Traffic Commissioner Captain Mark Porcaro stated that MassDOT is telling us that they do not have anything on file that they ordered 40MPH, under Chapter 90, Section 17, we can drop it down to 30MPH if we wish. They are not saying that we have to, they are just saying that we are allowed to and that we have the flexibility to do so. He further stated that he would rather have a traffic engineering tell us that we can drop the speed limit down to 30MPH. The Commission agreed that keeping the current speed limit of 40MPH is appropriate at this time.

Upon duly motion made by DPW Commissioner Patrick Hill, seconded by Stephan Hooke, the motion carried by a hand vote; 7 in the affirmative.

VOTED: TO TAKE NO FURTHER ACTION REGARDING THE CURRENT SPEED LIMIT THAT IS CURRENTLY POSTED.

3. 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.

VOTED: To send for an Engineering study and to place a larger 30MPH sign coming into Brockton from West Bridgewater.

**** CDM Smith's Conclusion: Based on the lack of sufficient pedestrian volume in the area and the insufficient sight distance, CDM Smith finds that the installation of a crosswalk at the intersection of Copeland Street and Hayward Avenue is not warranted. However, if the committee wishes to move forward with the installation of a crosswalk across Copeland Street, consideration should be given to placing the crosswalk along a tangent section of roadway where sight distance would not be a concern. In this case, new ADA-compliant sidewalk and curb ramps would also need to be installed at the location of the crosswalk. ****

Discussion: Council President Susan Nicastro was present with resident Adewumi Oluwatoyin. Traffic Commissioner Captain Mark Porcaro read into the record the CDM Smith Engineering Study that was concluded on this location. He further stated that they are not recommending that a crosswalk be installed at this location. Resident Oluwatoyin stated that she did see the results of the study and that she was disappointed because her son was almost run over crossing this street, that there is a lot of traffic at this location and it's very difficult for the children to cross

this street. The nearest crosswalk is at Southworth and Copeland and the children have to go all the way down to that crosswalk in order to cross the street safely. She would appreciate a reconsideration relative to a crosswalk being installed at this location. Council President Nicastro stated that there was a crosswalk she believes on Copeland Street at Susan and Samuel Avenue, she's not sure if that is still there and she believes that this was the only crosswalk on that side of Copeland Street. She stated that the study stated that if you want to put a crosswalk somewhere else, maybe there should be one, given that there are other children at the school and that this issue will continue. She stated maybe you want to put a crosswalk further down on Copeland Street, before Southworth Street, maybe at Oakside Avenue, this way the children and adults walking down can safely get across the street. Traffic Commissioner Captain Mark Porcaro stated that he believes there is an existing crosswalk at Copeland and Susan, of which Traffic Maintenance Man Edward Sylvester stated yes there is one at that location. It was discussed whether or not the Traffic Commission could install a crosswalk further north on Copeland Street. Traffic Commissioner Captain Mark Porcaro stated that he can send this back to CDM Smith to address whether or not a crosswalk could be installed further north on Copeland Street. Council President Susan Nicastro stated that maybe we should inquire where the bus stops are located in this area and that the crosswalk should be installed at one of the bus stop locations. Traffic Commissioner Captain Mark Porcaro stated that we should let the engineering company look at a possible crosswalk to be located from Hayward Avenue north to Southworth or to County Club Lane. It was discussed that Southworth would be too far up and to maybe stick with Hayward Avenue to County Club Lane for the possible installation of a crosswalk.

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

VOTED: TO SEND BACK FOR A FURTHER ENGINEERING STUDY.

4. 146 COURT STREET

Requested by: James Sweeney

Request/Issue: Requesting bump out sidewalks

SUBCOMMITTEE RECOMMENDATIONS:

- A. Continue Directed Patrol Parking Enforcement by the BPD; and**
- B. Add pavement line painting hash marks to the no parking area.**

Upon duly motion made by Deputy Fire Chief Joseph DePasquale, seconded by Stephan Hooke, the motion carried by a hand vote; 7 in the affirmative.

VOTED: TO ACCEPT SUBCOMMITTEE RECOMMENDATIONS.

5. MAIN STREET/OAK STREET

Requested by: James Sweeney

Request/Issue: crosswalk request

SUBCOMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION: Add the "ladder design" to the crosswalks during pavement line painting.

Discussion: The Traffic Commission discussed that this area is due to go under construction and that all of the crosswalks will be enhanced during the makeover of this area. DPW Commissioner Hill stated that all the crosswalks will be ADA complaint as well.

Upon duly motion made by Stephan Hooke, seconded by Councilor-at-Large David Teixeira, the motion carried by a hand vote; 7 in the affirmative.

VOTED: TO TAKE NO ACTION AS THIS LOCATION AS THIS LOCATION IS DUE TO BE CONSTRUCTED AT WHICH TIME THE CROSSWALKS WILL BE UPDATED.

6. MONTELLO ST./EAST ASHLAND STREET

Requested by: Councilor Jeffrey Thompson

Request/Issue: Requesting the stop line be moved further north.

SUBCOMMITTEE RECOMMENDATIONS:

- A. Move the STOP line/bar back (to the north) approximately ten feet;**
- B. Install a STOP HERE ON RED sign with a diagonal down arrow; and**
- C. Send a letter to the Mayor's Office, DPW, and BFD recommending moving the traffic signal mast arm (northeast corner) back from the road.**

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

VOTED: TO ACCEPT SUBCOMMITTEE RECOMMENDATIONS.

7. MILL STREET (149 MILL STREET-DEAD END EXTENSION)

Requested by: Gary Epstein of Timeless Antiques Watch & Jewelry Co.

Request/Issue: Car "Shoot" down the dead end all day long for years. Requesting better signage at this location and/or a Stop sign be added.

SUBCOMMITTEE RECOMMENDATIONS:

- A. Enlarge the current directional arrow; and**
- B. Relocate the TURN AHEAD sign and add yellow striping.**

Upon duly motion made by Stephan Hooke, seconded by James Sweeney, the motion carried by a hand vote; 7 in the affirmative.

VOTED: TO ACCEPT SUBCOMMITTEE RECOMMENDATIONS.

8. COURT STREET

Requested by: Nancy Schultz

Request/Issue: Speeding cars coming from both ways at the bottom of the hill on Court Street. There are two (s) signs on this street. Requesting more 30MPH signs, one or two of the electronic speed signs, also Deers Crossing sign requested near Animal Control at Kathleen Road.

SUBCOMMITTEE RECOMMENDATIONS:

- A. No Parking on Court Street (north side) 800 feet easterly from the N. Cary St. intersection and add this to the street list;**
- B. Install a solar-powered speed sign on Court St. (westbound lane) opposite the area of Pole #65; and**
- C. Install a 30 MPH sign on Court St. (eastbound lane) near Ida Ave.**

Upon duly motion made by DPW Commissioner Patrick Hill, seconded by Stephan Hooke, the motion carried by a hand vote; 7 in the affirmative.

VOTED: TO ACCEPT SUBCOMMITTEE RECOMMENDATIONS.

9. 216 BELAIR STREET

Requested by: Franchez Cruz

Request/Issue: Cars are hitting his property. There is already one guardrail in front of his property. Requesting a solution to this issue due to the amount of accidents that are occurring.

SUBCOMMITTEE RECOMMENDATIONS:

- A. Add a STOP sign with red striping near the current Rainbow Cir. street sign;**
- B. Install a directional chevron on the northside of the island at Rainbow Cir. at Belair St.;**
- C. Install a STOP AHEAD sign on Pole #2 (Rainbow Cir.) for westbound traffic;**
- D. Install a BLIND INTERSECTION AHEAD on Pole #21-84 (Belair St. northbound) so as to alert motorists about Crickett Rd;**

- E. Remove the 30 MPH sign from Pole #21-84 and relocate closer to Thompson Ave. (Belair St. northbound lane);**
- *F. Send correspondence to Superintendent of Buildings James Plouffe to determine if the white fence located on the corner of Crickett Road and Belair Street is proper or not; and**
- *G. To add additional traffic enforcement on Belair Street.**

Discussion: Ms. Cruz was presented and stated that she purchased this home three years ago and that there has been nothing but accidents. She stated that she has a 5 year old and a 15 year old and they like to play in the yard and that she also runs a daycare. The last accident that happened was at like 1 and 2 o'clock in the morning and the car came flying into her fence and took off. She also stated that there are kids in the morning that are waiting for the school bus and this is dangerous. She further stated anything that the city can do to help prevent future accidents from happening would be greatly appreciated for the safety of everyone. Retired Fire Chief Kenneth Galligan stated that we need to make one correction to item "C" install a stop ahead sign on pole number 2 for westbound traffic. Ms. Cruz further stated that the majority of the accidents are happening from the cars that are coming out of Crickett Road. The Traffic Commission discussed the white fence at this location and whether or not it is obstructing the view of the cars trying to get out of Crickett Road onto Belair Street. Traffic Commissioner Captain Mark Porcaro asked if we should send a letter to Superintendent James Plouffe to take a look at the fence and to see if there is anything wrong with the location of it and if it's in violation of any city ordinances. This would be the fence that is on Crickett and Belair on the southeast corner. Ms. Cruz agrees that the fence is very distracting to the drivers that are coming down Crickett Road. She attempted to come down Crickett Road herself and became very anxious when trying to get out onto Belair Street. The Traffic Commission decided to add item # F & G to the subcommittee recommendations to send correspondence to Superintendent of Buildings James Plouffe to determine whether or not the fence located on Crickett Road at Belair Street is proper or not and to also add traffic enforcement on Belair Street.

Upon duly motion made by Stephan Hooke, seconded by Deputy Fire Chief Joseph DePasquale, the motion carried by a hand vote; 7 in the affirmative.

VOTED: TO ACCEPT SUBCOMMITTEE RECOMMENDATIONS WITH THE TWO (2) ADDITIONAL RECOMMENDATIONS (F & G).

10.40 YARMOUTH AVENUE

Requested by: Jeffrey Barnes

Request/Issue: Large Trucks and cars speed on the roads. We have elderly that walk their dogs and small families that are startled when these trucks/sedans pass by. Many close calls have occurred. Requesting stop signs at the end of Sagamore to Yarmouth onto Sagamore, also requesting

weight limit signs on both ends of Brewster, Sagamore and Yarmouth Avenue.

SUBCOMMITTEE RECOMMENDATIONS:

- A. Directed Patrols Traffic Enforcement by the BPD; and**
- B. Continue to monitor the area.**

Upon duly motion made by Stephan Hooke, seconded by James Sweeney, the motion carried by a hand vote; 7 in the affirmative.

VOTED: TO ACCEPT SUBCOMMITTEE RECOMMENDATIONS.

11. 148 AUBURN STREET

Requested by: Clifford Harper

Request/Issue: Part of my house was damaged by someone parking in front of my house. Requesting a No Parking sign in front of residence.

SUBCOMMITTEE RECOMMENDATIONS:

- A. Insufficient information at this time; and**
- B. Continue to monitor, but take no action at this time.**

Upon duly motion made by James Sweeney, seconded by Stephan Hooke, the motion carried by a hand vote; 7 in the affirmative.

VOTED: TO TAKE NO ACTION AT THIS TIME.

12. 34 NILSSON STREET- GETHSEMANE SEVENTH-DAY ADVENTIST CHURCH

Requested by: Mr. Andy Newell

Request/Issue: There are two (2) commercial vehicles that park near the church overnight and during church services on Saturdays, from 9:30-2:00 p.m. One is parking in front of the church and the other is parking on the other side of the church on Laureston Street. Requesting the Traffic Commission take a look at this.

SUBCOMMITTEE RECOMMENDATIONS:

- A. Insufficient information; and**
- B. Request resident to appear at the March Traffic Commission meeting to explain reason for request and answer questions.**
- C. Add two (2) handicap signs on Nilsson Street.**

Discussion: Present was Mr. Andy Newell. Mr. Newell stated that he has placed signs on the box trucks that are parking in front of the church asking them nicely if they could please move the trucks from in front of the church and it has gotten him

nowhere, they continue to park there. He stated that he has also contacted the Brockton Police several times relative to this issue and they have come out and ticketed the trucks, as they like to park right up onto the sidewalk. The house in front of the church he believes is a rental property and the trucks that park in front of the church are out of state trucks. He further stated that he noticed last week that there was a Rhode Island plate on one of the trucks with scrap metal and that this issue has been going on since before Covid and at one point this truck was parking in the church parking lot, we had to lock the parking lot to the church to prevent them from parking in the church parking lot any more. There was discussion between the Traffic Commission and Mr. Newell that multiple handicap individuals attend church services and they have nowhere in the front to park and safely get into the church at a short distance because the trucks are parking right there. Mr. Newell would like to know if they can install handicap signs in front of the church so that the handicap individuals that attend the church services are able to park and enter the church at a reasonable distance without having to park further down the road making it difficult for them to attend services. He understands that it's a public way, however, this would be very helpful. The Traffic Commission discussed the installation of two (2) handicap signs on Nilsson Street and it was recommended that the subcommittee amend its recommendation to add two (2) Handicap Signs on Nilsson Street in front of the church.

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

VOTED: TO ADD "C" TO SUBCOMMITTEE RECOMMENDATIONS AS FOLLOWS: TO ADD TWO (2) HANDICAP SIGNS ON NILSSON STREET AT THE REQUEST OF THE REQUESTER AND TO ACCEPT THE SUBCOMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION.

NEW BUSINESS

13.31 PETRONELLI WAY

Requested by: Brockton Parking Authority

Issue/Request: to examine the unnamed alleyway that runs along the east side of the Mayor Carpenter Garage to determine if it is a public way, and if so, to enhance the existing STOP sign and pavement line painting at the intersection of the unnamed alleyway and Petronelli Way, to add a speed bump or speed table on the alleyway at this same intersection, and to designate fire lanes on the alleyway.

Discussion: Present was Paula Tsitsopoulos from the Brockton Parking Authority. There was discussion with the Traffic Commission that the fire lanes relative to this request have already been taken care of. Ms. Tsitsopoulos stated that the alleyway, now that the street is back open, the alleyway was closed for about two years while they were doing the construction at this location, people would speed up to take a left, now people are still coming out of the garage at Trinity from underneath and they are not stopping, they are going right into Petronelli Way. There is going to be car accident at some point because they can barely see because of the two big buildings on either side. We are looking for something to prevent something from happening at this location and it would be appreciated. DPW Commissioner Patrick Hill stated that he went down to the Assessors office and it appears that this is attached to the parcel itself. He further stated that the Assessors records indicate that this roadway is part of the parking garage. Deputy Fire Chief Joseph DePasquale asked whether or not the new roadway from Court to Petronelli way is there stopping or does it just go straight through of which DPW Commissioner Patrick Hill stated that that is actually going to go off Court Street too and it will end at Trinity. It was also discussed as to whether or not this was private or public way and whether or not the owners of the buildings could be contacted. Ms. Tsitsopoulos stated that there is a stop sign there, however, people do not adhere to it. It was also discussed as to whether or not the Traffic Commission put up the stop sign and that it was most likely the building owners that put up the stop sign. Whether or not this is private or public needs to be checked into. Traffic Commissioner Captain Mark Porcaro stated whether or not it is private or public, if a police officer sees someone blow through a stop sign they will pull them over and give them a ticket. Deputy Fire Chief Edward Williams stated that it is a small stop sign at this location and Traffic Commissioner Captain Mark Porcaro stated that if we are able to determine somehow that this is a public road he would have no problem enhancing the stop sign. Retired Fire Chief Kenneth Galligan stated that if the Traffic Commission puts up a stop sign it's a legal stop sign with consequences if people do not stop whereas, if a property owner puts up a stop sign it's more of a curiosity and has no legal barring, such as stop sign in shopping centers. The final question relative to this item is to figure out who owns it and that will determine how we can proceed with this item. The Traffic Commission would need a document from the City Engineer as to whether or not this alleyway is or is not public.

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

VOTED: TO CONTINUE TO THE APRIL MEETING.

14. PLAIN STREET

Requested by: Council President Susan Nicaastro

Request/Issue: Resident of Cappy's Way that walks her dog noticed that there is no crosswalk located on Plain Street at Georgene Road. There is a Brockton High School bus stop at Georgene Rd/Plain Street and the kids have to cross the street in the dark winter mornings without a crosswalk. Requesting a crosswalk at this location.

Discussion: Council President Susan Nicaastro was present together with resident Joanne Ieronimo. Council President Nicaastro stated that Ms. Ieronimo noticed that there is no crosswalk for the students on Plain Street near Georgene Road and she walks this area every morning with her dog, therefore, she is requesting a crosswalk be installed at this location for the safety of the children. Ms. Ieronimo stated to Traffic Commissioner Captain Mark Porcaro that she sees a few kids crossing early in the morning to get to the bus stop. She further stated that there are walkers that go to the Davis School in this area as well. I don't know where they cross the street either because there are no crosswalks until you get to the Davis School. There is a crosswalk to get to East Street but nothing to get across Plain Street to the sidewalk.

Upon duly motion made by Stephan Hooke, seconded by Councilor-at-Large David Teixeira, the motion carried by a hand vote; 7 in the affirmative.

VOTED: TO SEND FOR AN ENGINEERING STUDY.

15. ASH STREET @ WEST CHESTNUT STREET

Requested by: Councilor Mark D'Agostino

Request/Issue: Would like the Traffic Commission to look at the safety at this location.

Discussion: The Traffic Commission discussed that there was a previous engineering study done on this location and DPW Commissioner Patrick Hill stated that he would see if he could locate it and recommended continuing this to the April meeting to review said study.

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

VOTED: TO CONTINUE TO THE APRIL MEETING.

16. ELLIS STREET

Requested by: George Terzakis

Request/Issue: People speed up and down the street. There is currently stop signs on Prospect Avenue crossing Ellis Street, however, a 4-way stop would help encourage drivers, especially buses that are speeding down the street to slow down and stop at the intersection. Requesting a 4 way stop.

Discussion: Mr. Terzakis was not present at the meeting. Mr. William Hill was present at the meeting and stated that he lives on Ellis Street. He believes that Mr. Terzakis is a long time resident of Ellis Street as he is. He stated that he does not believe that a 4 way stop is necessary at this location and that there are some speeding issues, however, he stated that before a 4 way stop is implemented he believes that there are other measures that could be done, either traffic enforcement or one of those super-duper signs that tells individuals how fast they are going. He doesn't believe that a 4 way is warranted at this location. He further stated that Mr. Terzakis stated that school buses are going too fast and maybe we can notify the School Department and see if this is true or not. Traffic Commissioner Captain Mark Porcaro stated that this item was before the traffic commission previously and that we had voted to not put the 4 way stop at this intersection.

Upon duly motion made by Retired Fire Chief Kenneth Galligan, seconded by Stephan Hooke, the motion carried by a hand vote; 7 in the affirmative.

VOTED: TO HAVE DIRECTED PATROL AND TO SEND A LETTER TO THE BPS RELATIVE TO THE ALLEGED SCHOOL BUS SPEEDING AT THIS LOCATION.

Motion was made by James Sweeney, seconded by Stephan Hooke to adjourn the meeting. All were in favor. Meeting adjourned at 7:49 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Michelle Yaffe

Michelle Yaffe

Secretary to the Traffic Commission