



**BROCKTON TRAFFIC COMMISSION**  
**Thursday, January 25<sup>th</sup>, 2024**  
**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, January 25<sup>th</sup>, 2024.

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, Councilor John Lally and Councilor-at-Large David Teixeira.

There being a proper quorum, the meeting was called to order by Traffic Commissioner Captain Porcaro at 6:00 p.m. Upon motion made by Councilor Lally, seconded by Stephan Hooke, to waive and approve the reading of the December 6<sup>th</sup>, 2023 Meeting Minutes.

**OLD BUSINESS**

**1. 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.

**RECOMMENDATIONS:**

**A. Install an oversized 30 MPH speed limit sign on Pole #27-84 for eastbound traffic on Hillberg Ave.; and**

**B. Add yellow reflective striping to all other existing speed limit sign posts.**

**VOTED: TO ACCEPT SUBCOMMITTEE RECOMMENDATIONS.**

Upon duly motion made by Director Stephan Hooke, seconded by Councilor Lally, the motion carried by a hand vote; 7 in the affirmative.

**2. 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)**

**PREVIOUS 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.**

**NEW SUBCOMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION:**

**A. The Traffic Commission has been to this area several times recently. Monitor prior approved recommendations and allow for time to see if additional measures are needed.**

**VOTED: TO ACCEPT SUBCOMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION.**

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

**3. 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.

**SUBCOMMITTEE RECOMMENDATIONS:**

- A. Install a STOP AHEAD sign on Pole #16 (near 145 Winthrop St.) for westbound traffic.; and**
- B. Add reflective yellow striping to the existing STOP AHEAD sign (near 200 Winthrop St.) for eastbound traffic; and**
- C. Add a Stop Ahead sign southbound on Brook Street approaching to Winthrop Street.**

**VOTED: TO ACCEPT SUBCOMMITTEE RECOMMENDATIONS WITH ADDITION OF “C”.**

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

**4. 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.

**SUBCOMMITTEE RECOMMENDATIONS:**

- A. Install a DO NOT OBSTRUCT SIDEWALK sign on Pole #4 in front of 27 Rockwell Ave.; and**
- B. Police parking enforcement.**

**VOTED: TO ACCEPT SUBCOMMITTEE RECOMMENDATIONS.**

Upon duly motion made by Councilor Lally, seconded by Director Stephan Hooke, the motion carried by a hand vote; 7 in the affirmative.

**5. 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.

**SUBCOMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION:**

- A. Contact Councilor Thompson for further guidance.**

**VOTED: TO SEND TO SUBCOMMITTEE REVIEW TO LOOK AT 30 MPH SIGNS, A BATTERY OPERATED SPEED SIGN AND POSSIBLE TRAFFIC ENFORCEMENT. CONTINUE THIS ITEM TO THE FEBRUARY MEETING.**

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

**6. 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 30 MPH sign.

**SUBCOMMITTEE RECOMMENDATIONS:**

**A. Install an Oversized 30 MPH sign on Pole #9 for northbound traffic.; and**

**B. Install an Oversized 30 MPH sign on Pole #6 for southbound traffic.**

**C. Traffic Enforcement**

Discussion: Debra Nihtila along with other residents from Sully Road were present and reiterated the need for measures to be taken on Sully Road. Ms. Nihtila stated that the signs should be big signs. One of the residents did state that he didn't believe the signs were the solution for the problems and Ms. Nihtila stated that if that's what is available we shouldn't say no to the signs and it would be helpful if they are the oversized signs. There was discussion about whether or not it was pole # 5 or pole # 6 that one of the signs should be placed on and that if there are too many signs on one pole people tend to not pay attention to all the signs. It was determined that it was in fact pole # 6 that the sign should be put on. There was also discussion relative to speed tables and Traffic Commissioner Captain Porcaro stated that an engineering study would need to be conducted in order to look into these. Councilor Lally stated that the best thing for these speeders to find some flashing blue lights behind them, traffic enforcement is the best possible thing and I would add traffic enforcement to the subcommittee recommendations. Ms. Nihtila also stated that she has seen in other towns, the flashing speed signs and that maybe the Commission can reach out to other towns to see which companies they use and maybe they use companies that the Traffic Commission could look into. Councilor Lally stated that he has been discussing the speed signs with one of the Councilor-at-Large in Weymouth. The City of Weymouth received a decent sized grant a couple years ago to buy a bunch of the solar powered speed signs and they put them up throughout the city and they were very happy. Endurance wise they do run into trouble but still have some that work. I have asked him to get from his Mayor's office the grant that

was applied for so that we know how and where to get that grant. If we can get that grant and get a couple years out of the signs that's great.

**VOTED: TO ACCEPT SUBCOMMITTEE RECOMMENDATIONS WITH THE SUGGESTED ADDITIONS OF "OVERSIZED" 30 MPH SIGNS AND TO ADD TRAFFIC ENFORCEMENT TO THIS LOCATION .**

Upon duly motion made by Councilor Lally, seconded by Director Stephan Hooke, the motion carried by a hand vote; 7 in the affirmative.

**7. 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.

**SUBCOMMITTEE RECOMMENDATIONS:**

**A. Rescind the current NO PARKING regulation on the south side of Jon Dr. westerly from Sully Rd. to the school, and instead...**

**B. Create a NO PARKING, STANDING, OR STOPPING ON SCHOOL DAYS regulation on both sides of Jon Drive westerly from Sully Rd. to the school.; and**

**C. Install oversized NO PARKING, STANDING, OR STOPPING ON SCHOOL DAYS signs on the two existing sign posts on the south side of Jon Dr. between Sully Rd. and the school, and**

**D. Install oversized NO PARKING, STANDING, OR STOPPING ON SCHOOL DAYS signs on Poles #2 and 3 on the north side of Jon Dr. between Sully Rd. and the school.**

**\*\*\*Note: The Subcommittee met with Brookfield School Principal Smith and his custodian to discuss Items 6 and 7. Principal Smith was appreciative of our efforts and detailed the actions both he and his staff have taken so far to alleviate any problems. We mentioned to the principal that we had received complaints about speeding school buses, and Principal Smith told us that he has already identified and spoken to two problem drivers. Also, the school will remain in contact with Councilor Lally after the meeting, and will send notices home to the parents advising them of the new parking restrictions.**

**VOTED: TO ACCEPT SUBCOMMITTEE RECOMMENDATIONS.**

Upon duly motion made by Councilor Lally, seconded by Director Stephan Hooke, the motion carried by a hand vote; 7 in the affirmative.

**8. FAY ROAD AT NICHOLSON DRIVE**

Requested by: Councilor Jack Lally

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

**SUBCOMMITTEE RECOMMENDATIONS:**

**A. For pavement line painting, repaint the existing crosswalk, STOP bar, and add STOP stencil on Fay Rd. at Nicholson Dr.; and**

**B. Relocate the green street name signs (Fay Rd. and Nicholson Dr.) from atop the STOP sign to Pole #8 in front of 87 Nicholson Dr.; and**

**C. For pavement line painting, paint STOP bar and STOP stencil at Fay Road and Mass Ave; and**

**D. Relocate the green street name sign to Pole #5 (corner of Fay Rd. and Mass Ave.); and**

**E. Deny the 3 way stop,**

**VOTED: TO ACCEPT SUBCOMMITTEE RECOMMENDATIONS WITH ADDITION OF “E”.**

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

**9. WARREN AVENUE AT MARKET STREET**

Requested by: Councilor Mark D’Agostino

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

**(Traffic Commission please see attached CDM Smith study)**

**CONCLUSION:**

**Based on the criteria outlined in the Guidance and Regulations section of this report and field observations, CDM Smith finds that the installation of a traffic signal at the intersection of Market Street and Warren Avenue may be appropriate. The intersection meets four of the nine signal warrants and experiences crashes that can likely be corrected with signalization.**

If the City determines that signalization is too costly to be installed immediately, a multi-way stop control solution may be viable as a short-term solution. This would involve a stop sign being installed on both Warren Avenue approaches to the intersection and the intersection control beacon would need to be removed or exchanged for an all-red beacon. Under the all-way stop condition, consider a temporary one-lane approach on Market Street to minimize confusion to drivers at the intersection. The multi-way stop control may also be used as a longer-term solution if necessary, although it will cause more traffic delays than the signalization option.

Additionally, adding advance warning signage for all approaches of the intersection may be an appropriate safety enhancement. This could serve to warn drivers earlier of the upcoming intersection and cause them to decelerate sooner. Keeping the trees adjacent to the intersection trimmed is also an appropriate safety enhancement. These measures are intended to be supplemental to the more extensive intersection improvements described above.

**VOTED: TRAFFIC COMMISSION REVIEWED THE CDM SMITH ENGINEERING REPORT, ACCEPTS THE REPORT AND RECOMMENDS SENDING CORRESPONDENCE TO THE MAYOR AND DPW COMMISSIONER IN SUPPORT OF INSTALLING A TRAFFIC SIGNAL AT THIS LOCATION AS RECOMMENDED BY CDM SMITH.**

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

#### **10. 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. **(Traffic Commission members please see attached CDM crosswalk study)**

#### **CONCLUSION:**

**Based on the lack of both sufficient pedestrian volume in the area and sidewalks along the east side of North Quincy Street,**

**CDM Smith finds that the installation of a crosswalk at the intersection of North Quincy Street and Maplewood Circle and Toby Road is not warranted. However, if the City wishes to move forward with the installation of a crosswalk across North Quincy Street, consideration should be given to placing the crosswalk on the north side of the Toby Road intersection because sight distance for pedestrians looking right and left exceeds the recommended distance. Additionally, by placing the crosswalk on the north side of the intersection, drivers turning left out of Toby Road will be more likely to see a pedestrian in the roadway as they turn onto North Quincy Street. If a crosswalk is installed, ADA-compliant pedestrian ramps and sidewalks connecting to Maplewood Circle will need to be installed as well. Although the posted speed limit is 30 mph, the 85th percentile speed observed was 38 mph. Due to this speed and the high traffic volumes, the City should also consider high-visibility crosswalk markings, adequate nighttime lighting levels, and crosswalk warning signs.**

**VOTED: TRAFFIC COMMISSION REVIEWED THE CDM SMITH ENGINEERING REPORT, ACCEPTS THE REPORT AND RECOMMENDS SENDING CORRESPONDENCE TO THE MAYOR AND DPW COMMISSIONER IN SUPPORT OF INSTALLING A CROSSWALK AT THIS LOCATION AS RECOMMENDED BY CDM SMITH.**

Upon duly motion made by Councilor Lally, seconded by Director Stephan Hooke, the motion carried by a hand vote; 7 in the affirmative.

**11. ROUTE 27- PLEASANT STREET**

Requested by: Willie Roberts

Request/Issue: Pleasant Street vehicles are traveling sometimes in excess of 45-50 MPH which is causing pedestrian to be at risk. Requesting speed limits signs be placed anywhere between the Irving Gas Station on the corner of Pleasant Street & Route 27 and Christy's Drive.

**Traffic Commission members please see attached traffic count that was conducted.**



**VOTED: TRAFFIC COMMISSION REVIEWED THE TRAFFIC COUNTS CONDUCTED BY CDM SMITH AND RECOMMENDS SENDING THIS ITEM TO SUBCOMMITTEE REVIEW.**

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

**12. N. QUINCY STREET AND HOVENDEN AVENUE**

Requested by: Councilor John Lally

Request/Issue: Would like Solar Powered Speed signs on both N .Quincy Street and Hovenden Avenue.

**Traffic Commission members please see attached traffic count that was conducted on both N. Quincy Street and Hovenden Avenue.**

**VOTED: TRAFFIC COMMISSION REVIEWED THE TRAFFIC COUNTS FOR BOTH LOCATIONS CONDUCTED BY CDM SMITH AND RECOMMENDS SENDING THIS ITEM TO SUBCOMMITTEE REVIEW AND TO ADD SOLAR POWERED SPEED SIGNS AT THESE LOCATIONS TO THE TOP OF THE LIST ONCE THE KINKS ARE ALL ADDRESSED WITH THE ONES THAT ARE ALREADY PLACED THROUGHOUT THE CITY.**

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

**NEW BUSINESS**

**13. FOREST AVENUE AND MANOMET STREET**

Requested by: Councilor-at-Large Winthrop Farwell on behalf of Jaramillo (Billy) Guillermo

Issue/Request: Would like to discuss any/all mitigation options to reduce accidents in this area. Perhaps the subcommittee can evaluate whether bollards or a guardrail could be installed to prevent injuries if a vehicle ends up off the road and onto the sidewalk.

Discussion: Present was resident Jaramillo (Billy) Guillermo and he presented some pictures of accidents that have occurred at this location and the Traffic Commission members looked at all the photos that he presented. He stated that 2 of his cars have been pushed into his porch by accidents that have occurred at this intersection. He stated Photo # 4 is where his daughter stands every morning. There are 3 bus stops there as well. Unfortunately, it just seems like it's getting

worse and worse. He stated that he spoke with Councilor-at-Large Farwell about two things, either putting cameras because a lot of the times when these accidents are happening, if they can, take a picture because the drivers take right off. He also mentioned that he has cameras right on his house but they can't catch the license plates. More importantly, my kids are my concern and a lot of the other kids. In one of the pictures where the car rolled over that was about 35 minutes difference from that and my daughter. He also stated that bollards or a guardrail could be put up. He stated that his porch has been hit numerous times and that sometimes he will park his cars across the street and have to walk because we're scared to even park our cars in our driveway. He stated that he's concerned that one of these times a car is going to flip and land right where the kids are standing. Councilor Lally stated that we have put up guardrails to redirect in times like this. I see one in particular on the corner of North Cary and North Quincy. Retired Fire Chief Galligan asked Mr. Guillermo if he has noticed whether or not cars are running the traffic signals at this location of which he stated they are. They run it both ways. Traffic Commissioner Captain Porcaro stated that Councilor-at-Large Farwell asked if we could request an accident history on this location as well as sending this to subcommittee.

**VOTED: TO GET AN ACCIDENT HISTORY OF THIS INTERSECTION AND TO SEND TO SUBCOMMITTEE REVIEW.**

Upon duly motion made by Councilor Lally, seconded by Director Stephan Hooke, the motion carried by a hand vote; 7 in the affirmative.

#### **14. EAST STREET AT PLAIN STREET**

Requested by: DPW Commissioner Patrick Hill

Request/Issue: There was another accident at this location over the weekend of (12/8-12/10/23) and it should be looked at by the Subcommittee. Requesting either a guardrail or stop sign at this intersection.

Discussion: Resident from East Street was present and stated that there have been multiple accidents at this location. East Street comes down and comes to a stop, Plain Street is just a free for all. But I live right on the corner. Our neighbors house was also damaged. At night, 2 in the morning a car hit her yard at 60 MPH. She cleared all of the bollards that are there and destroyed the whole front of the house. Had she been 2 feet over she would have drove right through our cellar. Maybe a three way stop would work at this location. DPW Commissioner Hill stated that we know how people drive on East Street and that this is a tough intersection.

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

Upon duly motion made by Director Stephan Hooke, seconded by Councilor Lally, the motion carried by a hand vote; 7 in the affirmative.

**15. 39 SYLVESTER STREET**

Requested by: James Johnson

Request/Issue: I would like to request 2 stop signs to be added at the corner of Sylvester Street and Manchester Street. There are only stop signs on the Manchester Street sides. There are some cars that know there is no stop sign on Sylvester Street and they will speed.

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

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

**16. WOODARD AVENUE**

Requested by: James Sweeney on behalf of George Couture of 234 Woodard Avenue

Request/Issue: This is a dead end with a path to the Kennedy School. Not only do we have a ton of foot traffic in the morning and in the afternoon for the school but also a lot of people walking with their dogs and riding bikes. I've lived here for almost 14 years and we have a big problem with cars flying down the street not knowing that it's a dead end. Requesting a Dead End sign.

**VOTED: TO ADD A DEAD END SIGN ON WOODARD AVENUE AT THE DISCRETION OF THE TRAFFIC MAINTENANCE MAN.**

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

**17. MUPAC DRIVE AT KNAPP CENTER**

Requested by: Lauren Johnson (Concord Foods)

Request/Issue: Over the past year there have been several near-miss incidents involving vehicles existing Mupac Drive onto Knapp Center. There should be a stop sign at the intersection of Mupac Drive and Knapp Center to prevent vehicular accidents.

Discussion: Lauren Johnson was present and stated that there is an intersection at the end of Knapp Center where it forks into Minuteman Way and Mupac Drive. The company that I work for is on Minuteman Way. We have a stop sign leading us onto Knapp Center. The businesses on Mupac Drive do not have a stop sign, so the majority of the time, they don't really slow down or stop before they enter up to the following street. Several of my employees as well as myself have observed people almost getting into accidents there. I've only worked there fore 4 months, so I don't know if there have been an actual accident. She also stated that she believes that several years ago the Mayor or someone from the Traffic Commission did put up some kind of temporary stop sign and they were suppose to put a permanent one up but as far as I know nothing was ever done and now the sign is gone. DPW Commissioner Hill stated that he thinks he recalls putting

up the temporary sign at the Mayor's request but it not sure, therefore, it wasn't formal. He further stated that he's not sure if Mupac Drive is a public way. Retired Fire Chief Galligan stated that we need to find out if Minuteman Way is a city street.

**VOTED: TO SEND TO SUBCOMMITTEE REVIEW AND TO FIND OUT IF THESE STREETS ARE PRIVATE OR PUBLIC.**

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

**18. 333 NORTH MONTELLO STREET**

Requested by: Matt Hurley(City Redemption Center)

Request/Issue: Illegal on street parking continues to create a safety hazard and makes it difficult for our employees and customers to leave our business. Blocks the parking lot to avoid trash and broken glass which ends up in our lot. Requesting No Parking on both sides of the area of 333 North Montello Street.

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

Upon duly motion made by Director Stephan Hooke, seconded by Councilor Lally, the motion carried by a hand vote; 7 in the affirmative.

**19. MILL STREET (149 MILL STREET-DEAD END EXTENSION)**

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

Request/Issue: On December 1<sup>st</sup>, 2023 someone plowed through the carrier at the end of Mill Street. Several times a day people are speeding straight through the turn to the end of the dead end. Requesting that a stop sign at the turn of Liberty Street and Mill Street.**(Traffic Commission members please see attached photos)**

Discussion: Gary Epstein was present and stated that this pertains to the Mill Street Extension. My company owns 49 Mill Street and it's a dead end street. About 3 months ago a car bolted down the street and knocked down the guardrail. That corner when people are coming from Liberty Street onto Mill Street extension, it's a quick turn. So, people are either coming down that street which is a dead end street all day long or they're speeding into the turn. What we would like to do is for a stop sign to be put there, so that it would be a 3 way stop just to slow down at that turn. I think it would alleviate the accidents and on the back end it would make my corner a lot safer. No one uses Mill Street because they are speeding down they think that it's a cut through into the intersection. This has been going on for years. We really think that a stop sign at that turn would alleviate speeding into that little turn and this is an everyday occurrence.

**VOTED: TO SEND TO SUBCOMMITTEE REVIEW AND TO HAVE THE BROKEN GUARDRAIL FIXED.**

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

**20. HUNTINGTON PLACE**

Requested by: Ernest Bethoney, DPW Refuse Department and resident, Shirlee Ross

Request/Issue: There are issues every trash pickup day with cars parked on Huntington Place that is making it difficult for make turns onto the street to pick up the trash. Requesting No Parking signs.

Discussion: Resident Shirlee Ross was present and stated that it's not only Huntington Place, it's Huntington Street. It's quite congested and ours is no exception. I have had a number of conversations with the drivers of the trash trucks and the recycling trucks and the cars are parked on both sides of the street and it creates a very narrow pathway that the trucks cannot go down. Sometimes the trucks have to come out 3 times before they are actually able to take the trash way and sometimes it's on different days. She further stated that it's also a problem when there is snow, then it becomes much narrower. At the minimum there needs to be some kind of signage that indicates that on trash days that cars can not park there. There is only suppose to be parking on one side of Huntington Place and at one time there was a sign on the other side stating No Parking. A pole was knocked down and the sign was never replaced. Cars park on both sides of the street and it's impossible to go in and out of the street. She also stated that if there was an emergency and emergency vehicle traveling on this street is virtually impossible. Retired Fire Chief Galligan stated that on October 30, 1969 No Parking on Huntington Place was voted on. So It's been regulated since 1969. Retired Fire Chief Galligan asked Ms. Ross that if parking was prohibited on one side of the street would that alleviate the problem. Of which she answered yes, it would certainly be better.

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

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

**21. NYE SQUARE**

Requested by: Requested by: Ernest Bethoney, DPW Refuse Department

Request/Issue: There are issues every trash pickup day with cars parked on Nye Square that is making it difficult for make turns onto the street to pick up the trash. Requesting No Parking signs.

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

Upon duly motion made by Director Stephan Hooke, seconded by Councilor Lally, the motion carried by a hand vote; 7 in the affirmative.

## **22. 629 PLEASANT STREET**

Requested by: Scott Faria- JK Holmgren Engineering

Request/Issue: We are working with Dr. Malik on an office building located at 629 Pleasant Street. Both the ZBA and the Planning Board would like a “Don’t block the Box” sign at the site on Pleasant Street. **(Traffic Commission members please see attached Plans from Scott Faria)**

Discussion: Scott Faria and Dr. Malik were both present at the meeting. Mr. Faria stated that they have already gone to the ZBA and the Planning Board and have received approval to build Dr. Malik’s new office. It was discussed at both the ZBA and the Planning Board that “Don’t Block the Box” signage should be placed at this location. There was discussion as to who would maintain and pay for the installation of the signs and to paint the street. It was determined amongst the Traffic Commission that the Traffic Commission would reach out to our line painting company about the painting of the box on the street and to put up the “Don’t Block the Box” sign.

**VOTED: TO ACCEPT THE “DO NOT BLOCK THE BOX” SIGN AND PAVEMENT MARKING.**

Upon duly motion made by Councilor Lally, seconded by Director Stephan Hooke, the motion carried by a hand vote; 7 in the affirmative.

## **23. HAMPDEN AVENUE**

Requested by: Francisco Aguiar

Request/Issue: The last couple of months the cars pass by 35/40 MPH. I am worried about it because on December 19<sup>th</sup>, 2023 I lost my dog because a car hit killed my dog, they never stopped. I have children that sometime play on the street. Requesting a speed sign.

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

Upon duly motion made by Councilor Lally, seconded by Director Stephan Hooke, the motion carried by a hand vote; 7 in the affirmative.

## **24. 150 FIELD STREET**

Requested by: Councilor John Lally

Request/Issue: Blind Driveway sign requested for the westbound.

Discussion: Councilor Lally stated that this is a constituent on the hill at Field Street. The driveway is sort of concealed by a large hill right next to it. It’s difficult for anyone to see anyone backing out of the driveway if their going down the hill.

It's difficult for people in the driveway to see anyone coming when their getting out of the driveway.

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

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

**\*\*\*There was discussion amongst the Traffic Commission Members after Item # 1 relative to the request of Solar Powered Speed Signs. Retired Fire Chief Kenneth Galligan stated that at this time he would like the Commission to hold off on installing any more Solar Powered Speed signs until all of the kinks are worked out. Traffic Commissioner Captain Mark Porcaro stated that in less than 2 years every single one of the Solar Powered Speed signs have had some sort of technical problem. Right now, at least 4 out of the 7 aren't working at all. He stated that he doesn't know what the issue is, however, he has reached out the City's electrician, Jim Burgess and he's going to go around to each and every one of the signs again, like he has in the past. Some just needed to be reset. Others have had some other issues and he's going to report back to me on each and every sign with what the problem is. After that I am going to reach out to the company that they were purchased from and we have to explore getting these signs up and running. He further stated that he doesn't feel comfortable spending any more money buying these signs until we figure out what's wrong with them. Therefore, I support what the Retired Fire Chief stated. \*\*\***

Motion was made by Councilor Lally, seconded by DPW Commissioner Patrick Hill, 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, FEBRUARY 29<sup>TH</sup>, 2024.***