



BROCKTON TRAFFIC COMMISSION
Thursday, June 22nd, 2023
6:00 P.M.

MINUTES

The Traffic held its monthly meeting at the Arnone School Little Theater, 135 Belmont Street, Brockton, MA 02301, at 6:00 p.m. on Thursday, June 22nd, 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, Councilor Jeffrey Thompson 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 James Sweeney, seconded by Deputy Fire Chief Joseph DePasquale, to waive and approve the reading of the May 25th, 2023 Minutes and May 18th, 2023 Minutes. Motion carried by a hand vote 6-0 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 DPW Commissioner Patrick Hill, seconded by James Sweeney, the motion carried by a hand vote; 6 in the affirmative.

VOTED: REMOVE ITEM UNTIL DEPUTY FIRE CHIEF WILLIAMS IS PREPARED TO PRESENT A PROPOSED REGULATION TO THE TRAFFIC COMMISSION.

2. 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 back to the Traffic Commission. James Sweeney stated that they met on this item and we got a flow chart, Retired Fire Chief Galligan could explain for the benefit of the commission. The Chair of the Ad Hoc committee, DPW Commissioner Hill reported to the commission that the request for an RRFB would come to the Traffic Commission, it would go to Subcommittee for review, if it's approved the process would stay in place as it is. Such as the maintenance of the RRFB's would come through DPW, if one was to get hit, DPW would send someone out to pick it up and re-install it. He further stated that if it needs to be replaced then we would work with the Commission or Bartlett Consolidated to get the replacement as soon as possible. Traffic Commissioner Captain Porcaro asked about the initial installation of a RRFB and if something were to happen to it, such as being hit that the DPW would handle it, of which DPW Commissioner Hill stated that that would be the most appropriate way to handle it because from a funding perspective, DPW doesn't fund RRFB's. He further stated that if the Commission approves them then the Commission could pay for the installation and that DPW could handle the upgrades that would have to happen at the street level, such as the sidewalks, the curb cuts, etc. and we can install the foundation but the actual installation would have to come through the Commission. Traffic Commissioner Captain Porcaro stated similar to a guardrail of which DPW Commissioner Hill stated yes. Retired Fire Chief Galligan stated on the initial request, if an entity is requesting an RRFB, it would go to the Traffic Commission, put on the Agenda, we would most likely send it to Subcommittee, come back to the Traffic Commission where we would vote on it, if we approve it then the Chair of the Commission would contact DPW to move it along. He further stated that the one other important thing relative to this matter was that if one gets knocked down at 2 o'clock in the morning by an accident, it cannot lay there until the next day, so in the discussion that we had, the DPW Commissioner Hill said that he would have the ability to make a phone call and have somebody come pick it up. He further stated that if there is a situation where an insured vehicle knocked one down, it would go through the Law Department and if a vehicle is not insured it would be the Traffic Commission that would replace it. DPW Commissioner Hill stated that more times than not Bartlett Consolidated would handle everything and if they are uninsured Bartlett would let us know. DPW Commissioner also stated that most likely the Commission would be requesting a review by an engineer when it comes to RRFB requests of which Deputy Fire Chief DePasquale stated that would also be subject to final approval and funding. Traffic Commissioner Captain Porcaro stated that you need an engineering study to say yes or no on a request for an RRFB because you're putting pedestrians into the roadway with this sort of device and that there's also federal rules to RRFB's and state rules as well. Retired Fire Chief Galligan stated that he would make a motion that what we just

discussed would be the new policy of the Traffic Commission relative to the RRFB requests, installation and maintenance.

Upon duly motion made by Retired Fire Chief Kenneth Galligan, seconded by James Sweeney, the motion carried by a hand vote; 6 in the affirmative.

VOTED: TO APPROVE THE ABOVE DISCUSSED TRAFFIC COMMISSION POLICY RELATIVE TO RRFB'S.

3. 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 back to the Traffic Commission and DPW Commissioner Hill stated that this would fall into the same guidelines as Item # 2, the installation, as long it's a basic installation, DPW is perfectly capable of picking these signs up if they've been hit overnight, installation, if they are low-voltage, likely DPW is capable of restalling them as well. He further stated that he has someone that can be reached 24/7, that can go out there to pick it up rather quickly, so that it doesn't get stolen. James Sweeney stated that it's the exact same procedure as discussed in Item # 2, minus the Traffic study. Retired Fire Chief Galligan stated that it's a traffic regulating device whether it's temporary or permanent, if the request for one of these gets sent to the Traffic Commission, it should go through the same procedure as discussed in Item # 2. Traffic Commissioner Captain Porcaro stated that we can include the battery operated devices in this request and if one gets knocked down, he can have it picked up and replaced and he can handle the whole thing from A to Z. Retired Fire Chief Galligan also stated that if a request were to be put on the Agenda, the Commission could vote on it that same night and if approved, have it installed. Traffic Commissioner Captain Porcaro stated yes, whereas, the solar-powered speed signs are more involved including, dig safe, water lines, etc.

Upon duly motion made by Retired Fire Chief Kenneth Galligan, seconded by James Sweeney, the motion carried by a hand vote; 6 in the affirmative.

VOTED: TO APPROVE THE ABOVE DISCUSSED TRAFFIC COMMISSION POLICY RELATIVE TO SOLAR POWERED SPEED SIGNS AND TO ALSO INCLUDE THE BATTERY OPERATED SPEED SIGNS.

4. 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 Captain Mark Porcaro stated that after speaking with the Law Department he would like to withdraw this request at this time.

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

VOTED: TO WITHDRAW THIS REQUEST.

5. HAMILTON STREET

Requested by: Councilor-at-Large David Teixeira

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

SUBCOMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION:

Subcommittee offers some options for the Councilor to consider and report back to the Traffic Commission in July with what he would like to do:

A. No Parking regulation on one side of the street (entire length);

B. Making the street a one-way (preferably from Belmont Street to Brunswick Road); and

C. No Parking Here to Corner regulation both sides of the street 50 feet northerly from Belmont Street and also a No Parking Here to Corner regulation both sides of the street 50 feet southerly from Brunswick Street.

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

VOTED: TO SEND THE SUBCOMMITTEE RECOMMENDATIONS TO COUNCILOR-AT-LARGE TEIXEIRA AND CONTINUE TO JULY MEETING.

6. AMHERST STREET

Requested by: Fabienne Theodat

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.

SUBCOMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION:

- A. Install a green Amherst Street name sign at the corner of Amherst and Alden Streets;**
- B. Remove the old Handicap Child sign on the post across from 37 Amherst Street and install a Caution Children sign instead;**
- C. Install a Caution Children sign on Pole #1 (by 23 Amherst Street);**
- D. Remove all old signs from Pole #21 (Amherst at Field Streets);**
- E. Install a green Amherst Street name sign with sign post near the wall at Amherst and Field Streets; and**
- F. Install a green Andover Street street name sign at Andover and Alden Streets.**

Upon duly motion made by Retired Fire Chief Kenneth Galligan, seconded by James Sweeney, the motion carried by a hand vote; 6 in the affirmative

VOTED: TO ACCEPT SUBCOMMITTEE RECOMMENDATIONS.

7. 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.

SUBCOMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION:

- A. No Parking regulation on the westside of Moraine Street from W. Elm Street to Belmont Street;**
- B. No Parking on the eastside of Moraine Street from Pole #30 (by 278 Moraine Street) southerly to the hydrant between 286 and 290 Moraine Street;**
- C. Add a general reflector to Pole #31;**
- D. Replace all current No Parking signs with new ones; and**
- E. Request DPW install a street light on Pole #30.**

Upon duly motion made by Deputy Fire Chief Joseph DePasquale, seconded by Councilor Jeffrey Thompson, the motion carried by a hand vote; 6 in the affirmative

VOTED: TO ACCEPT SUBCOMMITTEE RECOMMENDATIONS.

8. 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.

SUBCOMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION:

Pending receipt of supporting medical documentation:

A. Create Handicap Parking from Pole #5 (in front of 8-10 Wall Street); and

B. Install a No Parking sign on the backside of the Do Not Enter sign post at Wall and Columbia Streets.

Upon duly motion made by Deputy Fire Chief Joseph DePasquale, seconded by Councilor Jeffrey Thompson, the motion carried by a hand vote; 6 in the affirmative

VOTED: TO ACCEPT SUBCOMMITTEE RECOMMENDATIONS.

9. 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.

SUBCOMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION:

A. No Parking regulation on the south side of Roan Court westerly from N. Warren Avenue to the dead end; and

B. No Parking regulation on the north side of Roan Court approximately 50 feet westerly from N. Warren Avenue.

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

VOTED: TO ACCEPT SUBCOMMITTEE RECOMMENDATIONS.

10. 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.

SUBCOMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION:

- A. Replace the current Dead End sign on Pole #1 (Keene and Pleasant Streets); and**
- B. Install a new Dead End sign on Pole #6.**

Upon duly motion made by James Sweeney seconded by Councilor Jeffrey Thompson, the motion carried by a hand vote; 6 in the affirmative

VOTED: TO ACCEPT SUBCOMMITTEE RECOMMENDATIONS.

11. 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.

SUBCOMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION:

Subcommittee offers some options for the Councilors to consider and report back to the Traffic Commission as to what they would like to do:

- A. No Parking regulation on the east side of N. Main Street from Lebanon Street northerly approximately 75 feet to the driveway (this will lose three parking spaces in front of the church);**
- B. Install Church Parking Only signs for the same area/spaces mentioned in option "A"; and**
- C. No Parking regulation on the east side of N. Main Street between the two church driveway entrances/exits (this will result in only one space lost).**

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

VOTED: TO SEND THE SUBCOMMITTEE RECOMMENDATIONS TO COUNCILOR ASACK AND CONTINUE TO JULY MEETING.

12. KAME STREET

Requested by: Councilor Susan Nicastrò 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.

SUBCOMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION:

A. Install a Detour sign with arrow pointing westerly on the existing street name post at Kame and Thatcher Streets; and

B. Install a Detour sign on the Oakland Street green name signpost at Thatcher Street pointing down Oakland Street.

Discussion: Councilor Nicastrò was unable to attend the meeting, however, she sent an email to Traffic Commissioner Captain Porcaro of which he read into the record. Resident from 86 Kame Street was present and stated that Kame Street is a very narrow street and since all of the construction on Thatcher Street there have been a lot more cars coming down Kame Street. I counted 32 cars within one hour last week and we would normally average 20 cars and they are flying off East Street and around the corner going 40,50 MPH. We timed someone one time and it took them 9 seconds to go down Kame Street. We have 18 wheelers, flatbed tow trucks come down the street and we know that this street can not handle that. Traffic Commissioner Porcaro asked about the volume of cars and the resident stated that that has increased within the last couple of months. DPW Commissioner Hill asked if the cars are coming from East Street of which the resident stated yes, they are coming down East Street and they come flying off it and fly down Kame Street. Traffic Commissioner Porcaro asked the resident if there are more cars coming off of Thatcher Street or East Street and it was stated that more cars are coming off of East Street. DPW Commissioner Hill stated that everything here is addressing Thatcher Street and not East Street. The resident also stated that there has been an increase in police patrols in the area of which is helpful. It was discussed that this item should be re-visited relative to the East Street side.

Upon duly motion made by Retired Fire Chief Kenneth Galligan, seconded by James Sweeney, the motion carried by a hand vote; 6 in the affirmative

VOTED: TO ACCEPT SUBCOMMITTEE RECOMMENDATIONS AND SEND TO SUBCOMMITTEE REVIEW TO RE-VISIT THE LOCATION ON THE EAST STREET SIDE.

13. WEST CHESTNUT STREET

Requested by: Christine Hill of 358 West Chestnut Street
Request/Issue: Continuing concerns regarding speeding.

(Traffic Commission members, please see attached Road Safety Audit from OCPC)

Discussion: Mary Waldron and Bill McNulty from OCPC were both present relative to the OCPC Road Safety Audit that was conducted relative to this location. There was a lengthy discussion between Mrs. Waldron, Mr. McNulty and the Traffic Commission relative to said study. It was stated that OCPC covers over 17 communities and that they cover planning, sustainability, planning economic development but the biggest portion and most known is our transportation. Mr. McNulty is the principal planner for the transportation department. Mrs. Waldron stated that she will provide the Commission with a list of the Road Safety Audits (RSA's) that have been completed within the last five years. She further stated that DPW is on our RSA's and is heavily involved with them. Traffic Commissioner Captain Porcaro asked actually what is an RSA of which Mr. McNulty stated that it's an interdisciplinary team, planners, engineers, law enforcement, DPW, local and state politicians, city councilors, fire department, all of these groups coming together. There is two (2) aspects. First we usually get some baseline traffic data. We go out and do traffic counts. We retrieve collision reports from the police department, we do a collision diagram. We do all this baseline analysis and then we go out there as team and look at it. The issues are identified and it's a group effort to prove, identify and fix these issues. Traffic Commissioner Captain Porcaro asked what triggers an RSA? Mr. McNulty stated that it's typically a high crash location. Normally someone from the city would request the RSA. Mrs. Waldron stated with this specific request, it was requested and the RSA was done in May 2022, it's an independent study, bringing in MASS DOT and other stakeholders. She further stated they look at pedestrian counts, bicycle, road, traffic lights, weather conditions, seeing where drainage is going, everything starts with the crash reports in order to build the case and to understand what's going on at a particular location. She also stated that they have Route to Schools project, which identifies the walkability, knowing where the high traffic areas are, where some of the high volume of accidents are happening. Mrs. Waldron stated that RSA's are recommendations, they are categorized, low cost, medium cost and high cost and these recommendations ultimately need an action by this commission to recommend the recommendations of an RSA to the Mayor and CFO. There was a lengthy discussion with both Mrs. Waldron and Mr. McNulty relative to the RSA that was completed on this particular item and what were the low cost, medium costs and high costs recommendations and what the Traffic Commission could do with this Road Safety Audit. It was also discussed that with this RSA the Traffic Commission could handle the low costs recommendations, such as the short term recommendations. It was further discussed that relative to the medium and high costs recommendations the Traffic Commission could send these recommendations to the Mayor and ask him to work together with the DPW Commissioner to secure funding for the implementation of these recommendations. Specifically speed was an issue at this location, it was recommended to install speed signage, upgrading some of the existing signage at this location. Mr. McNulty also stated that Pedestrian safety was a big concern at this location, with the traffic volumes at the crosswalk location, there was great concern that pedestrians are exposed in this crosswalk, therefore, it was recommended that you could look for different locations to place crosswalks. One option was to move the crosswalk away from this intersection closer to Southworth

Street, to get it away from the curve. Traffic Commissioner Captain Porcaro stated that on the back side of map on this RSA you have identified issues and potential countermeasures, are those essentially your recommendations to the Traffic Commission? Are any of these being acted upon by any agency that you are aware of? Mrs. Waldron stated that OCPC does this RSA and we give it to the City of Brockton, councilors, DPW, police, fire, etc. The decision to act upon it relays on the City of Brockton. Traffic Commissioner Captain Porcaro stated that OCPC doesn't fund these, it's similar to the engineering studies that the Traffic Commission has done and they come up with the recommendations and that's where it ends. He further stated that the way he is looking at these Road Safety Audits is like the way that we looked at the comprehensive East Street study a few months ago, where on the last page there were the recommendations, with long term and short term recommendations and we discussed the short term recommendations that the Traffic Commission could handle, such as put up a sign, etc. and the long term recommendations, that we couldn't handle and we sent a letter to the Mayor's office asking him to consider the speed table, etc. He continued to state that looking at this RSA, some of the stuff we can do, such as putting up a sign, relocating a pole, improving drainage, realigning Southworth Street, etc. we can not do. Therefore, we can break this RSA down into the recommendations that the Traffic Commission can handle and then take the other recommendations that we can not do and put together a letter to the Mayor's office asking him to consider, implement and fund those recommendations. Traffic Commissioner Captain Porcaro stated that before the July meeting, he could go through the recommendations and make a list of what the Traffic Commission can do and what we can't do and this way at the July meeting I can give it to everybody, we can discuss it and come up with a final traffic commission list of what can be handled by traffic and what can't be and then send a letter off to the Mayor's office and we can vote on that.

Upon duly motion made by James Sweeney, seconded by Councilor Jeffrey Thompson, the motion carried by a hand vote; 6 in the affirmative

VOTED: TO CONTINUE TO JULY MEETING.

NEW BUSINESS

14. INTERSECTION OF MAIN & NILSSON STREET

Requested by: Gloria Anderson-Armstrong

Request/Issue: There are frequent traffic accidents at this intersection and you can't come out of the parking lot safely or cross the street at the corner. Requesting a traffic light be installed at this intersection.

Discussion: Mrs. Waldron and Mr. McNulty from OCPC were present for this item as well and it was stated that this item was part of the Main Street corridor study. Mr. McNulty stated that the RSA of this intersection was done and it does satisfy the warrant for a traffic signal at this location and he can send this to the Traffic

Commission. Gloria Anderson-Armstrong and Bishop Warren Manigault were also present at the meeting. Bishop Manigault stated that this is a very dangerous intersection, we have been here for 23 years. I am personally aware of a pedestrian fatality at this corner and two crash fatalities at this corner. There are a dozen of crashes every day and they are not fender benders, drivers walk away but their cars do not and they need to be towed. The Fire and Police departments should have all the data on this intersection and I believe this intersection is in the top 20. What tends to happen is people barrel down Main Street 40 MPH going south or coming north, they have stop signs on both sides of Nilsson, people inch out into the intersection. You have cars parked, they can't see, they inch out further into the intersection, before you know it they are in the intersection and the cars don't see them and they get hit. This intersection has been problematic for 23 years. I believe a light is warranted at this point.

Upon duly motion made by Retired Fire Chief Kenneth Galligan, seconded by James Sweeney, the motion carried by a hand vote; 6 in the affirmative

VOTED: TO SEND TO SUBCOMMITTEE REVIEW.

15. CORNER OF KINGMAN AND REED STREET

Requested by: Luz Martinez

Request/Issue: Too many cars coming down this dead end street and speeding. Requesting a "Not A Thru Way" sign.

Discussion: Resident Luz Martinez was present and stated that she's been at this location for almost 12 years and that GPS sends a lot of people down our street because it once crossed over into Hill Street. They are always turning around in my driveway. I have had Door Dash trying to leave food on this side of the fence and it's supposed to go to the other side. Traffic Commissioner Captain Porcaro asked if Reed Street is the little dead end next to the East side Library of which Ms. Martinez stated yes. The cars are coming down really fast and thinking it's a through way. Not a Thru Way or no access to Hill Street sign would be helpful. There is a sign that says it's a Dead End, however, nobody is paying attention. Retired Fire Chief Galligan stated maybe the sign is in the wrong location and needs to be moved.

Upon duly motion made by Retired Fire Chief Kenneth Galligan, seconded by Deputy Fire Chief Joseph DePasquale, the motion carried by a hand vote; 6 in the affirmative.

VOTED: TO SEND TO SUBCOMMITTEE REVIEW.

16. INTERSECTION OF FULLER AND BARTLETT STREET

Requested by: Makonnen Johnson

Request/Issue: Blind intersection. High probability for motor vehicle accidents. Requesting 4 way Stop signs.

Upon duly motion made by Retired Fire Chief Kenneth Galligan, seconded by James Sweeney the motion carried by a hand vote; 6 in the affirmative.

VOTED: TO SEND TO SUBCOMMITTEE REVIEW.

17. 310 SUMMER STREET

Requested by: Charlene Harris-Caldwell

Request/Issue: An accident occurred and my house was hit on the side where the electrical box was located. National Grid responded and we were told that electrical damage was present and to hire an electrician. Also my house had exterior damage. Requesting a barrier.

Discussion: Councilor Nicastro stated in her email that she supports this request being sent out to Subcommittee, as she could not be present at the meeting tonight. Charlene Harris-Caldwell was present and stated that she's been at this residence for approximately 12 years now and this street has had numerous accidents with fatalities. They speed up and down the street. My particular problem is that the utility pole sits on the street so when these people are zooming down the street and they hit the utility pole and it falls over, it knocks out the electricity. We are directly across from Carlisle Street. DPW Commissioner Hill stated that it's the narrowest portion of the road. Traffic Commission Captain Porcaro asked if they were looking for a guardrail of which it was stated yes.

Upon duly motion made by James Sweeney, seconded by Councilor Jeffrey Thompson, the motion carried by a hand vote; 6 in the affirmative.

VOTED: TO SEND TO SUBCOMMITTEE REVIEW.

18. 239 PINE STREET

Requested by: Councilor Jeffrey Thompson on behalf of Denise McEvoy

Request/Issue: My mom's house was damaged in March. Her house is right on the bend in the road and it's been struck multiple times over the years. There is a metal guardrail on the edge of her yard, it was damaged a few years ago and never fixed. From the photos I have taken it appears that if the guardrail had been repaired the accident would have only involved the guardrail and not her home. The guardrail is also not properly placed leaving her home vulnerable.

Discussion: Councilor Jeffrey Thompson stated that he spoke with Ms. McEvoy and she sent me a picture of the current condition of the guardrail. It looks like it is damaged. Pine Street is a one way heading east, her house is right at the corner

and there is a guardrail that stretches across from her yard but it looks like potentially there is a gap between the guardrail and another section of her yard. If you are coming around the bend, if you lose control, you would be heading towards that missing section of guardrail. Her request is to either repair the current guardrail and potentially even extend the guardrail further left. DPW Commissioner Hill stated that this is the most dangerous portion of Pine Street.

Upon duly motion made by James Sweeney, seconded by Councilor Jeffrey Thompson, the motion carried by a hand vote; 6 in the affirmative.

VOTED: TO SEND TO SUBCOMMITTEE REVIEW.

19. MAIN STREET @ BELMONT STREET

Requested by: James Sweeney

Request/Issue: Left lane traffic from Belmont Street crossing two lanes to get over to Crescent Street from Main Street.

Discussion: James Sweeney stated if you get to the end of Belmont Street at Main Street and someone is in the left hand lane, there's three lanes. There's a middle lane that you can either carry on or cross over and then of course the one on the right that you can go south on Main Street. Obviously the left lane carries little to no traffic. The majority is in the center lane and they're continuing up Main or they are going to take a right on Crescent Street. Some people like to jockey into the left lane thinking they're going to cut all the traffic off and get over two lanes in a very short distance. I believe it needs to be looked at and possibly some additional signage needs to be placed there.

Upon duly motion made by DPW Commissioner Patrick Hill, seconded by Councilor Jeffrey Thompson, the motion carried by a hand vote; 6 in the affirmative.

VOTED: TO SEND TO SUBCOMMITTEE REVIEW.

20. WEST ELM TERRACE

Requested by: Nicole Rosario

Request/Issue: Increase in speeding. Hoping to implement street cameras and speed bumps on West Elm Terrace. (Traffic Commission members please see attached email).

Discussion: Nicole Rosario and multiple residents from West Elm Terrace were present. Ms. Janice Lemieux from 15 West Elm Terrace stated that West Elm Terrace is right off of West Elm Street and it's kind of like a U shape that goes from the Auna Drive condos. The Auna Drive condos have like 9 or 11 speed bumps going through the parking lot which seems to encourage people to come out the other end and speed down our street. There seems to be a growing issue of activity

on our street and not going in a good direction. The street is marked as a dead end; however, it is not a dead end, it use to be. There's a barrier on Maxim Street. There are a lot of young kids on our street. People are getting very concerned with the safety on our street. There are no street lights. Retired Fire Chief Galligan stated the West Elm Terrace comes in from West Elm Street to the bend and goes east over to Maxim Street. Maxim Street was closed off years ago. Auna Drive comes in from West Elm Street to West Elm Terrace. We put up dead end signs to deter anybody from coming in there, we know it's not a dead end but it was done to deter things. There was a motion brought out by residents that they wanted West Elm Terrace to become a dead end street at the end of West Elm Street, just before the apartments. We can't do that. So if it was made a dead end, Auna Drive would have to be shut off at West Elm Terrace. If West Elm Terrace was shut off prior to the first apartment house, Auna Drive could shut off Auna Drive and those people that live on West Elm Terrace couldn't get in or out, they would have to go over onto private property. Over 15 years ago this was looked at and because of all the activity that was going on over there the decision was made to shut off Maxim Street because that was becoming the favored route to get in and out. When we looked at making West Elm Terrace a dead end on the West Elm Street side, that would leave all those other people in the apartment houses, plus the single family houses on the north side of West Elm Terrace vulnerable because the only way they could get in now was to go over private property which was on Auna Drive. This is the problem. If that was ever to be made a dead end, Auna Drive would have to shut off Auna Drive at West Elm Terrace and there's no way to make it a dead end because there's no way to turn around. The residents stated that it's very dark on West Elm Terrace of which DPW Commissioner stated that there are a lot of street lights on West Elm Terrace. There are probably 5 street lights on this section from West Elm Street. He further stated that there is a light at the bend on West Elm Terrace.

Upon duly motion made by Councilor Jeffrey Thompson, seconded by James Sweeney, the motion carried by a hand vote; 6 in the affirmative.

VOTED: TO SEND TO SUBCOMMITTEE REVIEW.

21. WARREN AVENUE AT MARKET STREET

Requested by: Councilor Mark D'Agostino

Request/Issue: He would like traffic controls placed at this location.

Discussion: Councilor D'Agostino was not present. Councilor Nicastro emailed that she was in support of this request. Mr. McNulty from OCPC spoke relative to this request and stated that a signal warrant analysis was conducted on this intersection and traffic signals are warranted at this intersection. While we were out there the main safety issues appeared to be stop signs running on Market Street, he believes there are stop signs on both sides of Market Street but if not you could put them up on both sides. You could also put up supplemental signs. You could also make Warren Avenue narrower, with narrower travel lanes and

bicycle lanes. He further stated that he believes OCPC submitted the RSA of this intersection to the City of Brockton last year and we will share this with the Traffic Commission.

Upon duly motion made by James Sweeney, seconded by Councilor Jeffrey Thompson, the motion carried by a hand vote; 6 in the affirmative.

VOTED: TO CONTINUE TO THE JULY MEETING.

22. GIS MAPPING

Requested By: DPW Commissioner Patrick Hill

Request/Issue: Geoffrey Keenan will present to the Traffic Commission the GIS Mapping system that he will use to upload all Traffic recommendations and Traffic Engineering Studies.

Discussion: Geoffrey Keenan was present and there was a lengthy discussion between himself and the Traffic Commission relative to the traffic engineering studies that he will be able to attach to the GIS Mapping system that he is in the process of getting up and running. He stated that back in May 30th, 2023 he had sent an email to all of the Traffic Commission members with the website with the maps on it for everybody to see. He also stated that we can work out the workflow as to how the studies can be sent directly to him to get them up onto the GIS mapping system. He also stated that if you go to the City's DPW page currently there is a link to the city's current roadwork map, that gets updated as he is given the information, we can do a similar embedding of that style to the Traffic Commission's website page and have all your information in one spot. James Sweeney asked if this is something that you could have a list of itemized topics, whether it be projects in developments or on the list in front of us, you could click on it and it would drag you to the location and show us maybe five seconds on this one and drag you to the next one in different phases where you could just click on? Mr. Keenan stated that there are like story maps that are part of this overall project that we use and they run more like an actual website that you can click from one thing to the next. If you are looking for something to just be displayed on a map, we can make that however you would like us to. If you want it to be polygons, like the studies I did, we can do that. Mr. Keenan stated that you can have multiple different layers such as RSA's, traffic studies, upcoming projects, so they will populate like a table of contents. And you can turn things on and off. As for a digital tour, he stated that he doesn't have an immediate answer and I can try and come up with something. Traffic Commissioner Captain Porcaro stated that this would be great to use for things such as the solar powered speed signs, we could have a map for the current six that we have, we could have a map for the proposed solar powered speed signs and when someone hovers over it, it will show that it's been approved and will be installed on such a such date. Mr. Keenan stated we could do a proposed work layer and give an estimated time for completion.

Upon duly motion made by James Sweeney, seconded by Councilor Jeffrey Thompson, the motion carried by a hand vote; 6 in the affirmative.

VOTED: TO ACCEPT THE USAGE OF THE GIS MAPPING SYSTEM RELATIVE TO TRAFFIC COMMISSION STUDIES, ETC.

23. 126 EDSON STREET

Requested by: James Sweeney

Request/Issue: Residents concerned with overwhelming amount of cars parked on a residential street.

Discussion: Councilor Nicastro stated in her email that this property is located in Ward 4, she is aware that it relates to the use of a backyard soccer field hosting frequent matches. Eliza Wilson from 126 Edson Street was present and stated that she has been a Brockton resident for a about a year in a half. She stated right across the street at 133 Edson Street, that's where the soccer field is and there are tournaments, people are coming in. Just a quick check of the police log, multiple dates where calls have been made to the police. An ambulance can't get on the street because of all the cars that are parked on the street when the tournaments are taking place. I would like to put a No Parking sign in the front of my residence but maybe consideration for all of Edson Street. They take up the whole street and then they go around onto East Street. All of these cars bring a lot of people and therefore there is a lot of noise. She stated that she has had conversations with some of the police officers relative to the decimal level of the noise and that maybe that is something the Council can look at, maybe reducing the decimal level as to what is acceptable and what is not. She stated that these occur on the weekends and that they start at 9 am and will go until 10:30 at night. James Sweeney stated that it's a usage issue as well because you cannot have a recreational faculty on a single or multi-family residence. The Commission also stated that this seems to be a Quality of Life issue as well. DPW Commissioner asked the resident to send her all of the pictures, etc. that she has and explained to her what the Quality of Life Task Force does.

Upon duly motion made by James Sweeney, seconded by Councilor Jeffrey Thompson, the motion carried by a hand vote; 6 in the affirmative.

VOTED: TO SEND TO SUBCOMMITTEE REVIEW.

Motion was made by DPW Commissioner Patrick Hill, seconded by Councilor Jeffrey Thompson, to adjourn the meeting. All were in favor. Meeting adjourned at 8:27 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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Secretary to the Traffic Commission