



BROCKTON TRAFFIC COMMISSION
Wednesday, December 6th, 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 Wednesday, December 6th, 2023.

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

There being a proper quorum, the meeting was called to order by Traffic Commissioner Captain Porcaro at 6:00 p.m. Upon motion made James Sweeney, seconded by Stephan Hooke, to waive and approve the reading of the October 26th, 2023 Meeting Minutes.

OLD BUSINESS

1. ASH STREET

Requested by: Councilor-at-Large Rita Mendes on behalf of Mario from 359 Ash Street

Request/Issue: There was a bad accident the week of September 18th, 2023 at this location and they are concerned about their safety. Requesting speed signs on Ash Street

SUBCOMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION:

A. Prohibit parking on the east side of Ash Street (northbound lane) beginning at Boylston Street and extending northerly to 100 feet north of Winona Street by installing the following signs:

Pole # 43: NO PARKING CORNER TO HERE

Pole # 44: NO PARKING

Pole # 44-1: NO PARKING

Pole # 45: NO PARKING

VOTED: TO SEND BACK TO SUBCOMMITTEE REVIEW.

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

2. MORAIN STREET

Requested by: Shanetta Young

Request/Issue: Recent uptick in accidents on Moraine Street. A severe accident occurred on 10/15/2023 at the curb where many residents voiced concerns. It is becoming dangerous and will become expensive to the residents of Brockton in regards to their insurance. Requesting a four-way sign between Moraine and West Elm Street, one-way or speed bumps.

SUBCOMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION:

- A. Install a street light on Pole # 31;**
- B. Enhance the reflectivity of Pole # 31;**
- C. For the sign post closest to 263 Moraine Street, lower the current NO PARKING sign and install a CURVE AHEAD sign just above it on the same post (for southbound traffic); and**
- D. Install a CURVE AHEAD sign with sign post and yellow reflective striping near 304 Moraine Street (for northbound traffic).**

VOTED: TO ACCEPT SUBCOMMITTEE RECOMMENDATIONS.

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.

3. BREER STREET

Requested by: Lan Le

Request/Issue: My house is located at 4 Breer Street on the corner of Forest Avenue. There have been multiple accidents at this location most recently on September 30th, 2023 when a vehicle hit my house and broke my fence. Requesting speed limit sign.

SUBCOMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION:

- A. Install a 30 MPH sign on Pole # 48 on Forest Ave. (westbound lane).**
- B. Install a 30 MPH sign on the utility pole in front of A-Affordable Insurance, 480 Forest Ave.**

VOTED: TO ACCEPT SUBCOMMITTEE RECOMMENDATIONS.

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

4. MARKET STREET

Requested by: Kimberly Langford

Request/Issue: I would like to discuss my concerns regarding ongoing traffic violations on Market Street and in the school zone of both the Huntington School and South Middle School. I would also like to discuss my ideas to mitigate these risks as well, such as implementing speed bumps.

SUBCOMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION:

- A. Install a 30 MPH sign on Pole #16 (closest to 139 Market St) and reposition the NO PARKING sign on the same pole;**
- B. Reposition the NO PARKING sign on Pole #17;**
- C. Straighten the Lilly Ave./ONE WAY sign post;**
- D. Straighten the STOP sign post at Lilly Ave. and Market Street;**
- E. Add the "ladder design" to the interior of all three crosswalks located at Market St. and Keith Avenue;**
- F. Install CROSSWALK signs with the corresponding down arrows on Pole #20 (closest to 115 Market St.) and at the southeast corner of the Market St. and Keith Ave. intersection with yellow reflective striping.**

VOTED: TO ACCEPT SUBCOMMITTEE RECOMMENDATIONS.

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

5. DUPONT CIRCLE AND BATES STREET

Requested by: Councilor Jeffrey Thompson

Request/Issue: To determine if the One Way sign at the intersection of Dupont Circle and Bates Road is effectively located.

SUBCOMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION:

- A. Install a new DUPONT CIRCLE green street name sign in front of 41 Bates Street;**
- B. Relocate the ONE-WAY sign to be in front of 40 Bates Street; and**

C. Install a WRONG WAY sign on Pole #1 closest to 27 Bates Street.

VOTED: TO ACCEPT SUBCOMMITTEE RECOMMENDATIONS.

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

6. HILLBERG AVENUE

Requested by: Shareefah Mapp

Request/Issue: Being involved in a major injury from a MVA in May pulling into my driveway, I'm reminded once again how much Hillberg Avenue has drivers that are treating the road as a race track. Dangerously high speed and kids walking to & from school. Requesting a solar powered radar speed sign.

VOTED: TO SEND TO SUBCOMMITTEE REVIEW

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

NEW BUSINESS

7. 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. Ms. Katz would like to Traffic Commission to revisit this location. **(Traffic Commission members please see attached email request and below previous subcommittee recommendations that were approved)**

SUBCOMMITTEE RECOMMENDATIONS:

A. install BLIND INTERSECTION AHEAD signs on Pole #47 for northbound traffic and another sign in front of 375 Ash Street for southbound traffic;

B. install 30 MPH signs on Poles # 45 and 50 for northbound traffic.

C. install 30 MPH signs along the 300-block of Ash Street and the unknown numbered utility pole on Ash Street at Madison Street for southbound traffic.

Discussion: Retired Fire Chief Kenneth Galligan stated that in the past before we have approved any four way stops we have requested an accident history of the location. He would like an accident history of the location in order for the committee to make an decision about this location. Traffic Commissioner Captain Porcaro stated that when we do an accident history they go back three (3) years.

VOTED: TO SEND TO SUBCOMMITTEE REVIEW.

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

8. BROOK STREET

Requested by: Virginia O'Brien

Request/Issue: I live 2 houses from the park. There is a 4 way stop. Cars continue to ignore the signs. I have purchased & hung Go Slow signs & people rip them down. The point being is they drive too fast in both directions, there are a lot of kids. We need help. Requesting Go Slow Children signs or speed bumps.

Discussion: Retired Fire Chief Galligan stated that several years ago we moved the parking from the north side to the south side up against the park so that kids didn't have to cross Brook Street.

VOTED: TO SEND TO SUBCOMMITTEE REVIEW.

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.

9. ROCKWELL AVENUE

Requested by: Jennifer Andrade

Request/Issue: Cars park in front of the pole that's in front of my residence at 27 Rockwell Avenue and block the sidewalk and walkway to my home. I also place my trash can out there and it's hard for them to recycle my trash. Requesting No Parking signs.

Discussion: Present was resident Jennifer Andrade. She stated that there is a pole right in front of her house and there is a walkway and a gate that goes to her house. There is a car parked their all the time and even the mailman has asked her "why is there a car parked here all the time". It makes it difficult for the mail to be delivered to her house. The mailman has to go in her yard and step over a brick wall to get her the mail. She stated that she has asked the car to move and he is not easy to deal with. It's not only him other people have parked there as well. It's rather an annoyance and I have come here to see if there is anything that the Commission can do to help me out. Retired Fire Chief Galligan asked Ms. Andrade if there was a curbstone in front of her house of which she stated no. He further stated that the car is probably illegally parked on the sidewalk.

Traffic Commissioner Captain Porcaro asked Ms. Andrade if it blocks her walkway and she stated yes it blocks the gate to go to my house. He further stated that he believes there's an ordinance that states that a car can not block a driveway or walk. Ms. Andrade stated that she's afraid that when the snow comes the mailperson won't deliver her mail if the car is still parked there. Mr. Sweeney asked Ms. Andrade what the schedule is that this vehicle parks in front of your house and she stated that the car is there all day because he uses another vehicle to go to work.

VOTED: TO SEND TO SUBCOMMITTEE REVIEW.

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

10. ASHFIELD DRIVE, DONNA ROAD & THOMAS STREET

Requested by: ward 5 Councilor Jeffrey Thompson

Request/issue: To invite the residents of Ashfield Drive, Donna Road & Thomas Street to discuss traffic and speeding mitigation related to newly paved road as well as requesting the installation of battery operated speed radar signs on Ashfield Drive.

Discussion: Traffic Commission members discussed to send this to Subcommittee Review.

VOTED: TO SEND TO SUBCOMMITTEE REVIEW.

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

11. SULLY ROAD

Requested by: Debra Nihtila

Request/Issue: Excessive speeding. There is school traffic, work/commute traffic, commercial trucks & people use our street as a cut through. I can produce numerous security camera videos demonstrating the speeding throughout the day. Requesting a Solar Powered Speed sign and 30MPH sign.

Discussion: Present was resident Debra Nihtila. She stated that she has a ring camera in front of her house that has been capturing everything. She was able to show the traffic commission members a short clip of the video so that they were able to see the speeding that is occurring on Sully Road. Retired Fire Chief Galligan what time of the day this is occurring and she stated that it's either in the morning or the afternoon. The Traffic Commission members also noticed that there were a lot of school buses that were driving by this location. She stated that there is a South Eastern bus that is a real nuisance because it just charges down the road in both directions like it's a speedway. She further stated that she

reached out to the School Department relative to the buses. She stated that the reason way the traffic has increased is because Sully Road use to be a true side road and I say that because if you look at Lynn, Elsie and the other side of the development of Lisa, I walk with my daughter to go over to Tina, Steven and Paula and all those roads aren't paved at all. They are bumpy, they have potholes, the buses use to use Jon Drive but once all the improvements were done to Sully Road every single bus, every single parent, every single staff member, all the delivery drivers all cut throughs from the Tina Avenue area , the people coming from Lisa Drive, people coming from Holbrook all cut through Sully Road. If it's not school traffic, 99 % of it is cutting through. She further stated that with all the improvements that have been made it's made it easier for all the cars to zip through Sully Road. She also stated that prior to the road being paved and improved we use to park on the road. Improvements of roads is great, however, improvements to Sully Road have enabled the traffic to increase. She further stated that there are no signs telling people that it's 30 MPH. If you are coming from Hovenden Avenue to Sully Road there is a pole # 9 that would be perfect for a 30 MPH sign to be attached to and it also gives the driver enough time to see it as it's not right at the turn, it's a little in Sully Road. She further stated that she purchased Go slow signs (orange signs) and she posted them, however, someone ripped them down. If you are coming from Jon Drive coming from the Brookfield School, there's a pole # 5 and it's just at the start of the end of the school zone and there's a school zone sign. If you could attach a 30 MPH sign to that sign it would be a good place too. She also stated that the quality of life for the residents on Sully Road has decreased. She asked if they could have two solar powered speed signs one on each side, it could be halfway down the road. Sully Road bends and at the bend, that's where the halfway point is. Therefore, coming from Hovenden Avenue, it would be house # 267 and 275 and then coming from Jon Drive and coming from Brookfield at the halfway point it would be house # 274 and 280. She also stated that before and after school and on Thursday and Fridays the traffic and speeding increases.

VOTED: TO SEND TO SUBCOMMITTEE REVIEW AND ADD TRAFFIC ENFORCEMENT.

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

12. JON DRIVE

Requested by: Councilor Jack Lally on behalf of a constituent

Request/Issue: Requesting restricted parking on the stretch of Jon Drive between Sully Road and the Brookfield School.

Discussion: Traffic Commission members discussed to send to this item to Subcommittee Review.

VOTED: TO SEND TO SUBCOMMITTEE REVIEW.

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

13. FAY ROAD AT NICHOLSON DRIVE

Requested by: Councilor Jack Lally

Request/Issue: Requesting to make this intersection a 3 way stop.

Discussion: Traffic Commission members discussed to send this item to Subcommittee Review.

VOTED: TO SEND TO SUBCOMMITTEE REVIEW.

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

Motion was made by James Sweeney, seconded by Director Stephan Hooke, to adjourn the meeting. All were in favor. Meeting adjourned at 7:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Michelle Yaffe

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Secretary to the Traffic Commission

PLEASE NOTE THAT THE NEXT TRAFFIC COMMISSION MEETING IS SCHEDULED FOR THURSDAY, JANUARY 25TH, 2024 AND THE LAST DAY TO SUBMIT ANY REQUESTS IS THURSDAY, JANUARY 18TH, 2024.