



**BROCKTON TRAFFIC COMMISSION**  
**Thursday, October 24<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, October 24<sup>th</sup>, 2024.

Present were Traffic Commission Members: Traffic Commissioner Captain Mark Porcaro, Deputy Fire Chief Joseph DePasquale, Retired Fire Chief Kenneth Galligan, DPW Commissioner Patrick Hill, Director Stephan Hooke, Councilor John Lally, James Sweeney, Traffic Maintenance Man Jamal Andrade and Secretary Michelle Yaffe.

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 James Sweeney, to waive and approve the reading of the September 26<sup>th</sup>, 2024 Traffic Commission Meeting Minutes.

**OLD BUSINESS**

**1. MAPLE AVENUE**

Requested by: Retired Fire Chief Kenneth Galligan

Request/Issue: To allow general thru traffic on Maple Avenue from Crescent Street to Main Street westerly.

**SUBCOMMITTEE RECOMMENDATIONS:**

**Subcommittee visited this location, and although no formal recommendation is ready and we will be reaching out to various neighbors for their input, some possible ideas appear below:**

- a. Remove the DO NOT ENTER and BUSES ONLY signs at the southern end of Maple Avenue near where it turns westerly and allow for general thru traffic southerly and westerly toward Main Street.**
- b. Make Maple Avenue from its southernmost point where it turns westerly ONE WAY ONLY westerly to Main Street.**
- c. Install a DO NOT ENTER sign on Maple Avenue where the pavement and the so-called "brick road" meet to prevent traffic from going east on Maple Avenue (road is not wide enough to support two-way traffic).**

**Note that we spoke with Tommy Williams of the Brockton Parking Authority as he made his rounds and he agreed with our general concept to allow general thru traffic on Maple Avenue westerly to Main Street.**

**VOTED: CONTINUE TO DECEMBER MEETING AND SEND LETTER TO BAT**

Upon duly motion made by Councilor Lally, seconded by James Sweeney, the motion carried by a hand vote; 7 in the affirmative.

## **2. NORTH AVENUE**

Requested by: Councilor Lally

Request/Issue: Would like to request that No Parking signs be placed on the north side of North Avenue from Lynn Road to Hillstrom Park. There are existing parking regulations in place but due to the frequency of violations, it might be better to spell it out. The neighbors are also looking to get a new "Dead End" sign.

### **SUBCOMMITTEE RECOMMENDATIONS:**

**A. Create a NO PARKING regulation from Lynn Road easterly on North Avenue to the dead end by Hillstrom Park.**

**B. Install two (2) oversized NO PARKING HERE TO DEAD END signs, and replace the current NO PARKING sign in front of 312 North Avenue with a bigger one, and also installing another new oversized sign with sign post by the large rock on North Avenue at Lynn Road.**

**C. Install a yellow diamond DEAD END sign above the oversized NO PARKING sign in front of 312 North Avenue.**

**D. Install two more oversized NO PARKING EITHER SIDE signs with sign posts, one sign in front of 323 North Avenue and the other sign on Pole #29 (by 326 North Avenue).**

Upon duly motion made by Councilor Lally, seconded by James Sweeney, the motion carried by a hand vote; 7 in the affirmative.

**VOTED: TO ACCEPT SUBCOMMITTEE RECOMMENDATIONS AND TO FORMALLY DECLARE NORTH AVENUE FROM LYNN ROAD EASTERLY TO THE DEAD END NO PARKING ON BOTH SIDES.**

## **3. LEWISTON STREET**

Requested by: Lynn LeBlanc

Request/Issue: People drive down my street like it's the Indy 500. Requesting speed bumps. (Continued from September meeting)

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

**VOTED: TO TAKE NO ACTION**

#### **4. HANCOCK AVENUE**

Requested by: David Burwell

Request/Issue: Speeding on the street during school hour morning and afternoon arrivals and exits, people cutting down the street to avoid the light (terrible). Have almost gotten hit leaving my driveway. Kids walking to school have to be careful, school buses cut through too. Requesting 25MPH sign- two signs would be nice. We have a sign in front of our house but no one follows instructions.

#### **SUBCOMMITTEE RECOMMENDATIONS:**

**A. Replace all current signs with new ones (existing signs are faded and dirty)**

**B. Traffic enforcement, when manpower permits.**

Discussion: Linda and David Burwell were present and Mr. Burwell showed the Commission a sign that he has in front of house that he stated he purchased to try and slow people down and it does not slow them down. Mr. Burwell stated that as far as the manpower of police, they only need somebody there for 15 minutes to catch them come flying down the street. We have surveillance cameras on the house and we know who's coming by fast. He also stated that we have 2 buses that come down street and Bob Sullivan said that buses are not allowed on residential streets. He told us that in a zoom meeting. We have 2 school buses that come down the street and they are apparently they are going to the school to pick up the kids but there's no one on the bus when they are coming down the street. They have to come down Hancock Avenue and they have to turn onto Dartmouth and when they turn onto Dartmouth you have 2 rows of cars, one on each side of the street because the kids are being picked up by their parents and they can't get through. We can't even leave our house that time of the day, we have to make sure we leave at a different time. Traffic Commissioner Porcaro asked what time in the morning and the afternoon are good times and Mr. Burwell stated 8:15 a.m. to 9:00 a.m., whatever time the Hancock school starts. Mrs. Burwell stated that she has it on the blink and that it's 8:30 a.m. to 9:00 a.m. and then the buses at 2:30-3:30 p.m. Mr. Burwell stated that we have the same 2 buses come down the street at 3:04 p.m. and 3:08 p.m., Big yellow school buses. Councilor Lally stated that you can take the videos that you have and do 2 things with them. You can #1 submit them directly to the Brockton Public Schools, their Transportation office or your Ward 1 school committee member. You can also send it directly to transportation but if you don't want to send the videos you can also call . On every bus there is a 4 digit number on all the buses and the buses have cameras and GPS, so we can see where they are and how they are behaving. Therefore, if you call and say bus number whatever is speeding on my street, they can call that driver in, pull the video up and sit with the driver to play the video and show them what they have done wrong. Mrs. Burwell stated that she's not sure if they are speeding or not but are they not suppose to cut the light and go through Hancock Avenue and go through Dartmouth Street? Councilor Lally stated that legally there is nothing to stop them. If there was some type of order from the Superintendent or the mayor, it might be a policy thing so they might be disobeying a superior. Mr. Burwell stated we have been told they cannot drive down residential streets. DPW Commissioner Hill stated that they are dropping off kids, there is not a restriction for buses to not be on a residential street. Ms. Burwell stated they come down the street at 3:08- 3:14 p.m. every single day to go pick up the kids at the Hancock. Mr. Burwell

stated that when they turn the corner they run into the two rows of cars on both sides of the street and something is going to happen one of these days. Councilor Lally stated that we as the Traffic Commission can send a letter to the Superintendent to have a word with the bus drivers and to the principal but the best immediate action you can do is when you see one of the buses and they are not where they are suppose to be or acting responsible you can call the number on the bus and state that you spoke with the mayor and the mayor said they are not suppose to be on the residential street. Ms. Burwell asked about the parents that park on both sides of the road? Councilor Lally stated that there wasn't anything here about the parents and Ms. Burwell stated that she was concerned about the signage. There was also a brief discussion about the trucks that are parked at one of the houses on the street and it was stated that they are roofers and that there are limits to the amount of cars that can be parked on one's property and it was recommended that they report it to the Quality of Life Task Force or the Inspectional Services Department. Councilor Lally stated that we can review parking restrictions relative to the parents but they are going to park the way they are parking to some degree. Retired Fire Chief Galligan stated that a few years back we went up there and posted No Parking signs on Hancock Avenue on both sides east on Pearl Street, are those signs still up and Ms. Burwell stated yes but they park there all the time. Traffic Commissioner Porcaro stated that if you see any parking violations to call the police nonemergency number and we can send a car down there.

Upon duly motion made by James Sweeney, seconded by Councilor Lally, the motion carried by a hand vote; 7 in the affirmative.

**VOTED: TO ACCEPT SUBCOMMITTEE RECOMMENDATIONS**

**5. MILDRED ROAD**

Requested by: Councilor Thompson on behalf of James Dillion of 74 Mildred Road

Request/Issue: Looking for options to reduce speeding on Mildred Road from cars coming off of Court Street.

**SUBCOMMITTEE RECOMMENDATIONS:**

- A. Send a letter to Cardinal Spellman High School advising of a speeding complaint and forthcoming traffic enforcement.**
- B. Traffic enforcement, when manpower permits.**

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

**VOTED: TO ACCEPT SUBCOMMITTEE RECOMMENDATIONS**

**6. COPELAND AND MARKET STREET**

Requested by: Jean Basile

Request/Issue: There are issues with speeding and going up the wrong way at this intersection. Looking for any/all suggestions that the Traffic Commission may have.

**SUBCOMMITTEE RECOMMENDATIONS:**

**A. Add a second STOP sign with sign post and red reflective striping to Copeland Street at Market Street (southwest corner) for the southbound traffic on Copeland Street.**

**B. Add STOP (preferably the elongated stencils) for pavement line painting.**

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

**VOTED: TO ACCEPT SUBCOMMITTEE RECOMMENDATIONS**

**7. SOUTHFIELD DRIVE**

Requested by: Amanda Allen

Request/Issue: I am wondering if a crosswalk with a crossing sign can be installed across East Street from Southfield Drive.

**SUBCOMMITTEE RECOMMENDATIONS:**

**A. Engineering study (for a crosswalk and/or a four way stop) has already been requested (we will await the results).**

**B. BPD Records Division three year crash data indicates no crashes at this location.**

Discussion: Amanda Allen was present and stated she also knows that there was a discussion about maybe if not a crosswalk we could have a four way stop and we weren't sure which direction it was headed. This was suggested by Mr. Hill. Traffic Commissioner Porcaro stated that he can ask the engineer to look at that as well when they do go out to the location.

Upon duly motion made by Councilor Lally, seconded by James Sweeney, the motion carried by a hand vote; 7 in the affirmative.

**VOTED: TO ACCEPT SUBCOMMITTEE RECOMMENDATIONS**

**8. FROST AVENUE**

Requested by: Jeff Fowler

Request/Issue: We've had an uptick (last couple of years) in cars driving at high rates of speed on Frost Ave, trying to beat the light at Forest/Ash, but also in general. Younger residents have moved in, parents are concerned, we've had two near misses with pedestrians. Councilor Farwell has suggested a Speed Hump, but we are open to any suggestions the commission may have to deter speed.

**SUBCOMMITTEE RECOMMENDATIONS:**

**A. Install two (2) NO THRU TRAFFIC signs with sign posts and yellow reflective striping on both ends of Frost Avenue, one sign at Ash Street and the other at Othello Street.**

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

**VOTED: TO ACCEPT SUBCOMMITTEE RECOMMENDATIONS**

**9. LILLY AVENUE**

Requested by: Evelyn Miranda

Request/Issue: Cars are constantly parked on both sides of Lilly Avenue close to the corner that meets with Market Street. Requesting parking be limited to one side of the street and/or prohibit parking to the corner. **(Traffic Commission members please see attached photos)**

**SUBCOMMITTEE RECOMMENDATIONS:**

**A. Create a no parking regulation on the westside of Lilly Avenue from the corner of the driveway southerly to Market Street.**

**B. Install a NO PARKING HERE TO CORNER with sign post on the westside of Lilly Avenue at the driveway corner.**

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

**VOTED: TO ACCEPT SUBCOMMITTEE RECOMMENDATIONS**

**10. 512 SUMMER STREET**

Requested by: Nien Nguyen

Request/Issue: three (3) vehicles have hit my property in the last three (3) years. Requesting signage. **(Traffic Commission Members please see attached email from Bartlett relative to the installation of the previously approved guardrail)**

**PREVIOUS SUBCOMMITTEE RECOMMENDATIONS:**

**A. Install two (2) guardrail panels in front of 512 Summer Street (by the shrubs).**

**B. Install reflective chevrons pointing in opposite directions behind the guardrails.**

Discussion: Nien Nguyen was present as requested by the Traffic Commission. Traffic Commissioner Captain Porcaro explained to Ms. Nguyen that Bartlett Consolidated reached out relative to the installation of a guardrail at this location and they stated that there were too many underground utilities at this location and that a guardrail could not be installed as previously approved. Councilor Lally stated that one of the recommendations that was given by Subcommittee was , assuming there would be guardrails, was the installation of a couple of chevrons on the guardrail, making sure that you know that you can't keep going straight. We have discussed in the past large chevron signs. They are similar to the size of a guardrail, up a little higher, highly reflective from the middle arrows pointing in both directions, just as a reminder to folks that there is a sharp turn and that

they can't keep going straight. It will not do what a guardrail does in terms of fully catching or stopping any kind of vehicle but it might get in their way and it would certainly be highly reflective and disruptive to the driver who wasn't fully paying attention. Traffic Commissioner Porcaro stated that that's a great alternative but the only question I would have and I will defer to the DPW Commissioner and to the Traffic Division maintenance man, where Bartlett said they can't dig because of underground utilities, can we install these signs? DPW Commissioner Hill stated yes, it looks like there is just some type of telephone pole on the sidewalk. DPW Commissioner Hill further stated that he doesn't know how much of the sidewalk we would lose or if we would lose the ability to plow the sidewalk. Councilor Nicastro was also present and stated that this lady needs is a barrier and there has to be some way that we can compromise to give her some type of barrier. Her house has been hit several times. We have to do something for her. Traffic Commissioner Porcaro noted that the professionals have stated that we can not install a guardrail at this location and I don't know what else we can do as a means to a barrier. Ms. Nyugen stated that her house insurance is going to drop her. Deputy Fire Chief DePasquale stated that we are looking at people that are running the stop sign. Traffic Commissioner Porcaro stated that what if we just dropped one of those plastic barriers in that area? DPW Commissioner Hill stated that they are wide on the bottom, like 3 feet and it may eliminate the sidewalk. Deputy Fire Chief DePasquale stated that this isn't a good spot to push people towards the street. DPW Commissioner Hill stated that he can look for other options. Ms. Nyugen mentioned that she has seen similar situations on Clifton Avenue and Warren Avenue. Traffic Commissioner Porcaro stated that when the guardrail professionals are telling him that they can not install a guardrail at this location, if there wasn't anything underground you would have your guardrail but I have to defer to them. Deputy Fire Chief DePasquale stated that it's Verizon and a gas line in the street. Retired Fire Chief Galligan stated that if we can't put a guardrail up but it's determined that we can put 2 posts in ground with the yellow reflective tape, my suggestions would be to move forward with that, subject to approval from the DPW and she could put barriers on her own property that has nothing to do with the city. The sign is 2 feet wide and 4 feet long, bright yellow, so that when you are coming down Summer Street, people are going to see it. DPW Commissioner Hill stated that he found something online, and I don't know about liability, when you put something like a guardrail if there's some kind of expectation. I'd certainly want an opinion on that. But there are other options that we can use, that we can drill directly down into the asphalt that wouldn't require any excavation, that would provide the same level of protection or visual protection. They are guardrails but they are more of a plastic base that are on a steel post and they are fairly inexpensive. They are reflective green and they'll show up. He further stated that it's probably something that we could install, it's just simple posts on some concrete with screws that are going to go down into the pavement. He also stated that he doesn't know the level of protection on one of these. Traffic Commissioner Porcaro stated that as we have never done this before he is reluctant to do something like this. DPW Commissioner Hill stated that he would want someone to give him an opinion on the level of protection one of these would provide. Retired Fire Chief stated that he was thinking of one that we had put up on

Pleasant Street coming off of Rockland Street. That's a sign that is very effective, would it stop a car no but it tells you that it's the end of the road. Councilor Lally stated that what if we went back to the original suggestion of Mr. Sweeney that we go back to subcommittee to evaluate what DPW Commissioner Hill has found. Traffic Commissioner Porcaro stated that it's not a bad idea, however, the company never mentioned this to him when I asked them for options. Councilor Lally stated that he would make a motion to do what the Chief suggested and install the long double sided chevron sign that was discussed and refer it back to subcommittee, not for another physical review but to get more information about what DPW Commissioner is looking at. Traffic Commissioner Porcaro stated let's install the sign that the Chief has mentioned and instead of sending this back to subcommittee to figure out what this new option is, let's install the sign and be done with it. Meantime without sending it to Subcommittee I can reach out to Bartlett Consolidated and see if this new modified type of guardrail that we have discussed is something that their company does and if it is, is it something they would recommend for this location.

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

**VOTED: TO INSTALL A TWO DIRECTIONAL CHEVRON SIGN**

## **NEW BUSINESS**

### **11. PACKARD STREET**

Requested by: Councilor Susan Nicastro on behalf of Kelly Chalas

Request/Issue: There has been a continuing problem with vehicles traveling the wrong way on Packard Street. Requesting additional signage such as DO NOT ENTER or WRONG WAY signs.

Discussion: Councilor Nicastro was present and stated that it's vehicles going the wrong way on Packard Street and there's a lot of children playing. Looking at your agenda for tonight and looking at other issues that I've been hearing about lately, this is a problem throughout the city with cars going the wrong way and not only that but going really fast while they are doing this. If you ever wanted to make an Ad Hoc Committee or something, I would be happy to work with you, all of you because this is not a problem that's going to go away. As this woman on Centre Street just reflected, as for Packard Street, Ms. Chalas would like you to come out and see if there's some signage you could do that would catch people's eyes. It's a bigger problem because it's all over the city. She further stated that she knows that we are down police officers but is there a way that we could get some police in the problem areas that we are getting complaints on that would perhaps stop this kind of cutting through? Traffic Commission Porcaro stated that that is something that we can talk to the Chief about. He further stated that he had assigned a police officer to Packard Street a few weeks ago and when the officer was there he caught a U Haul going the wrong way.



Upon duly motion made by James Sweeney, seconded by Councilor Lally, the motion carried by a hand vote; 7 in the affirmative.

**VOTED: TO SEND TO SUBCOMMITTEE**

**12. INTERSECTION OF SNELL AVENUE & HILLSIDE AVENUE**

Requested by: Councilor Susan Nicaastro on behalf of the residents in this neighborhood.

Request/Issue: The speed at which vehicles travel on these side roads is concerning. The residents would like the Traffic Commission to consider making this intersection a four way stop.

Discussion: Councilor Nicaastro was present as well as residents, Bob & Pam Dollfuss and Catherine Rose. Mrs. Dollfuss stated that their biggest concern is that there is a bus stop right at the corner and cars are just blowing through, they don't stop. They don't look. The biggest concern that I have is that someone is going to get hurt, one of these children getting on the bus or off the bus, but not just the children. This is an elderly neighborhood as well. It's not even safe for us to walk our granddaughter around the block. You have to be on alert at all times, watching for cars that just plow right on through because they seem to think they own the road. Mr. Dollfuss stated that the biggest thing is the road on Riverview Street needs to be repaired. They are coming down Riverview Street down Beach Street or Hillside Avenue and they are whipping up Hillside because they don't want to go down the street into Riverview because it's too bumpy with potholes. He further stated that in the morning they are on their way to work. They come up from Concord Street and they floor it. 4 o'clock in the afternoon they jump that stop sign and they fly down to Beach Street and take a right to Riverview Street. Across the street from us there is a mentally challenged child. All he has to do is run out into the street, like he has done in the past and someone comes flying down the street and hits him. There is also a school bus stop on Snell Avenue. If you could put up one of those flashing signs that tells you the speed that you are going or caution autistic child sign. It's not going to do much but if they see it they may have some compassion. DPW Commissioner Hill stated that if the neighbor is looking for an autistic sign, they can submit the documentation to the Secretary, Michelle Yaffe. Mr. Dullfus stated that he understands that we don't do four way stops anymore of which DPW Commissioner Hill stated that's not necessarily true. Traffic Commissioner Porcaro stated that it's not that we don't, it's something that has to go through a process. One of our starting points would be to request a 3 year crash history from the police department to see if there is a lot of accidents going on there. Ms. Rose stated that there are 3 intersections total in this area and we are the only non-four way stop. Councilor Lally stated that there's something called the Manual for Uniform Traffic Control Devices. MUTCD is the rule book that we operate from and it has requirements for you know what burden needs to be met for various improvements. So a four way stop if it doesn't meet the requirements of the MUTCD then we can't do anything. Another thing that MUTCD looks at is the proximity to other intersections and other four way stops. One of the rules is that we cannot use stop signs to control speed. We have to find alternative measures, MUTCD is sort of the test that we must pass. Ms. Dullfus asked about

a small bump of which DPW Commissioner Hill stated that it's not something that we have done before. There are practical reasons to use speed bumps and I don't necessarily know that this would be one of them. More people are trying to get away from speed bumps in roadways and they are using speed tables, however, speed tables are used for pedestrians, to slow down traffic. Ms. Rose stated that you guys have been to this corner before and deemed it not necessary and I know that the time that you guys have to come because of the restrictions and it may not be the most opportune time to come to see what's happening. It's more in the morning and the afternoon. It's unfortunate that people don't follow the rules.

Upon duly motion made by Director Hooke, seconded by James Sweeney, the motion carried by a hand vote; 7 in the affirmative.

**VOTED: TO SEND TO SUBCOMMITTEE**

### **13. MONSON STREET**

Requested by: Wanda Traverss

Request/Issue: A neighbor keeps parking less than 1 foot from the stop sign at the corner of Monson & West Street causing a serious safety risk to people entering/exiting the street. I have almost been hit 3 times because traffic has to come into my lane to get around the SUV. Requesting a NO PARKING HERE TO CORNER sign.

Discussion: Wanda Traverss was present and stated that she had taken some photos and she presented those to the Traffic Commission to look at. She stated that she spoke to the owner of this home and she got pushback. He didn't want to not park on top of the stop sign. I let him know that he needed to be 30 feet back and that it's dangerous. I have almost been hit 3 times, one time I was coming off of West Street coming home to turn onto Monson and the SUV was right there in front of the stop sign and there was another car right behind it. So now anybody coming this way is already half over into my lane. So as I was coming down Monson all of a sudden there is this huge Ford 250 coming right at me. He was shocked. I was shocked. I hit the brakes and my rear end is still on West Street. So now the people behind me are beeping and I almost got rear ended and I can't go down and he can't go down. He backed up so then I was able to go down the road. It's an ongoing issue. I've seen cars fly down the street. The picture with the gray SUV that's parked on the stop sign, he flies down the street and parks wherever he wants. It's making it very difficult getting in and out. This is definitely a safety issue.

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

**VOTED: TO SEND TO SUBCOMMITTEE**

#### **14.765 SUMMER STREET**

Requested by: Joanne Barrett

Request/Issue: Multiple cars go down the wrong way on a daily basis. There is a deaf child and lots of children walking home from school. They speed going down the wrong direction. Additional signs requested. Preferably lower to the ground. Also yellow reflective arrows.

Discussion: Joanne Barrett was present and stated that I am not sure if you are familiar with the street. It's a little one way street off of Plain. When you're coming the other direction, there are a couple of very small signs that are very far back that says all traffic must turn right. There are multiple Do Not Enter signs, one way signs that are very up high in the road. Unfortunately, nowadays, when people are driving, most people are looking down like this, not up like this. There's a deaf gentleman. We have children that walk to and from the Davis School daily on that road. People speed down that road in the wrong direction multiple times a day. We have had a lot of very close accidents. Brewster Ambulance has come very close to having a couple of accidents as they're transporting. Something that we were kind of looking for is, I'm not sure if you're familiar with, when you come to the end of Bouve, they have one of those orange blocks on the ground. Something like that might catch someone's attention. There are a lot of kids on the street and people fly down in the wrong direction. Maybe some updated signs with yellow reflective, something is going to catch people's attention to actually not go down the wrong way. Councilor Lally stated that he can speak to some of the craziness on the street. The confidence and speed that people go right past the Do Not Enter signs is very impressive. The road on the exit has a very wide mouth to it. He further stated that he likes the idea of exploring some kind of affect that entrance, even if we just find a way to write something on the road, do not enter, put something clean and clear. There was discussion about the plastic jersey barriers that are located on Bouve. Ms. Barrett stated that because everything is currently so high when people are driving they're not looking at signs and the sign that says all traffic turn right, it's very high in the air, way before the street. We did have a wrong way sign put up about a year ago, halfway down the street on a telephone pole that doesn't seem to deter anyone either. DPW Commissioner Hill stated so that plastic barriers that you would like would be on Otto Street? Ms. Barrett stated yes, where the street comes around where the telephone pole is. DPW Commissioner Hill stated at Otto and Summer and Ms. Barrett stated yes and that side of the road would be better so that when you are coming it's right in front of your face. Retired Fire Chief Galligan asked DPW Commissioner if there would be any issues with putting one of those barriers like on Bouve at this location and DPW Commissioner Hill stated that he believes stuff like this is great temporary measure it doesn't determine whether or not it actually negates the issue. Deputy Fire Chief DePasquale asked if there are cars parked on this section most of time of which Ms. Barrett stated a couple of cars do kind of park on the side of the road but they are pushed back beyond the white line but there are one or two cars there.

Upon duly motion made by James Sweeney, seconded by Councilor Lally, the motion carried by a hand vote; 7 in the affirmative.

**VOTED: TO SEND TO SUBCOMMITTEE**

**15. 403 MAIN STREET**

Requested by: Edson Fernandes/The Universal Church

Request/Issue: Multiple pedestrians crossing on Main Street. Requesting a Pedestrian Crossing sign, traffic lights and/or a crosswalk at this location. **(Traffic Commission members please see attached photos)**

Discussion: Edson Fernandes was not present. Councilor Lally stated that he recommends that we send this to Subcommittee. If there is a crosswalk there maybe we can put some signage and call attention to it but I don't feel this necessitates a traffic light.

Upon duly motion made by Councilor Lally, seconded by James Sweeney, the motion carried by a hand vote; 7 in the affirmative.

**VOTED: TO SEND TO SUBCOMMITTEE**

**16. WINTER/BONNEY STREETS**

Requested by: Councilor John Lally

Request/Issue: Cars park on Bonney Street close to the corner making it difficult for vehicles to enter or exit the street safely. Requested "No Parking" signs on Bonney Street near the corner.

Discussion: Councilor Lally stated that one of the houses on Winter Street where Bonney ends was sold. I suspect that it may have been divided into apartments without telling any appropriate authorities, which is a separate matter that will be looked into. There are more cars there than before and Bonney Street where it meets Winter is a very strange road. It narrows significantly in order to accommodate Sheldon, which is right next to it. People are not parking in their driveways and they are parking across the street at the end of Bonney. They are parking right up on the stop line and there are usually about 3 cars there on the west side of the road facing south that are getting in the way of the cars entering and exiting. The constituent reached out and was concerned of accidents from people who are just entering Bonnet without looking as much as they should. They will wind up hitting southbound traffic who is stuck at the stop sign and halfway into the other lane because there's a car there.

Upon duly motion made by Councilor Lally, seconded by James Sweeney, the motion carried by a hand vote; 7 in the affirmative.

**VOTED: TO SEND TO SUBCOMMITTEE**

## **17. LISA DRIVE**

Requested by: Councilor John Lally

Request/Issue: Requesting a review of Lisa Drive to make sure proper signage and traffic control measures are in place. Lisa Drive is a densely populated area with a lot of children, no sidewalks and a substantial volume of traffic.

Discussion: Councilor Lally and Jessica Osterberg were present. Councilor Lally stated that he filed this on behalf of the constituents because of their concerns with Lisa Drive. Lisa Drive is entirely residential. It's a major roadway. It's a shortcut between Boundary Street and Howard Street and it is a main way to go to the Brookfield School. It's a long street. It's got a lot of hills and lots of corners and as the Commission is aware that encourages a lot of speeding. So the request is due to the fact that there are not sidewalks, there are a lot of kids on the street. There are even more kids when school is getting in and out because they're walking to and from school. The request is that we go out and review the street in its' entirety, primarily between Sully Road and Howard Street to take any kind of measures we have in place and to see what we can do to change what we have and to add to that, in an attempt to regulate speeding and whatever other problems might come up. Jessica Osterberg stated that she lives at 109 Lisa Drive and she walks in the area frequently and even from within the house, I can see and hear the cars speeding by day after day, early morning, late afternoon. It's bit of an issue. I do see kids walking to school every day. I see parents walking their children. There's even a BAT bus stop right across from Willow Road, so about halfway towards that stop sign, I see people standing there, which it makes it pretty dangerous. I have 2 small infants that are 10 months old and I have a double stroller that's pretty wide. It does make it a bit worrisome when I am walking, whether it's just me or with my husband and one of us is walking in the middle of the road to make sure that cars do see us. In my experience, I would like to see a sidewalk put in. I know speed bumps really aren't too commonly seen in residential areas, but they are definitely a way to slow people down.

Upon duly motion made by James Sweeney, seconded by Director Hooke, the motion carried by a hand vote; 7 in the affirmative.

**VOTED: TO SEND TO SUBCOMMITTEE**

## **18. N. QUINCY AND N. CARY STREETS**

Requested by: Councilor John Lally, Ward 6

Request/Issue: To re-examine this location for possible improvements.

**(Traffic Commission members please see attached crash history and Tighe & Bond Study 2020)**

Discussion: Councilor Lally stated that the Commission several years ago made several improvements to the intersections of North Quincy and North Cary Street, which resulted in a dramatic decline in accidents. In the last couple of months, it appears that the number of accidents has picked up. It's on the rise and this concern has been brought to me by several constituents that live in the area. After reviewing

the crash data that has been provided it seems like most of these accidents have somewhat flipped the script. Predominantly the issue has been northbound traffic, whether or not another car is involved. They don't always need it. The northbound traffic crossing over into the southbound lane and then onto the sidewalk and then into somebody's front lawn. A lot of the accidents represented in the crash reports we received all but one are involving vehicles that are southbound as either the offender or whoever gets hit. I don't know if that means other than the fact that we might need to go back and see what we can do for southbound traffic. The constituents who called did maintain that northbound traffic was still an issue but this crash data also shows that there's a lot of southbound travel. I think that we could make some short term improvements to address southbound traffic. I don't think it would be out of bounds for the Commission to sort of end its' long term involvement with this and some kind of a letter to the Mayor and the DPW recommending signalization. Traffic Commissioner Porcaro stated that the study looks at two areas, it looks at North Quincy and North Cary, of which we are talking about tonight and then West Chestnut at Ash Street which we're not concerned with tonight. The next to last page of the study "proposed design and recommendations". Traffic Commissioner Porcaro read the recommendations into the records. Councilor Lally made a motion to send this to Subcommittee and submit a letter to the Mayor and DPW from the Traffic Commission recommending the signalization of the intersection of North Quincy Street and North Cary Street.

Upon duly motion made by Councilor Lally, seconded by James Sweeney, the motion carried by a hand vote; 7 in the affirmative.

**VOTED: TO SEND TO SUBCOMMITTEE AND SEND LETTER TO THE MAYOR AND DPW SUPPORTING THE RECOMMENDATIONS BY TIGHE & BOND.**

**Motion was made by Councilor Lally, seconded by James Sweeney, to adjourn the meeting. All were in favor. Meeting adjourned at 7:35 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, DECEMBER 5<sup>TH</sup>, 2024 AND ALL REQUESTS MUST BE SUBMITTED BY THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 21<sup>ST</sup>, 2024.***