



BROCKTON TRAFFIC COMMISSION
Thursday, May 25th, 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, May 25th, 2023.

Present were Traffic Commission Members: Traffic Commissioner Captain Mark Porcaro, Deputy Fire Chief Joseph DePasquale, DPW Commissioner Patrick Hill, Retired Fire Chief Kenneth Galligan, Stephan Hooke, Councilor Jeffrey Thompson, 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 April 27th, 2023 Minutes and May 3rd, 2023 Minutes. Motion carried by a hand vote 8-0 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).

Upon duly motion made by James Sweeney, seconded by Stephan Hooke, the motion carried by a hand vote; 8 in the affirmative.

VOTED: To continue to the June meeting.

2. 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: DPW Commissioner Patrick Hill stated that he spoke to the Superintendent of Engineering, we reviewed the plans and the alleyway is not recognized as a public way. Councilor Thompson stated from our last discussion, if it was not a public way, that we don't have official responsibility but we were maybe going to direct Trinity to put up a stop sign? Traffic Commissioner Captain Mark Porcaro stated that the options would be in the meeting minutes. It was stated that the Traffic Commission could suggest it to them not direct them to do so as its' a private alleyway. Traffic Commissioner Porcaro further stated that he's doubtful that we as the Traffic Commission have the authority to regulate this type of alleyway. It's a private driveway being used for the people that live in that complex so they can access that private garage. Paula Tsitsopoulos was also present and she stated that it's all slowed down because the construction on Hagler Way. So people are stopping because there are construction vehicles. If we could recommend, even if it's the Brockton Parking Authority for Trinity to put a stop line in at this location because once Hagler Way opens it's going to be a straight shot again. Traffic Commissioner Porcaro asked Mrs. Tsitsopoulos if Trinity would object to the Traffic Commission, during line painting, went out there and put a stop line or a stop bar on their behalf and Mrs. Tsitsopoulos stated that she could ask Trinity.

Upon duly motion made by Councilor Thompson, seconded by Stephan Hooke, the motion carried by a hand vote; 8 in the affirmative.

VOTED: To have the Brockton Parking Authority reach out to Trinity to see if they object to the Traffic Commission putting a stop line/ stop bar on the alleyway.

3. RRFB (Rapid Rectangular Flashing Beacon)

Requested by: BPD Capt. Mark Porcaro, Traffic Commissioner
Request/Issue: to establish Traffic Commission policy and procedure for processing new RRFB requests, installation, and maintenance/repair/replacement.

Discussion: The Ad Hoc Committee reported that they will be meeting on Tuesday @ 3:30 p.m. to go over this request.

Upon duly motion made by Councilor Thompson, seconded by Stephan Hooke, the motion carried by a hand vote; 8 in the affirmative.

VOTED: To continue to the June Meeting.

4. SOLAR-POWERED SPEED SIGNS

Requested by: BPD Capt. Mark Porcaro, Traffic Commissioner
Request/Issue: to establish Traffic Commission policy and procedure for processing new solar-powered speed sign requests, installation, and maintenance/repair/replacement.

Discussion: The Ad Hoc Committee reported that they will be meeting on Tuesday @ 3:30 p.m. to go over this request.

Upon duly motion made by Councilor Thompson, seconded by Stephan Hooke, the motion carried by a hand vote; 8 in the affirmative.

VOTED: To continue to the June meeting.

5. PUBLIC INFORMATION AND DISCLOSURE/SOCIAL MEDIA

Requested by: BPD Capt. Mark Porcaro, Traffic Commissioner
Request/Issue: to establish Traffic Commission policy and procedure for publicly disclosing information and materials used by anyone at Traffic Commission meetings.

Discussion: Traffic Commissioner Porcaro stated last month we voted to send correspondence to the City's Law Department asking them to assist the Traffic Commission in developing a public records policy. This week I signed a letter formally asking the Law Department to give us a hand. Secretary to the Traffic Commission, Michelle Yaffe, stated to the Commission that this was assigned to Senior Assistant City Solicitor, Karen Fisher, however, she is on vacation and she will provide an update at the June Meeting.

Upon duly motion made by Deputy Fire Chief Joseph DePasquale, seconded by Councilor Thompson, the motion carried by a hand vote; 8 in the affirmative.

VOTED: To continue to the June meeting.

6. HAMILTON STREET

Requested by: Councilor-at-Large David Teixeira
Request/Issue: Would like the Traffic Commission to look at the safety at this location.

Discussion: Councilor-at-Large Teixeira was present and stated he is asking for parking on one side of Hamilton Street. Last year there was a fire at one of his houses and it was very hard for a fire truck to get down the street because when you come down the street there are cars parked on both sides. He further stated that there is also a commercial truck that parks there that shouldn't be there, it blocks the driveway. Traffic Commissioner Porcaro stated that we can narrow the request down to focus on one-sided parking on the street.

Upon duly motion made by Deputy Fire Chief Joseph DePasquale, seconded by James Sweeney, the motion carried by a hand vote; 8 in the affirmative.

VOTED: To send to Subcommittee Review.

7. HILLBERG @ WARREN AVENUE

Requested by: James Sweeney

Request/Issue: Requesting a No Parking Here to Corner Sign

Discussion: Mr. Sweeney stated that Hillberg Avenue is a newly paved street and last week one of the Conservation Committee members car was hit when she was pulling into her driveway. If we could possibly add one of the speed signs down the end facing Hillberg Avenue towards the bottom, it would certainly help as it gets more and more dense down that hill. Traffic Commissioner Porcaro stated that he will see if we have any, one's on Keene, we have a few set up. If we have a spare one and someone makes a motion, I will certainly put one up. It was discussed whether or not it should be west or east and determined that it should be facing eastbound traffic. A motion was made by DPW Commissioner Hill to put up a battery operated speed sign in addition to the subcommittee recommendation.

Upon duly motion made by DPW Commissioner Patrick Hill, seconded by Stephan Hooke, the motion carried by a hand vote; 8 in the affirmative.

SUBCOMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION:

A. Install a NO PARKING HERE TO CORNER sign from Warren Avenue westerly 33 feet on the northside of Hillberg Avenue.

VOTED: To accept Subcommittee recommendation and to put a battery operated speed sign up at this location as discussed.

8. N. CARY STREET

Requested by: Marcus Busby of 773 N. Cary Street

Request/Issue: There have been multiple accidents at this location on N, Cary Street at the bend. I would like a guardrail to protect my property. Also a sign or lights that can alert drivers to slow down before approaching the bend in the road.

SUBCOMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION:

A. Install a guardrail next to 773 N. Cary Street (at the split) near Toby Road. East side of N. Cary Street northerly from Toby Road;

B. Lower the CURVE AHEAD sign on Pole #97 on N. Cary Street just prior to Toby Road;

C. Cut back the overgrowth near Pole #97.

Upon duly motion made by DPW Commissioner Patrick Hill, seconded by Councilor Jeffrey Thompson, the motion carried by a hand vote; 8 in the affirmative.

VOTED: To accept Subcommittee Recommendations.

9. N. CARY STREET

Requested by: Delia Resende of 773 N. Cary Street

Request/Issue: I am the house right on the curve of North Cary Street and Toby Road. There have been so many car crashes into my front yard. My family and I do not feel safe. I have little kids. Requesting a stop sign or to make it a one way street.

SUBCOMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION:

A. Same recommendation as #2.

Upon duly motion made by DPW Commissioner Patrick Hill, seconded by Councilor Jeffrey Thompson, the motion carried by a hand vote; 8 in the affirmative.

VOTED: To accept Subcommittee Recommendations.

10. BELAIR STREET AND CRICKETT ROAD

Requested by: Latania Lafontant

Request/Issue: There have been several motor vehicle accidents in this vicinity. Children wait for the bus in the morning and are walking from school in the afternoon. There is a school in the area and there is a lot of traffic during peak hours. Requesting the following:

SUBCOMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION:

A. Request an engineering study for a proposed crosswalk across Coventry Circle at Belair Street, a crosswalk across Belair Street from Coventry Circle, and a sidewalk on the east side of Belair Street directly across from Coventry Circle;

B. Install SCHOOL CHILDREN signs at Belair Street near Thompson Avenue (for northbound traffic) and on Pole #24 (for southbound traffic); and

C. Cut back the overgrowth on Coventry Circle (south side) so as to make the STOP sign at Coventry Circle and Belair Street more visible.

Upon duly motion made by Deputy Fire Chief Joseph DePasquale, seconded by Councilor Thompson, the motion carried by a hand vote; 8 in the affirmative.

VOTED: To accept Subcommittee recommendations.

11. WEST CHESTNUT STREET

Requested by: Christine Hill of 358 West Chestnut Street

Request/Issue: Continuing concerns regarding speeding.

(Traffic Commission Members please see previous Tighe & Bond Engineering study dated June 30th, 2021 and 7/29/2021 Minutes relative to West Chestnut Street)

Discussion: Traffic Commissioner Captain Mark Porcaro stated that we found the previous Engineering Study done by Tighe & Bond and Ms. Yaffe researched and couldn't find a letter to OCPC requesting a Road Safety Audit so she drafted said letter and I signed it. It will be sent off to OCPC for them to conduct a Road Safety Audit of this location for us. Also, a letter was signed and sent over to the Mayor's office supporting the recommendation of the previous engineering study relative to the overhead flashing amber beacon sign asking for the funds to have that installed.

SUBCOMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION:

A. Research prior Traffic Commission records to find previous engineering study and approval for an overhead flashing amber beacon at the W. Chestnut and Southworth Streets intersection.

B. Send a letter to the Mayor's Office indicating the Traffic Commission's approval and request for the beacon's funding and installation by the Mayor's Office and any other appropriate city department.

Upon duly motion made by Councilor Jeffrey Thompson, seconded by Stephan Hooke, the motion carried by a hand vote; 8 in the affirmative.

VOTED: To accept Subcommittee Recommendations.

12. VFW PARKWAY AND CRESCENT STREET

Requested by: Councilor Jeffrey Thompson

Request/Issue: Would like the Traffic Commission to determine whether or not on-street parking spaces can be added on VFW Parkway and Crescent Street next to the Studenski building.

Discussion: Councilor Thompson stated that the original request was dependent upon the construction of the Sycamore Grove Public Green Space behind the Main Street businesses where the old BAT station is. They were complaining that during the construction it would remove all of the parking within the marketplace, approximately 55 parking spaces and I was looking to see if there was anything that we could do to oversee the reduction of the parking during the construction. I

think we are making good progress on modernizing the Adams Garage and there's an RFP out right now. If we can get that online then I think that would greatly enhance the available parking during the off hours, as that was the big concern. At this point I would recommend that we table this matter and if parking becomes an issue again that maybe we bring it up again. I believe in our last conversation we were talking about the obstruction looking left down Crescent Street, probably the tightness on VFW Parkway and the tightness on Maple Avenue as well. I wanted you to look at it and respect your opinion. I would ask that you table this matter at this time. Retired Fire Chief Galligan stated we looked at the VFW Parkway and it is really too narrow to allow any kind of parking there. We went to the old bank, which is now the school department office, we actually parked a vehicle trying to see what it would look like and it only gave one or two spots there and it creates a blind spot coming out of VFW Parkway, trying to look left onto Montello Street. It was our opinion that we should leave that alone. Then we moved over to Maple Avenue and according to our records Maple Avenue is no parking on the east side from Crescent Street, southerly thence westerly to Main Street and Maple Avenue on the west side is 30 minute parking from Crescent Street southerly for a distance of 300 feet. There were also 2 handicap parking spaces. So while we were there we explored the possibility of allowing parking on the east side of Maple Avenue and we parked a vehicle on the east side of Maple Avenue and directly opposite we parked a vehicle on west side of Maple Avenue and you can barely get one car down the middle. So if there was parking the whole length of the east side of Maple Avenue plus the west side of Maple Avenue it would be a disaster down there. Retired Fire Chief Galligan wanted Councilor Thompson to know that we did go there and tried making both sides parking and it just isn't going to work. There was discussion between Councilor Thompson and Paula Tsitsopoulos from the Brockton Parking Authority relative to painting the parking spots at this location and freshen them up of which Ms. Tsitsopoulos stated the Brockton Parking Authority could do that. Deputy Chief DePasquale also mentioned that the spaces outside the Adams Garage that were for taxi's is no longer for taxi's and could be utilized.

Upon duly motion made by Councilor Jeffrey Thompson, seconded by Deputy Fire Chief Joseph DePasquale, the motion carried by a hand vote; 8 in the affirmative.

VOTED: To take No Action at this time.

NEW BUSINESS

13. AMHERST STREET

Requested by: Fabienne Theodate

Request/Issue: Amherst Street is extremely narrow. It's impossible for 2 cars to drive down the street. Entering from Alden Street is a hazard. A slow down/children sign would be great. There are only 7 houses on this street, 4 with children.

Discussion: Resident Fabienne Theodat was present and stated that she has lived on Amherst Street for 4 years and I would say that for the last 2 years there has been an influx of traffic. My ring camera goes off at night because of people driving so fast. It's impossible to get 2 cars down on this street. She believes it's just a matter of time before an unfortunate event occurs. Some of kids play on the street and people have no regard for some of these children. I put in this request to see if anything could be done I have a 3 year old and I would like for her to be able to play in front of our house. I believe people in the area are driving from Alden Street to Amherst because it's so narrow and you can't tell that it's an actual street. So signage to remind folks that there are children to slow down or to possibly make it a one way street because in the morning they're playing Russian roulette with who can come off of Amherst onto Alden to get to work. Mr. Sweeney asked how many houses are on the street and Ms. Theodat stated 7 houses. Mr. Sweeney stated that making the street a one way street, the whole street would need to be in favor, that's just explaining how a one way would work. Councilor Thompson asked DPW Commissioner Hill if this was a private or public way and he wasn't sure. He further stated that the street being extremely narrow makes me think that it may not be a public way. Retired Fire Chief Galligan asked if before the Subcommittee meeting if DPW Commissioner Hill could tell the traffic commission whether or not this street is public or private.

Further along in the meeting, DPW Commissioner Hill stated that Amherst Street is in fact a private way. Ms. Thoedat asked what that means of which DPW Commissioner Hill stated that it means that we don't have a whole lot of regulatory authority over a private way. So it's not something that's recognized by the city as a public way. A public way enables us to regulate and allows us to use city funds for restoration but I don't believe as a commission we can regulate traffic on a private way. Traffic Commissioner Porcaro further stated that a public way is a street that the city owns and we maintain it, we control it, we regulate it, we can sign it, we can line paint it, whereas a private way is something that maybe a homeowner's association or the builder owns. DPW Commissioner Hill stated that it's owned by everyone that lives on the street. James Sweeney mentioned that you could possibly work with the City Councilors to make it a public way and that may be the easiest approach. Ms. Thoedat mentioned that there were a few potholes that we fixed and DPW Commissioner Hill stated that we will fix potholes, we will fix water mains on the street, we just don't have the ability to use a lot of our money for paving, it comes from the state and the state mandates that we can only use the funding on a public way. Deputy Chief DePasquale stated that it comes down to a public safety issue, the roads are maintained and the snow is cleared so that emergency vehicles can get down there. James Sweeney stated that with this kind of trouble on the street you would want help from the city and making it a public way would do that. It was mentioned that it would be Ward 6, which would be Councilor Lally. Retired Fire Chief Galligan mentioned that this street is so narrow you'd have to know where it is to know you are on it. Ms. Thoedat stated that at Alden and Amherst there is an overgrowth of trees and people come and dump their leaves on it, it's like a dumpsite on that portion. She asked because it's a private way who would clean that

of which DPW Commissioner Hill stated that the city could still go there and clean that.

Upon duly motion made by Councilor Jeffrey Thompson, seconded by Stephan Hooke, the motion carried by a hand vote; 8 in the affirmative.

VOTED: To send to Subcommittee Review.

14. MORaine STREET

Requested by: Shanetta Young

Request/Issue: Requesting to have two (2) designated speed bumps on Moraine Street to prevent drivers from speeding on the street. There are young children that play and the street is narrow for two vehicles.

Discussion: Resident Shanetta Young was present and stated our street has one sided parking and we have two way traffic, it's not meant for two way traffic. There are many accidents that happen on our road where many of our neighbors have gotten their cars hit and people just drive off. My mom's door has gotten hit when she's gone to open it because of the speeding and the car just drove off. I have small children and I have to force them to play in the backyard and not to go on the sidewalk because we have a little bend. Just hearing about speed bumps from other requests, I don't know if that would be a problem solver but even making it a one way would be fine. We have three different sections of Moraine Street. We're just in the midst of it, we are off of Belmont Street and off of West Street. We have high traffic in and out, we can't get into our driveway, can't get out of your driveway. Any recommendations regarding speeding or keeping the traffic from coming down the street would be terrific. One of the neighbors present stated that she agreed that especially right at the bend it's very dangerous. It was stated that the exact location is between Belmont Street and West Elm Street, heading north on Belmont Street the curve is right before West Elm Street. Even a dangerous curve sign would be helpful. Another neighbor that was present stated that it's like down the hill from Belmont Street, you don't see the end of the other side of the street. So when someone's coming, once you get to that curve, the other car is speeding. It was mentioned that trucks travel down this street as well and they don't feel comfortable having their kids playing there because they are located right at the curve. The street is not wide enough for people to be flying down the curve, it's a blind spot. Retired Fire Chief Galligan asked about the parking of cars at night and whether or not they are parked on both sides of Moraine Street? The neighbors stated that it's only allowed one side parking on Moraine Street. Retired Fire Chief Galligan further stated then it's already posted one side parking. The neighbors stated that parking on both sides doesn't occur often, just when someone is maybe dropping someone off. Retired Fire Chief Galligan stated that if there's no parking on the west side left side of Moraine Street then if on the east side if there was no parking prior to the curve would that help visibility, would this negatively impact the parking on the east side of the street, the neighbors were unsure because it's already hard to find a parking spot on Moraine Street now. The neighbors further stated that it's difficult even letting their kids ride their bikes on the sidewalks because it's dangerous.

James Sweeney stated that this may be a case were a solar powered speed sign on both sides of the street with a dangerous curve sign would make sense, so that both sides get the warning and the speed.

Upon duly motion made by DPW Commissioner Patrick Hill seconded by Councilor Jeffrey Thompson,, the motion carried by a hand vote; 8 in the affirmative.

VOTED: To send to Subcommittee Review.

15. 8-10 WALL STREET

Requested by: Councilor Moises Rodrigues on behalf of Lydia Lopes

Request/Issue: Both Residents are requesting handicap parking signs in front of 8 and 10 Wall Street.

Discussion: Neither Councilor-at- Large Moises Rodrigues or the residents were present at the meeting. It was discussed to send this to Subcommittee Review and to continue to the June Meeting.

Upon duly motion made by Retired Fire Chief Kenneth Galligan seconded by DPW Commissioner Patrick Hill, the motion carried by a hand vote; 8 in the affirmative.

VOTED: To send to Subcommittee Review.

16. ROAN COURT

Requested by: Ernest Bethoney

Request issue: Would like No Parking Signs placed on Roan Court to N. Warren Avenue as they are having issues with individuals parking there and they are unable to pick up the trash.

Discussion: DPW Commissioner Patrick Hill stated that he can speak on behalf of Mr. Bethoney and he stated that Mr. Bethoney is in charge of the Refuse Department. The issue is every single week the trash trucks have to back down Roan Court to pick up the trash. There's constantly cars in the way and we have to call the police department every Monday morning to get the cars moved so that the trash truck can get to the trash. A portion of the street has no parking signs, he's looking to have it extended all the way to N. Warren Avenue.

Upon duly motion made by DPW Commissioner Patrick Hill seconded by Councilor Jeffrey Thompson, the motion carried by a hand vote; 8 in the affirmative.

VOTED: To send to Subcommittee Review.

17. KEENE STREET

Requested by: Councilor Thomas Minichiello

Request/Issue: Speeding Issues. Requesting speed bumps and/or an any other potential solution to deter the speeding on Keene Street.

Discussion: Councilor Thomas Minichiello was present and stated it's a very nice street and fairly recently paved. Unfortunately there's a couple of things going on up there, some shootings, there's a couple houses where there are kids involved in the wrong things and now the cars are coming in at night. They come in late at night in some areas that are dark, that's been resolved. They are speeding through there, the neighbors would like some speeding tables or something to try and slow these cars down. There are also the regular neighborhood people that are speeding through this neighborhood. I've been working with Officer Solomon with regards to neighborhood watch and he's put signs up. I thought I would bring it to this board to see if you may have any suggestions. I know that speed tables and speed bumps are not looked upon, creating issues in the winter with plows, etc. Mr. Sweeney asked if he knew when the activity is taken place of which Mr. Minichiello stated it's a night. Mr. Sweeney stated that if they could sharpen up the time frame a little better that it could help law enforcement. Councilor Thompson asked Councilor Minichiello what kind of signs Officer Solomon put there and Councilor Minichiello stated, neighborhood watch signs and speed signs. Traffic Commissioner Porcaro stated that he was speaking with Officer Chris Perez the other day and he thinks he and Officer Solomon were there installing a battery operated speed sign. Councilor Minichiello asked why the commission doesn't like speed tables and/or speed bumps. DPW Commissioner Hill explained that speed tables are for high pedestrian traffic to slow down in congested areas. So speed tables would work on Main Street trying to slow traffic down for high pedestrian traffic, not necessarily designed to put out in a roadway. You see them like in the Town of Easton, they have one on Main Street, but there's a lot of pedestrians that walk back and forth on Main Street. So high pedestrian traffic is the primary driver for a speed table. He further stated that he's not an anti-speed bump guy, we've never used them and I believe what the data tells us is that speed bumps don't slow people down. Retired Fire Chief Galligan stated that if someone is on a motorcycle and hits one of these, loses control and goes off, it could be very dangerous.

Upon duly motion made by Councilor Jeffrey Thompson seconded by James Sweeney, the motion carried by a hand vote; 8 in the affirmative.

VOTED: To send to Subcommittee Review and have traffic enforcement start immediately.

18. 343 NORTH MAIN STREET (SAINT THERESA CHURCH)

Requested by: Councilor Asack and Councilor Lally on behalf of Father Joseph Abisaad

Request/Issue: To have signs put up in front of Saint Theresa Church, such as No Parking or Church Parking Only signs, as they are having major problems with

parking in front of the church when there's funerals or elderly parishioners who park in the front of the entrance.

Discussion: Councilor Shirley Asack was present and stated that the church has reached out to hear numerous times when there have been commercial vehicles that have blocked the main entrance, the front doors of the church. They have contacted the businesses of the vehicles and they have told them that they have a big parking lot, why are you worried about the parking in the front of your church? When there are funerals, limousines park in the front of the church, when there are weddings and then obviously when there's regular masses, which do happen during the week and on the weekends. Elderly and handicapped parishioners do park right in the front of the church where they can excess the church directly. They have tried talking to some of the people that park there but it hasn't helped. I have personally received calls from the funeral directors on days of funerals to call some of the businesses that are parking there. This is for parking right in front of the church, which is probably for two or three vehicles. Retired Fire Chief Galligan stated two vehicles between Lebanon and the driveway and Councilor Asack stated yes. He further stated that the cars that are parked there are they there all day of which Councilor Asack stated not all day but randomly and one of the biggest problems has been the business across the street from the church, they have a tow truck that they have been parking in front of the church. She further stated that she drives by there often and there is usually something parked there. It's not residential it's more of commercial vehicles that are parking there. James Sweeney stated that we have come across this issue many times with parking in front of churches, is there something that can be passed, like a buffer zone for the church front doors? DPW Commissioner Hill stated that the last time we actually put a handicap spot out was in the front of the church on Nilsson Street because there were handicap parishioners that were going there every week and there was a constant complaint that they couldn't get into the parish from the street. Councilor Asack stated that Lebanon Street is one way and the ramp that is located on that side is used for wheelchairs, etc. this is more for the funerals that occur and they need to be able to park out front for said funerals. Traffic Commissioner Porcaro asked if the front entrance was the only way for a hearse to get where it needs to get inside the church and Councilor Asack stated yes. She further stated that they have a good size parking lot but the front doors are at the main entrance in the front of the church. The side doors are narrow doors, a hearse wouldn't be able to fit. Traffic Commissioner Porcaro stated so as a necessity the hearse would have to pull up to the front and use the front door of the church of which Councilor Asack stated yes.

Upon duly motion made by Retired Fire Chief Kenneth Galligan seconded by DPW Commissioner Patrick Hill, the motion carried by a hand vote; 8 in the affirmative.

VOTED: To send to Subcommittee Review.

19. KAME STREET

Requested by: Councilor Susan Nicaastro on behalf of Arlene Marrocco
Request/Issue: Has seen an increase in cars going down the street speeding. Would like to request signage be placed on the street, such as “Slow” and/or “Private Way No Access” signs.

Discussion: Council President Susan Nicaastro was present and stated that she knows this is a private way, however, many residents have reached out to her relative to the speeding that is occurring on Kame Street. It runs between Thatcher Street and East Street. Parts of it are quite bumpy and uneven. The residents wanted it left this way so that it wouldn't become a cut through street. Unfortunately, when some houses were put in on the end of it, smooth road was put in and that's being used at times. She stated the residents are telling her that they are getting an awful lot of traffic and one of them said that the traffic is from Massasoit Community College. They are looking for speed bumps or whatever you can do. I also told the residents that it being a private way, it would limit the solutions we can come up with. They're looking for signage such as private way, do not use as a cut through, I told them they could put up signage like that but they wanted help from the city. Traffic Commissioner Porcaro stated that he had Officer Chris Perez go out to Kame Street yesterday to scout out the location for the battery operated digital speed signs and while he was there I think he encountered a few of the residents and he was able to talk with them. I believe there is some road construction going on Thatcher Street and they have been detouring traffic down Oakland Street and Kame Street. This could be the reason why they are seeing an increase in traffic on Kame Street. DPW Commission Hill stated that there is some road work going on right there and there is also going to be another project that is going to be taken place there and that could take up to a year, so the detours will continue, not from the City of Brockton work but from the Town of East Bridgewater, that will be doing some sewer work up there. They are expecting that work to start at the end of the summer, it will be in the center of the road and the road will be blocked, therefore, the detours will most likely continue throughout the year. Retired Fire Chief Galligan asked if the contractor could put the detour at Oakland Street of which DPW Commissioner Hill stated that he imagines they will do that anyways but if you have any traffic coming from Massasoit they are likely going to cut through on Kame Street before they even get to the traffic going west. Retired Fire Chief Galligan stated they could put detour signs on Kame Street with an arrow towards downtown, which would direct them towards Oakland of which Traffic Commissioner Porcaro agreed, detouring down Oakland and not Kame Street would be better. DPW Commissioner Hill also stated that they could also put up a sign on Thatcher Street at the backside of the sidewalk stating “Private Way for Residents Only”, not on Kame Street but on Thatcher Street until the construction is done. There was discussion between DPW Commissioner Hill and Traffic Commissioner Porcaro as to whether or not the detours would shift and DPW Commissioner stated that all the detours once in place should remain at the same locations throughout the construction project.

Upon duly motion made by James Sweeney seconded by Councilor-at-Large David Teixeira, the motion carried by a hand vote; 8 in the affirmative.

VOTED: To send to Subcommittee Review.

Motion was made by Councilor Jeffrey Thompson, seconded by James Sweeney to adjourn the meeting. All were in favor. Meeting adjourned at 7:22 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Michelle Yaffe

Michelle Yaffe

Secretary to the Traffic Commission