



**BROCKTON TRAFFIC COMMISSION**  
**Thursday, December 12<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, December 12<sup>th</sup>, 2024.

Present were Traffic Commission Members: Traffic Commissioner Captain Mark Porcaro, Deputy Fire Chief Joseph DePasquale, Retired Fire Chief Kenneth Galligan, Director Stephan Hooke, Councilor John Lally 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 by James Sweeney, seconded by Director Stephan Hooke, to waive and approve the reading of the October 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.**

Discussion: Councilor Jeffrey Thompson was present and stated that he would agree with the Subcommittee recommendation preventing traffic going easterly from Main Street through Maple Avenue to Crescent Street like the Captain said due to the width of the road, two way traffic, especially with the parked cars as they sit today. I think would not safe. I think really without having the ability to come off of Crescent and move southerly to Main Street, then you are making a whole maze around Main Street to then head southerly if you're unable to make that move southerly from Crescent Street to Main Street. So to move the signs designating bus stops, to install a do not enter sign on Main Street coming into Maple Avenue I think is smart. I would approve those recommendations. I would add that maybe we could do something in painting season, big arrows showing the flow of traffic coming southerly down Maple Avenue onto Main Street. I think that would be another strong indicator that it's do not enter off of Main northerly.

**VOTED: TO ACCEPT SUBCOMMITTEE RECOMMENDATIONS.**

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

## **2. 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.

### **SUBCOMMITTEE RECOMMENDATIONS:**

**A. Replace the NO RIGHT TURN sign on Packard St. at Owens Ave. (southeast corner).**

**B. Install ONE WAY signs on Pole #2 (near 12 Packard St.) and Pole #3 (near 16 Packard St.).**

**C. Replace the DO NOT ENTER sign at Main St. at Packard St. (northeast corner).**

**D. Install new DO NOT ENTER, ONE WAY, and STOP signs on a sign post at Main St. at Packard St. (southeast corner).**

**E. Install a WRONG WAY sign facing to the west on Pole #2-30.**

**F. Parking Enforcement**

Discussion: Present were Mr. Hresko and Gwendolyn Jackson. Mr. Hresko stated that there is a bodega on the right, on the northeaster corner of where Packard Street meets Main Street and for a long time there's a sign that has been blocked and there was only one One Way sign. So I see now that DPW has installed them on both poles. Some of that's already happened because the do no enter sign. Our observation seems o be sometimes people go against the one way all the way down but often it's to get to Owens.

I would also add that a recurring problem there is the parking with the funeral home. So anytime there is a funeral it's just a mess all around there as well as Vicente's traffic. Ms. Jackson mentioned the parking of work vehicles. Mr. Hresko stated that on the corner of Owens and Packard there is often a large truck/4 trucks and it makes the visibility very difficult when you get to that corner. Ms. Jackson stated that she doesn't park in the driveway because it's dangerous when pulling out and that when her landlord tries to pull out she can't see because the truck is parked right next to the shrubbery and there's no way for her to pull out safely. Councilor Lally told them that there is an ordinance on the books that there are to be no commercial vehicle parking on a public road between the hours of 10 pm and 7 am. If you call the non-emergency line of the police department at some point between those hours they can come out and they will try and find the property attached to that truck and tell them that they need to move the truck. If they don't find anything they will ticket and if it continues to be an issue the truck will eventually be towed. He further stated that we also have something on the books for code enforcement regarding commercial vehicles on property or in front of a house if the property is deemed to operate a business. I would recommend that you call the non-emergency line. He further stated that you can contact Councilor Nicastro and have her bring this issue to the Code Enforcement Team.

**VOTED: TO ADD "F" AND ACCEPT SUBCOMMITTEE RECOMMENDATIONS.**

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

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

Requested by: Councilor Susan Nicastro 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.

**SUBCOMMITTEE RECOMMENDATIONS:**

**A. Install a STOP sign with sign post and red reflective striping on Snell Ave. near Pole #5 for the northbound traffic**

**B. Install a STOP sign with sign post and red reflective striping on Snell Ave. near Pole #6 for the southbound traffic.**

**C. For pavement line painting, add STOP stencils and STOP bars to go with the two new STOP signs in recommendations "a & b."**

**VOTED: TO ACCEPT SUBCOMMITTEE RECOMMENDATIONS.**

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

#### **4. 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.

##### **SUBCOMMITTEE RECOMMENDATIONS:**

- A. Create a No Parking regulation on Monson St. 55 feet westerly to the West St. intersection (both sides).**
- B. Install a NO PARKING HERE TO CORNER sign on Monson St. 55 feet in from West St. (northside of the road)**
- C. Install a NO PARKING CORNER TO HERE sign 55 feet in from West St. (southside of the road).**
- D. Parking Enforcement**

**VOTED: TO ADD "D" AND ACCEPT SUBCOMMITTEE RECOMMENDATIONS.**

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

#### **5. 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.

##### **SUBCOMMITTEE RECOMMENDATIONS:**

- A. For the existing ALL TRAFFIC BEAR RIGHT sign near 731 Summer St., install a new signpost with yellow reflective striping (for southbound traffic).**
- B. Straighten the current signpost on Summer St. opposite Otto St. (eastside of the road) and add red reflective striping.**
- C. Place an orange sand-filled plastic barrier(s) on Summer St. at Otto St. and affix a DO NOT ENTER sign to the barrier facing the southbound traffic. Add reflective striping to all sides of the barrier(s).**
- D. Reposition the current DO NOT ENTER and ONE WAY signs and signpost closer to Pole #4 to be more in line with the new barrier(s).**
- E. Install a flashing CURVE AHEAD sign next to Pole #4 to face the southbound Summer St. traffic.**
- F. Recommend the DPW installs a brighter street light (current light is LED 46).**
- G. For pavement line painting, add the "skips" on Summer St. where the southbound lane turns onto Otto St. westbound.**

**VOTED: TO ACCEPT SUBCOMMITTEE RECOMMENDATIONS.**

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

**6. 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.

**SUBCOMMITTEE RECOMMENDATIONS:**

**A. Request a crosswalk engineering study.**

**VOTED: TO ACCEPT SUBCOMMITTEE RECOMMENDATIONS.**

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

**7. 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.

**SUBCOMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION:**

**A. Create a No Parking regulation on Bonney St. 35 feet southerly to Winter St. (both sides).**

**B. Install a NO PARKING HERE TO CORNER sign with signpost on Bonney St. 35 feet in from Winter St. (westside of the road)**

**C. Install a NO PARKING CORNER TO HERE sign with signpost on Bonney St. 35 feet in from Winter St. (eastside of the road).**

**VOTED: TO ACCEPT SUBCOMMITTEE RECOMMENDATIONS.**

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

**8. 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.

**SUBCOMMITTEE RECOMMENDATIONS:**

**A. Install a 30 MPH sign on Pole #24 (near 285 Lisa Dr.) for westbound traffic.**

- B. Raise the existing 30 MPH sign on Pole #21 (near 260 Lisa Dr.) for westbound traffic.**
- C. Install a 30 MPH sign on Pole #14 near (near 166 Lisa Dr.) for westbound traffic.**
- D. Install a SLOW sign on Pole #10 (near 104 Lisa dr.) for westbound traffic.**
- E. Install a 30 MPH sign with signpost and yellow reflective striping by the stone wall between 29 and 35 Lisa Dr. (for eastbound traffic).**
- F. Remove the old and faded 30 MPH sign on Pole #4 (near 22 Lisa Dr.).**
- G. Install a 30 MPH sign with signpost and yellow reflective striping between 205 and 211 Lisa Dr. (for eastbound traffic).**

**VOTED: TO ACCEPT SUBCOMMITTEE RECOMMENDATIONS.**

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

**9. N. QUINCY AND N. CARY STREETS**

Requested by: Councilor John Lally, Ward 6

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

**SUBCOMMITTEE RECOMMENDATIONS:**

- A. Install a bi-directional chevron warning sign at the N. Quincy and N. Cary Sts. split (in front of the Massasoit C.C. sign) for N. Quincy St. southbound traffic.**
- B. Lower the existing chevron warning sign in front of 466 N. Quincy St. for the southbound traffic.**
- C. Realign the flashing CURVE AHEAD sign by 466 N. Quincy St. for northbound traffic.**
- D. Install a chevron warning sign (pointing to the left/east) on Pole #86 (near 470 N. Quincy St.) for southbound traffic.**
- E. Send a letter to the DPW Commissioner and Mayor conditioned on the OCPC study recommending the signalization of this intersection.**

Discussion: Retired Fire Chief Galligan stated that he would direct Item C to the Deputy Fire Chief and would appreciate if he'd follow-up on that. Councilor Lally stated that he would like to add Item "E" to motion to accept subcommittee recommendations with the addition of Item E to submit a letter from the Traffic Commission to the Mayor and DPW recommending that this intersection be signalized. Councilor Lally stated that there was a OCPC report done a few years ago, Traffic Commissioner Porcaro asked if this was the Tighe & Bond Report? Traffic Commissioner Porcaro further stated that if we are going to make that recommendation. Councilor Lally further stated that OCPC recommended a roundabout but that he didn't think that would fit. Councilor Lally withdrew his recommendation for Item E and he stated that he will gather the documentation from this intersection to present to the commission at a later date with the sole purpose of requesting a letter to the mayor and the DPW Commissioner be sent.

It was further discussed to leave Item E on the recommendations that states to send a letter to the DPW Commissioner and the Mayor recommending a traffic light for this intersection pending the reference of the documents mentioned.

**VOTED: TO ACCEPT SUBCOMMITTEE RECOMMENDATIONS.**

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

**10. N.CARY STREET (BETWEEN AMARK ROAD AND TOBY ROAD)**

Requested by: Councilor John Lally

Request/Issue: Councilor Lally is requesting an engineering study of this area due to ongoing traffic concerns. **(Traffic Commission members please see attached CDM Smith Engineering Study)**

Discussion: Councilor Lally was present and stated that he wanted to highlight one paragraph from the report it says that the Intersection of N. Cary Street and Amark. He read the paragraph into the record. As it has been established in front of the Commission in the past if you are trying to head south on N. Cary Street onto Amark you cannot northbound traffic on N. Cary Street. You do not have any forewarning of what's going to happen when you cross that lane of travel. The corner is also used a lot by students walking to the Ashfield School. It is a very risky corner which I have been complaining about and have brought to the commission, enforcement back and force stuff like that for a long time. My initial request was to return this to a 90 degree intersection an if you look at the old layout of N. Cary Street it was a 90 degree intersection. To tear up the road, make a three way stop would be quite an undertaking but I would continue to argue that that is the only way to get those kids to school safely and that this intersection does have accidents. Councilor Lally stated that he would recommend sending a letter to DPW and the Mayor's office that we accept the engineering report to restore the old N. Cary Street at that corner.

**VOTED: TO SEND TO LETTER TO DPW AND THE MAYOR'S OFFICE THAT STATES THE TRAFFIC COMMISSION ACCEPTS THE CDM SMITH ENGINEERING STUDY THAT WAS CONDUCTED AND SUPPORTS THE RECOMMENDATIONS.**

Upon duly motion made by Councilor Lally, seconded by James Sweeney, the motion carried by a hand vote; 5 in the affirmative and 1 in opposition.

**11. 409 WEST ELM STREET**

Requested by: Camilla Hoffman

Request/Issue: I live on the corner of West Elm Street and Moraine Street. We have had at least one (1) accident per week. People drive too fast and reckless. I have had a car drive up on my lawn. I am afraid to let my children play outside. Requesting Traffic lights at this location between West Elm Street and Moraine



Street. **(Traffic Commission members please see attached CDM Smith Engineering Study)**

Discussion: Councilor Lally stated that I would not vote for a four way stop there because I do not believe that a single car on West Elm Street would respect that, it seems like it would be inviting trouble. A traffic light makes more sense. I take that route and it's tough to get out of and there are a lot of people speeding. I know that it is close to another traffic light which MUTCD won't like but I don't think it would be a bad idea to explore further. James Sweeney stated that he thinks it would make it worse with a four way stop until a traffic light is put in place. Traffic Commissioner Porcaro agreed relative to the four way stop. Retired Fire Chief Galligan stated that he believes there was discussion relative to closing the intersection down and doing some structural changes to the intersection. He further stated that it appears what they are strongly recommending is a traffic signal.

**VOTED: TO APPROVE CDM SMITH ENGINEERING STUDY AND SEND LETTER TO THE MAYOR'S OFFICE AND DPW RECOMMENDING THE TRAFFIC SIGNAL.**

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

## **NEW BUSINESS**

### **12. UNION STREET**

Requested by: Councilor Susan Nicastro, Ward 4

Issue/Request: Union Street is a one-way street, running eastbound from Main Street to Montello Street. Union Street has both residential and school properties. There is a complaint of one-way/wrong way violations occurring there. Request the Traffic Commission review the current signs, particularly at the Montello Street end, to see if better signs may help the problem. Additionally, any other relief the Traffic Commission may deem appropriate. **(Traffic Commission members please see attached SeeClickFix)**

Discussion: Councilor Nicastro was not present.

**VOTED: TO SEND TO SUBCOMMITTEE**

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.

### **13. 1690 MAIN STREET (NEW HEIGHTS CHARTER SCHOOL)**

Requested by: Matthew Andrade

Request/Issue: Students who attend New Heights Charter school get off the BAT bus and cross the busy street without any crosswalk or signal present. This poses a safety issue. Requesting a crosswalk at this location.



Discussion: Matthew Andrade was present. Traffic Commissioner Porcaro stated that we have been dealing with this area for a few years and I think it finally culminated . We sent a letter to the Mayor's office and DPW very recently indicating the results of an engineering study that said that a crosswalk can be installed with all these other conditions. That ball is essentially now in their court to implement the crosswalk. Mr. Andrade stated that I would like to find out what's going on and happening in the mayor's office. Traffic Commissioner Porcaro asked if he has tried to call the Mayor's office and he stated that he had been corresponding with Michelle and she sent me the letter that was sent to the Mayor's office and I haven't contacted the Mayor's office, I don't know what the next step is. Traffic Commissioner Porcaro stated that when we have an issue like this that is brought to us we put it out for an engineering study and then the engineer will come back and tell us, like in this case, it's a crosswalk, whether it can be done or cannot be done. In this case the engineer stated that it could be done with all of these conditions that had to meet, I think a sidewalk had to be installed. Once we get the engineering report back we voted to accept that and then we send it off to the Mayor's office and the DPW because they do have budget and the equipment to implement things like this. So that's basically the status, once we sent that letter the traffic commission is done with it and it's now in the Mayor's court to implement it. Councilor Lally stated that you would want to each out to the Mayor's office or the school could do it officially to Mayor Sullivan or his Chief of Staff and in addition to that in order to help you out you can call members of the Council as well. Councilor Nicastro is the Ward 4 Councilor and there are 4 Councilors-at-Large. The Commission is in agreement with the crosswalk recommendation, however, it not something that the commission can handle so it goes to DPW and Mayor's office. Mr. Andrade had the letter with him and stated it was dated September 24<sup>th</sup> and that it was voted on August 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2024. Mr. Andrade asked if the Commission has heard back from the Mayor's office and Councilor Lally stated that it's not something that the mayor would send a formal letter back to the commission, it's something if the Mayor wants to pursue he will pursue it.

**VOTED: TO SEND A FOLLOW-UP LETTER TO THE MAYOR'S OFFICE AND DPW.**

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

#### **14. BELMONT AVENUE AND WEST ELM STREET**

Requested by: Wayde Francis

Request/Issue: Religiously there are at least 3-4 car crashes at this location per week. It is crazy how the city hasn't figured this out yet. The Traffic Commission came out and thought the hedges from the neighbor's house was the problem but it's not. It needs a sign.

Discussion: Wayne Francis was not present and Retired Fire Chief Galligan stated that when he says it needs a sign it is because most of the signs need to be replaced.

**VOTED: TO SEND TO SUBCOMMITTEE**

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

**15. HILLSIDE AVENUE BETWEEN SUMMER ST. AND CONCORD ST.**

Requested by: Officer Derek Salamone, Brockton Police Department

Request/Issue: Many residents have complained of speeding on Hillside Avenue between Summer Street and Concord Street. Most of the speeding is westbound on Hillside Avenue. There are no speed limit signs in that direction. Would like to post one heading westbound.

Discussion: Officer Derek Salamone was not present.

**VOTED: TO SEND TO SUBCOMMITTEE FOR PLACEMENT OF SIGN.**

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

**16. INTERSECTION OF GROVE STREET AND LAWRENCE STREET**

Requested by: Councilor Jeffrey Thompson

Request/Issue: Recently a young girl was struck by a motor vehicle at this intersection. Requesting that the Traffic Commission take a look at the intersection for additional safety measures.

Discussion: Councilor Jeffrey Thompson was present and stated that throughout the city we are seeing a huge increase in motor vehicle accidents. I think that some of that has to do with new infrastructure being put in. Our roads gladly they are getting repaved after underground infrastructure is installed. But when you have nicer roads people speed more often on those roads, it's kind of catch 22. We definitely don't want to stop any further improvements to our city but I think as City Councilor and the Traffic Commission that I would like to begin a conversation on recognizing some of these traffic issues that we've incurred over the last few months and see if there's anything we can do to make our streets safer. Unfortunately, recently we have had some deaths. We've had the injury of this young girl and it's up to us as city leaders to make sure that our streets are as safe as possible. Councilor Thompson further stated that Captain Porcaro was kind enough to find the police report for me so that I could see what was discussed on scene after this accident and essentially this is the Lawrence Street Grove Street intersection where it T's Lawrence Street into Grove Street. When Lawrence T's into Grove, your right hand turn onto Grove Street is a little unorthodox. It's a very wide curving turn to the right. There is a stop sign present but there's no other signage indicating maybe the contours of this turn or making

people recognize that this is an unusual right turn that there is a residential complex full of kids right across the street and so I think that we should probably do is see where we could potentially put some pedestrian crossways. There is no pedestrian crossway crossing over Grove Street in that area and there is no pedestrian crossing going across Lawrence from one side of Grove to the other. This young girl was hit 5- to 100 feet after the turn. So it wasn't the intersection itself. It was a little more westerly down the intersection. So this could've been a situation where a car could not see around the curb and see the young girl and the young girl couldn't likewise see around the curve to the left of an oncoming car. My understanding is that there is a BAT bus stop at the end somewhere within a few 100 feet of that intersection as well. We should probably put in a pedestrian crosswalk to allow these children to cross the street safely. I would also recommend we should send this one to engineering to see what the experts say on this intersection and how we can make it safer. I think this would be an appropriate first step to make this intersection safe for everyone. Jed Hresko was also present and stated about 8 blocks away on Centre Street. I run a group called Brockton bikes and we have gotten involved in road safety issue for all uses of the road not just cyclists. What I've really become convinced of is he speeding in the city. I am convinced that as a city of the whole if we could just slow people down. We're not going to get people to behave better overnight but we could force them to slow down which brings us to this intersection. As the counselor indicated in effect what is a slip lane at another intersection where the cars, yes there is a stop sign but it indicates that you could just go right around that corner coming from Lawrence and going south onto Grove Street and there is also one coming off Grove, if you are coming from the firehouse it's not a 90 degree turn there either. Mr. Hresko made a diagram of which he showed to the Traffic Commission showing the flow of direction of Lawrence and Grove Streets. We are hoping that one part of the solution would be to reduce the amount of pavement, make Lawrence a 90 degree angle perpendicular to Grove Street because that forces drivers to stop. He further stated that he knows that the city has temporary jersey barriers and that could possible assist with the issues. Clinton Dillion was also present and stated that he lives right on Grove Street. He stated that he has seen deaths on this street. We have a telephone pole still hanging from the last accident that a guy crashed into it and broke it. If you look at this intersection it's a fishbowl right where that girl got hit. You have a hill right above that and when you make that right hand turn you can't see above that anyways. It will be hard to put a pedestrian crosswalk there unless you put it above. You'll also have to make sure that it's bright yellow, have light and everything is flashing like in other communities. We don't have that in this community where pedestrian walks are at, we press a button and everything flashes. If you take that corner the stop sign is way over almost onto public property, it's not even on the sidewalk or near it. We have 4 poles hanging on this street right now because of accidents. If you go past Trojan in the morning you are amount 100ish kids right before you hit over the railroad tracks walking up and down the street in the middle of the dark. It's the same thing on Lawrence Street because there is a bus stop there for the kids. At night on Grove Street they are doing 80/90 MPH. He further stated that at Bradford and Delaware Street there are a bunch of hedges and there's no clear view when I pull out of

my driveway. House insurance, car insurance, everything is going up. I've been in this city for 20 years I've never seen so many deaths. We need to bring the city back to what it was and take care of your residents. Councilor Thompson recommended that the Traffic Commission take a look at the hedges that were mentioned as well as looking at site lines. Councilor Lally mentioned that the Traffic Commission has in the past sent letters to homeowners stating that your greenery or fence is a hindrance to the traffic and have requested them to take it down. Mary Waldron from OCPC was also present and stated that OCPC did not conduct a Road Safety Audit of this intersection but that the city would have had to do one for Summer Street and Grove Street. She further explained to the Traffic Commission that when the OCPC conducts a Road Safety Audit they look at the low cost, medium costs and high costs. OCPC is the independent advisor for communities. We send them to the City as we are not the funding source the city is. We do go after grants for the city for public safety. He further stated that safety is the highest concern and that she has asked the staff to pull all Road Safety Audits within the last 3-5 years that I will get to the Commission. She stated that we are a private entity and that we will continue to work with the City. Traffic Commissioner Captain Porcaro asks Ms. Waldron if someone is asking OCPC to do a Road Safety Audit in the area like we are talking about tonight. Is that something that you're on? She stated that that would be appropriate, we would work with CDM (the city). James Sweeney stated that the temporary measure that Mr. Hresko mentioned, I think that we should discuss that because that is a common move to square up the intersection. Is that something that we can do? I know that a lot of other communities do it and it solves a lot of problems. Traffic Commissioner Captain Porcaro stated that it involves an engineering study and he further stated that this commission's mandate isn't to alter roadway design it's to regulate how people drive their cars. So to do something like that I would want an engineer to tell me how exactly and I would want the DPW Commissioner here for that. Councilor Lally stated that he agrees completely to send this to OCPC and I believe what I said earlier about the hedges we should visit and consulting with CDM Smith to see about squaring up the intersection. Right now what I would do is make a motion to send this to subcommittee so the members of the commission can go out and personally review the intersection and come up with recommendations on their own and to submit a request to OCPC for a safety audit.

**VOTED: TO SEND TO SUBCOMMITTEE AND TO SEND A REQUEST TO OCPC TO CONDUCT A ROAD SAFETY AUDIT ON THIS INTERSECTION.**

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

## **17. 112 CROSS STREET**

Requested by: Jude Cherie

Request/Issue: Would like to discuss this intersection of Prospect Street and Cross Street.

Discussion: Mr. Cherie appeared at the Traffic Commission meeting and stated discussing Cross and Prospect Street. Traffic Commission Captain Porcaro stated to add this item as # 17. Mr. Cherie has concerns about the speeding in Brockton. Last month I was almost killed coming from Battles Street to Cross Street. I tried to make a right turn into my driveway and I put my signal on but there was one car speeding and he passed by passenger side and hit my grass. Then last week it was the same thing I was almost killed again the same way at Prospect Street. If you could put speed bump on that street it would save a life. You can not see when you are coming from Prospect Street because of the trees. When you try to pull up and then you're almost in the middle of the road and you can't see the car coming from Prospect Street. I would like to suggest that you put a stop sign on Prospect Street and then they can stop to make sure it's safe. From Prospect Street people are always flying. That's why I am concerned. I have lived in this city for 24 years. This street is very dangerous. One day a big truck almost hit my son. The truck tire make fire and you could see the driver shaking because he almost killed us.

**VOTED: TO SEND TO SUBCOMMITTEE.**

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

**Motion was made by Councilor Lally, seconded by James Sweeney, to adjourn the meeting. All were in favor. Meeting adjourned at 7:24 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, JANUARY 23<sup>RD</sup>, 2025 AND ALL REQUESTS MUST BE SUBMITTED BY FRIDAY, JANUARY 17<sup>TH</sup>, 2025.***