



**BROCKTON TRAFFIC COMMISSION**  
**Thursday, July 27<sup>th</sup>, 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, July 27<sup>th</sup>, 2023.

Present were Traffic Commission Members: Traffic Commissioner Captain Mark Porcaro, DPW Commissioner Patrick Hill, Retired Fire Chief Kenneth Galligan, 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 June 6<sup>th</sup>, 2023 Special Traffic Commission Meeting Minutes and June 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2023 Traffic Commission Meeting Minutes. Motion carried by a hand vote 6-0 in the affirmative.

**OLD BUSINESS**

**1. 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 Road.**

Discussion: Councilor-at- Large Teixeira stated that at this time Option “A” is the best solution.

**VOTED: TO ACCEPT SUBCOMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION “A”, ON THE EAST SIDE OF HAMILTON STREET.**

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

**2. 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).**

Discussion: Both Councilor Asack and Councilor Lally were present at the meeting and agreed that Option “B” is the best solution at this time.

**VOTED: TO ACCEPT SUBCOMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION “B”.**

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

### **3. KAME STREET- EAST STREET SIDE**

Requested by: Councilor Susan Nicasro 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 "NO THRU WAY" signs on each end of Kame Street (one sign at Thatcher Street and the other at East Street).**

**VOTED: TO ACCEPT SUBCOMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION.**

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

### **4. WEST ELM STREET**

Requested by: Cassie Sulbaran (557 West Elm Street)  
Issue/Request: To revisit this area for the installation of crosswalks. (Traffic Commission members please see attached proposed crosswalk locations from Ms. Sulbaran).

**\*\* CDM Smith’s Conclusion: Based on the pedestrian volume in the area, the continuous sidewalks along both sides of West Elm Street, and the presence of a signalized crosswalk at the intersection with West Street, CDM Smith finds that the installation of a crosswalk within the study area does not appear warranted. However, if the commission wishes to address the crossings along West Elm Street, consideration should be given to the following:**

- \* Improve the existing nearby crosswalk located at West Elm Street and Auna Drive. This crosswalk may be enhanced by the installation of more robust pedestrian crossing signs, high visibility markings, and lighting approaching the crossing from both directions.**
- \* If a crosswalk is preferred, it should be located equidistant from the existing crosswalk at Auna Drive and the intersection with West Street. The crosswalk should include warning signage, high visibility markings, and lighting approaching the crossing from both directions.**

Discussion: Councilor Thompson stated that we should look at making the improvements as recommended in \* 1.

**VOTED: TO SEND BACK TO SUBCOMMITTEE.**

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

**5. 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.**

**\*\* CDM Smith's Conclusion: Based on the pedestrian volume in the area and the lack of sidewalks along the west side of Plain Street, CDM Smith finds that the installation of a crosswalk at the intersection of Plain Street and Georgene Road does not appear to be warranted. However, if the commission wishes to install a crosswalk at the Plain Street and Georgene Road intersection, the crosswalk should include warning signage, high visibility markings, and consideration should be made for enhanced lighting approaching the crossing from both directions. New ADA-compliant sidewalk and curb ramps would also need to be installed at the location of the crosswalk.**

**VOTED: TO TAKE NO ACTION.**

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

**6. 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)**

**VOTED: TO CONTINUE TO AUGUST MEETING.**

Upon duly motion made by Councilor Thompson, seconded by Councilor-at-Large Teixeira, the motion carried by a hand vote; 6 in the affirmative.

7. **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 present and stated that there was recently an accident at this location back in June that involved two (2) South Middle School students. He stated that he received several phone calls that evening and that the neighbors stated that this isn't the first time something like this has happened at this location. Individuals reached out to me looking for a traffic light and other solutions. We need to find a way to slow people down in this area and improve the safety. Traffic Commissioner Porcaro stated that the Subcommittee did go out to this location prior to the meeting and DPW Commissioner Hill stated that OCPC did a study of this location and he didn't recall what the study suggested. He further stated that he believes it was done recently and that it may not be finalized yet. Retired Fire Chief Galligan stated that if you are traveling north on Warren Avenue there's a huge tree on the west side of Warren Avenue. The limbs have overgrown the flashing light and that we had DPW go out there and trim the tree so that the flashing light can be seen and that has been done. Now the vehicles that are traveling northerly can see the flashing light. He further stated that we were made aware that traffic is backing up on Market Street. Two lanes were created heading easterly on Market Street at Warren Avenue. You have a left lane for you to take a left and then you have a right lane to go straight across to South Street. He suggested making only one lane on Market Street. Councilor D'Agostino stated that ultimately the neighbors at this location would like a traffic light, however, I believe they'd welcome some shorter term or immediate solutions to try and improve the safety at this location. Traffic Commissioner Porcaro stated that we can send this for a engineering study and they can come up with the short term and long term recommendations. Retired Fire Chief Galligan stated that we should just send them a letter stating what the Traffic Commission is recommending happen at this intersection and get their feedback as to whether or not it's feasible and ask them if they would recommend the same.

**VOTED: TO SEND CORRESPONDENCE TO CDM SMITH TO LOOK AT THE RECOMMENDATIONS DISCUSSED TONIGHT TO INCLUDE MAKING ONE LANE AND NARROWING THE ROAD AT THIS LOCATION TOGETHER WITH ANY AND ALL OTHER RECOMMENDATIONS THEY MAY HAVE FOR THIS LOCATION AND TO SEND AN ADDITIONAL LETTER TO OCPC ASKING THEM WHERE THIS INTERSECTION IS IN THEIR QUEUE.**

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

8. **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.

**SUBCOMMITTEE RECOMMENDATIONS:**

**A. Request an engineering study on signaling the intersection.**

**B. Paint no parking hash marks on the eastside of Main Street north from E. Nilsson Street.**

Discussion: Bishop Manigault was present and stated that he believes this was already in the Old Colony study in 2020 and they recommended signaling this location. He further stated that he's been here for 20 years and there have been multiple fatalities at this intersection. He asked about the No Parking signs and Retired Fire Chief Galligan stated that the signs are there but that people are not paying attention to them and that it's an enforcement issue. Bishop Manigault stated that speed is a big issue at this intersection. Traffic Commissioner Porcaro stated that this may have been included in the Main Street study of which DPW Commissioner Hill confirmed it was part of the study. James Sweeney mentioned plastic temporary pylons that he has seen in other communities in Massachusetts. DPW Commissioner Hill stated that it's something that could be looked into at this intersection and Retired Fire Chief Galligan stated that they are using them in Whitman right now and they are building up all four corners so no one can park near the corner. There was further discussion about having the Traffic Commission put hash marks on the street to enhance the No Parking there. Retired Fire Chief Galligan asked if we have Stop Ahead signs on Nilsson Street going east and west and Traffic Commissioner Porcaro stated that he was not sure, however, we could do that. There was further discussion to enhance the current Stop Signs at this location with the red reflective stripe and possibly making them oversized.

**VOTED: TO ACCEPT RECOMMENDATION "B" AND TO PAINT NO HASH MARKS ON THE EAST SIDE OF MAIN NORTH FROM E. NILSSON STREET, INSTALL STOP AHEAD SIGNS GOING BOTH EASTBOUND AND WESTBOUND ON NILSSON AND EAST NILSSON AND TO REPAIR OR REPLACE THE CURRENT STOP SIGNS AT NILSSON AND EAST NILSSON WITH OVERSIZED STOP SIGNS TO INCLUDE ADDING RED REFLECTIVE STRIPING ON THE SIGNS . ALSO TO SEND A LETTER TO OCPC TO CHECK STATUS OF THE TRAFFIC SIGNALIZATION AT THIS INTERSECTION.**

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

9. **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.

**SUBCOMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION:**

**A. Install an oversized "DEAD END" sign on the utility pole on Reed Street.**

**VOTED: TO ACCEPT SUBCOMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION TO HAVE A LARGE DEAD END SIGN PLACED ON THE FIRST UTILITY POLE ON THE SOUTH SIDE OF REED STREET FROM KINGMAN STREET.**

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

10. **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.

**SUBCOMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION:**

**A. Request a crash history to see if a problem exists, and if so, then consider a 4-way stop.**

**VOTED: TO SEND TO SUBCOMMITTEE REVIEW, EMAIL CRASH HISTORY TO TRAFFIC COMMISSION MEMBERS AND CONTINUE TO AUGUST MEETING.**

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

11. **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.

**SUBCOMMITTEE RECOMMENDATIONS:**

- A. Install chevron signs (pointing left) for Summer Street (northbound lane) on Poles #33, 32, and 29-1.**
- B. Install chevron signs for Summer Street (southbound lane) on Poles #31 and 31-1.**
- C. Install a new STOP sign with a new sign post, along with red reflective striping, for Carlisle Street at Summer Street.**

**VOTED: TO ACCEPT SUBCOMMITTEE RECOMMENDATIONS.**

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

**12. 239 PINE STREET**

Requested by: Councilor Jeffrey Thompson on behalf of Denise McEvoy  
Request/Issue: My moms 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.

**SUBCOMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION:**

- A. Extend existing (and apparently newer-looking) guardrail to Pole #28 on Pine Street.**

**VOTED: TO ACCEPT SUBCOMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION.**

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

**13. 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.

**SUBCOMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION:**

- A. Install one oversized "MIDDLE LANE FOR CRESCENT ST." sign on light pole #5470 (by 32 Belmont Street).**

**VOTED: TO ACCEPT SUBCOMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION.**



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

14. **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).

**SUBCOMMITTEE RECOMMENDATIONS:**

**A. Increase the brightness of the street lights on Pole #6 (by 38 W. Elm Terr.) and Pole #8 (by 68 W. Elm Terr.). Current lights appear to be 35 LED and we recommend 68 LED or better.**

**VOTED: TO ACCEPT SUBCOMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION AND ADD A BATTERY OPERATED SPEED SIGN AT THIS LOCATION.**

Discussion: Janis Lemieux was present and stated that the additional lights were put up after she went to the Mayor's office and asked for assistance with the issues at this location and wanted to thank the Commission for their assistance and she also asked if a battery operated speed sign could be installed at this location.

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

15. **126 EDSON STREET**

Requested by: James Sweeney

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

**SUBCOMMITTEE RECOMMENDATIONS:**

**A. Refer this to the Quality of Life Task Force**

**B. Continue to monitor the parking situation**

**C. If problem persists, we will consider a no parking regulation on the north side of Edson Street.**

**VOTED: TO ACCEPT SUBCOMMITTEE RECOMMENDATIONS.**

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

## **NEW BUSINESS**

### **16. N. QUINCY STREET**

Requested by: Councilor Jack Lally

Request/Issue: Would like a new crosswalk installed on N. Quincy Street where it intersects with Maplewood Circle and Toby Road.

Discussion: Councilor Lally was present and stated that there is a very long stretch of N. Quincy Street from the strip mall to 622 North Quincy Street all the way to E. Ashland Street that goes without any kind of crosswalk and the concern is you have a lot of people who live on the north side of N. Quincy Street. Maplewood Circle is a very large neighborhood with a lot of people in it, including kids and the concern was raised that these kids need to get to school and they have to walk and we are asking them to cross without a crosswalk. He further stated that people speed at this location without any regulated, safe place to cross the street. Resident Heather Hallisey was present and stated that she has lived on Maplewood Circle and that her son needs to walk to the Ashfield School and the cars are going 40/50 MPH and I just can't let him cross the street. She further stated that a study might say there's not enough pedestrians at this location, however, you don't really think about walking on this street because there is only one sidewalk on one side from N. Quincy Street from E. Ashland Street up to the blinking light and there's a bike lane on one side with two (2) bus stops. She stated she thought it be best to bring this issue to the Traffic Commission to have the situation accessed. She doesn't want a child to get hit here and wants to be proactive in the situation.

**VOTED: TO SEND TO SUBCOMMITTEE REVIEW.**

Upon duly motion made by James Sweeney, seconded by Councilor-at-Large Teixeira, the motion carried by a hand vote; 6 in the affirmative.

### **17. SAWTELL AVENUE**

Requested by: Jason Andrade

Request/Issue: Way too much unsafe speeding up and down Sawtell Avenue and this puts children and families at risk considering this is a school pick up street. Cars outside my house have been hit twice in the last five years due to speeders. Requesting a Solar Powered Speed Radar at the intersection of Sawtell and Banks, Camden or Albert Streets as well as a speed bump and additional traffic enforcement.

Discussion: Resident Jason Andrade was present and stated that he bought his house in 2020 and he's noticed significant issues with safety and speeding on Sawtell Avenue. He stated when the Franklin School was there that there was more enforcement, people didn't speed as much, however, with the redevelopment there's been tremendous speeding. It's a school pickup zone, there's good crosswalk signage but there are no speeding signs on the street. There's been a

number of accidents and I've had three (3) cars totaled on Sawtell Avenue by people speeding and driving into them in 5 years. There is multiple pick up zones for children and the amount of speeding is egregious. Also because there's so much speeding on the street, a lot of motorcycles speed up Sawtell Avenue. He stated he has a young child and she's woken up multiple times because of the noise of the motorcycles. This is why I put in a request for a solar powered speed sign, even a battery operated one to give people more of an awareness. Councilor Lally also spoke on this item and stated that Sawtell does have a serious speeding issue, it's sort of a cut through street from Winter to Ames Street. It's a nice clean shot through the village and a very dense area with a lot of people and houses. He further stated that doubling down on the signage and some speeding signage would be prudent, would have a positive result and on a temporary basis the battery operated speed sign would be great and that a long term solar powered speed sign would be the much more helpful.

**VOTED: TO SEND TO SUBCOMMITTEE REVIEW AND SEND TRAFFIC ENFORCEMENT TO THIS LOCATION.**

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

**18. N. QUINCY STREET**

Requested by: Gerard L. Recupero

Request/Issue: People crossing the street at the mall crosswalks. Requesting pedestrian crossing signs at the location of 622 N. Quincy Street somewhere between the strip mall and residential parcels across from the strip mall.

Discussion: Traffic Commissioner Captain Porcaro stated that we have studied this location quite a bit and not just the Traffic Commission going there but the engineer as well. 604 N. Quincy Street there is an existing crosswalk and we are about to install the RRFB's soon.

**VOTED: TO TAKE NO ACTION.**

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

**19. ASH STREET**

Requested by: Jeanne Katz (Hopgood)

Request/Issue: multiple accidents and speeding cars. Requesting a 4 way stop at the intersection of Ash and Boylston Streets.

Discussion: Resident Jeanne Katz (Hopgood) was present and stated that she lives in the section of Ash Street between Forest Avenue and Belmont Street at the corner of Ash and Boylston. A lot of people will cut right through this intersection

and speed down Boylston Street and my car has been hit coming out of my driveway because people speed around the corner. There have been accidents at this corner as well as my fence being taken out. She further stated that the cars seem to rev up at this section and speed up, they come down from either Belmont or from Forest Avenue and will speed up at that particular section going right through. Its kind of a blind curve when you come from one section of Boylston Street approaching the intersection of Ash and Boylston and if you pull out just a little too far you are going to get clipped. She also stated that there are children that live at this location and they may get hit by a car.

**VOTED: TO SEND TO SUBCOMMITTEE REVIEW AND REQUEST THE CRASH HISTORY.**

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

**20. NORTH MAIN STREET**

Requested by: Councilor Shirley Asack, Ward 7

Issue/Request: establishing a Truck Exclusion Zone for certain side streets along N. Main Street.

Discussion: Councilor Asack was present and stated that there are signs on North Main Street that the Traffic Commission put up about 9 years ago restricting large tractor trailers. They were put up because we had a major problem with large tractor trailers going up the street, parking on the street and causing damage to the street and we were having a hard time with enforcement. A few weeks ago I got calls that the signs were missing and that the tractor trailers were back in the area and we need to figure out how to get these signs put back up because it's causing a major problem. Traffic Commissioner Captain Porcaro stated that earlier this year one of the Brockton Fire Deputies reached out to him and it was brought to his attention that there are no vehicles over 26,000 GVW signs posted at North Main Street and Hillcrest , North Main and Woodland Avenue and North Main, Manners Avenue and North Main and Mellen Street and he asked me how they got put up. He further stated that he reached out to Michelle Yaffe, the Secretary to the Traffic Commission to have her research the traffic records to see if we had anything on these signs and she was unable to locate anything relative to these signs being put up. He further stated that he reached out to Mass DOT and they had no record either and they asked if I would send them pictures of these signs, they got back to me and stated that establishment of a truck exclusion zone required the review and approval of Mass DOT, the engineer from the state attached the section MUCTD outlining the process and if the process was not followed and approved accordingly the signs are not legally enforceable and should be removed. The engineer further stated that If the city is interested in establishing a formal truck exclusion zone for the road, we would be happy to provide guidance. Traffic Commission Captain Porcaro stated that after I read this, I had the signs removed because they weren't put up through the proper process. Councilor Asack stated that it causes problems with parking on the street, it was

a disturbance, it was the noise, public safety and it was causing damage to the street. At the time the City Council also worked on an ordinance relative to tractor trailers in 2014/2015, restricting the tractor trailers from being in these neighborhoods. Traffic Commissioner Captain Porcaro stated that there is an ordinance that prohibits these tractor trailers from parking on our streets but these signs were making a truck exclusion zone, so that the truck couldn't even drive down Manners Avenue. There was further discussion that Mass DOT would be willing to work with the Traffic Commission if we wished to make this location a truck exclusion zone. There was also discussion as to whether or not this issue would be better addressed through a city ordinance.

**VOTED: CONTINUE TO THE AUGUST MEETING.**

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

**21. NORTH MAIN STREET**

Requested by: Lt. William Schlieman, BPD

Request/Issue: I would like the traffic commission to consider the addition of 'No Parking' signs on the west side of North Main St between Spring St. and Pleasant St.

There is a high volume of 911 calls at both Perkins Park and the Main Spring, which are both situated on this block of North Main St. The emergency calls often require the response of EMS, the fire department and the police department. The emergency vehicles are sometimes required to park in the travel lane when responding to emergencies. The no parking area will also improve visibility for motorists and enhance pedestrian safety as well.

Discussion: Lt. Schlieman was present and stated there is a high call volume on this stretch of roadway between North Main Street on the west side for the roadway between North Main Street and Pleasant Street. He stated that he did some quick research for the call volume there year to date and so far since January there have been 659 calls for service just at this one block at one side of North Main Street. The property with the highest volume of calls is 54 North Main Street with 480 calls in seven months. There is everything from car accidents to overdoses to medical emergencies and multiple cruisers respond to these calls. When cars are there it forces the first responders out to the travel lane and they can't get around them, it's dangerous for the motorists and dangerous for the first responders. This is one of the major concerns I have for this area and adding No Parking signs there would improve cars exiting the church, it will improve visibility for the police officers, the park personnel that have to come in and out of Perkins Park responding to calls and maintaining the park. Another issue I see is that people have to cross the street and there is no crosswalk there, they have to go down to Court Street or Pleasant Street to that intersection to cross North Main Street. We've seen plenty of people

almost get hit there and we've had pedestrian accidents in that stretch of the roadway as well. Cars heading southbound don't have that line of sight because there are cars parked there. There is also a fire hydrant at this location and access to the fire hydrant is critical at this location.

**VOTED: TO SEND TO SUBCOMMITTEE TO DETERMINE THE PLACEMENT OF THE NO PARKING SIGNS AND APPROVE FAVORABLE TO INSTALL THE SIGNS BASED ON SUBCOMMITTEE RECOMMENDATIONS.**

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

Motion was made by Councilor Thompson, seconded by Councilor James Sweeney, to adjourn the meeting. All were in favor. Meeting adjourned at 8:07 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

*Michelle Yaffe*

Michelle Yaffe

Secretary to the Traffic Commission

***PLEASE NOTE THAT THE NEXT TRAFFIC COMMISSION MEETING IS SCHEDULED FOR THURSDAY, AUGUST 31<sup>ST</sup>, 2023 AND THE LAST DAY TO SUBMIT ANY REQUESTS IS TUESDAY, AUGUST 22<sup>ND</sup>, 2023.***