



BROCKTON TRAFFIC COMMISSION
Thursday, February 27th, 2025
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, February 27th, 2025.

Present were Traffic Commission Members: Traffic Commissioner Captain Mark Porcaro, Deputy Fire Chief Joseph DePasquale, DPW Commissioner Patrick Hill, Retired Fire Chief Kenneth Galligan, Director Stephan Hooke, Councilor John Lally, Councilor-at-Large Jean Bradley Derenoncourt 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 Councilor Lally, seconded by James Sweeney, to waive and approve the reading of the January 23rd, 2025 Traffic Commission Meeting Minutes.

Motion was made by Councilor Lally to take items with individuals present out of order and properly seconded by Director Stephan Hooke. The motion carried by a hand vote, 8 in the affirmative.

OLD BUSINESS

1. DIVISION STREET

Requested by: Estelle Lubin

Request/Issue: The street has many small children and too often cars are speeding and I fear they will hit someone. This week (week of 12/4) there was a pedestrian hit at the entry of the street and I would like to prevent this from happening to someone else. Requesting speed bumps on Division Street.

SUBCOMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION:

A. Install a PEDESTRIAN sign on Pole #2 for Division Street westbound traffic.

- B. Lower and reposition the NO PARKING sign on Pole #4 to face north.**
- C. Install a PEDESTRIAN sign on Pole #4 for Division Street eastbound traffic.**

VOTED: TO ACCEPT SUBCOMMITTEE RECOMMENDATIONS.

Upon duly motion made by DPW Commissioner Patrick Hill, seconded by Councilor Lally, the motion carried by a hand vote; 8 in the affirmative.

2. CHATHAM WEST DRIVE

Requested by: Matthew Andruk

Request/Issue: It's difficult to turn left from Oak Street to Chatham West Drive. Almost got hit due to people constantly flying on that road and unable to see them coming due to poor visibility on that section of the road. Requesting arrow traffic lights.

SUBCOMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION:

- A. Replace the missing FORM SINGLE LANE sign with signpost for Oak Street (eastbound) between 610 and 560 Oak Street.**

VOTED: TO ACCEPT SUBCOMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION.

Upon duly motion made by Councilor Lally, seconded by Councilor-at-Large Jean Bradley Derenoncourt Lally, the motion carried by a hand vote; 8 in the affirmative.

3. COURT STREET BRIDGE

Requested by: James Sweeney

Request/Issue: Box trucks frequently get stuck under the bridge. Requesting a flashing chevron or any other measures the Traffic Commission deems appropriate.

SUBCOMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION:

- A. Recommend looking at all of the bridges along N. Montello Street from Ames Street south to Crescent Street.**

VOTED: TO SEND BACK TO SUBCOMMITTEE.

Upon duly motion made by James Sweeney, seconded by Councilor Lally, the motion carried by a hand vote; 8 in the affirmative.

4. 442 HOVENDON AVENUE

Requested by: Jill Hurley

Request/Issue: Requesting that a guardrail be installed in front of her home.

SUBCOMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION:

A. Recommend installing a curved guardrail (approx. 40 feet long) at the northwest corner of N. Quincy and Hovendon Street.

VOTED: TO ACCEPT SUBCOMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION.

Upon duly motion made by Councilor Lally, seconded by Councilor-at-Large Jean Bradley Derenoncourt Lally, the motion carried by a hand vote; 8 in the affirmative.

5. 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 Salamone was present and stated that he is the Crime Watch Coordinator for the Department, Neighborhood Watch, Business Watch. We had a meeting and we went over a various number of issues they had in the neighborhood but one of the biggest things was speeding, mostly between Snell Avenue and Concord Street. The cars of stopping at the stop sign coming westbound and just going really fast towards Concord Street and coming off Concord and going up towards Snell and Summer Street. There are no speed limit signs on the street. I've been up and down there a bunch of times, watched the traffic. It seems to be a cut through, cars are coming off of Concord and they are kicking it all the way up to Summer Street. I do believe that 30 MPH signs will help maybe deter some of the speeding. One westbound near the area of 71 Hillside and one eastbound if possible at pole # 10.

SUBCOMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION:

Recommend installing one or two 30 MPH speed limit signs on Hillside Avenue (one eastbound and the other westbound) based on locations to be determined by BPD Ofc. Derek Salamone.

VOTED: TO ACCEPT SUBCOMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION AND INSTALL ONE SIGN ON POLE # 11 ON HILLSIDE AVENUE FOR WESTBOUND TRAFFIC AND ONE SIGN ON POLE # 10 ON HILLSIDE AVENUE FOR EASTBOUND TRAFFIC.

Upon duly motion made by DPW Commissioner Patrick Hill, seconded by Councilor Lally, the motion carried by a hand vote; 8 in the affirmative.

6. 147 CENTRE STREET

Requested by: Jed Hresko

Request/Issue: On behalf of our 64- unit condominium trust. Requesting modification of the winter parking ban to allow parking on some of the downtown streets where parking is currently banned. In particular Commercial Street and Centre Street. **(Traffic Commission members please see attached Winter Parking Ban)**

Discussion: Traffic Commissioner Porcaro stated that based on Ms. Yaffe's research, that I agree with and if you notice on the top of the Winter Parking Ban notice it states Traffic Commission, in my opinion I believe it's a Traffic Commission regulation. Councilor Lally stated that it looks like this is a list set up by the Traffic Commission. Retired Fire Chief stated that he believes this is the Traffic Commission's as it was adopted in 1973 Chapter 71 an act establishing the Traffic Commission in the City of Brockton and it states the commission shall have exclusive authority, except as otherwise herein provided, to adopt, amend, alter and repeal rules and regulations, not inconsistent with the general laws as modified by this act, relative to vehicular street traffic in the city and to the movement, stopping or standing of vehicles on... He further stated that the Traffic Commission has these rules and regulations and the City Council accepted these rules and regulations. The Council has given the authority to the Traffic Commission to do what it says here. Retired Fire Chief Galligan stated that if it's generally determined that we have the responsibility to address this issue then we should send this to Subcommittee to go take a look and we should have the input of the DPW Commissioner. Director Hooke asked if we would look at all of the streets on the Winter Parking Ban and Traffic Commissioner Porcaro stated that it would just be the street as requested, Commercial Street and Centre Street. Mr. Hresko stated as he understands it, the entire city is restricted on one side of the street but then those listed are restricted on both sides. Therefore, in our neighborhood there is no parking on Montello, this really affects Commercial and Centre. If we could get some relief maybe just one side. Director Hooke stated that during the snow emergency there is no parking on any city street and I spoke to the Mayor and we discussed possibly talking to BAT and making that an emergency garage during a snow emergency. Mr. Hresko stated that it's two different issues, the snow emergency and the Winter Parking Ban. Retired Fire Chief Galligan stated that you are looking to allow parking 12 month a year on Commercial and Centre Street on one side. When the declare a snow emergency then it can be no cars there.

VOTED: TO SEND BACK TO SUBCOMMITTEE AND PLACE BACK ON THE APRIL AGENDA.

Upon duly motion made by Councilor Lally, seconded by James Sweeney, the motion carried by a hand vote; 8 in the affirmative.

NEW BUSINESS

7. N. BYRON AND ELLSWORTH STREET

Requested by: Chevonne Little

Request/Issue: I am requesting Stop signs and Slow Children Signs at the intersection of N. Byron and Ellsworth Street. There are houses around this intersection that have kids playing outside all of the time and there is way too many times that cars drive fast down both of those streets.

Discussion: Chevonne Little was present and stated Ellsworth Street and N. Bryon Street come together like an intersection. Traffic Commissioner Porcaro stated it's a T intersection correct? Of which Ms. Little stated yes. Ms. Little stated that cars race down Ellsworth and N. Bryon and then they end up in a intersection and sometimes it causes there to be almost accidents. My son plays right at the house at the intersection and I am very nervous cause the kids are out there all the time and the cars are just flying through. Mr. Lacet was also present and stated that Ellsworth Street is also only one of the two way streets between Belmont and Ash Streets. People are taking this route all the time and it's also from Belmont Street people are racing down the street all the time and there is a bus stop around the corner. He further stated that he would ask for speed bumps but you can't put speed bumps on this street because the street is decayed, it's been patched up so many times over the years. There's a park right behind us and a lot of the other little guys with their sport cars love to speed up and down the street and it's not a long street, there's probably seven or eight kids that play outside on this street and it's a very dangerous situation. He further stated that he would much rather be proactive then reactive. There are a lot of accidents on the corner of West Elm and N. Bryon or West Elm and Belmont Street to West Elm and Ash Street, those three corners are synonymous for bad accidents. A lot of people cut through our street all the time because it's a quick way to get from point A to point B. Traffic Commissioner Porcaro stated that he reviewed this street on google maps prior to the meeting and he was surprised that there isn't a stop sign on the top of N. Bryon and Ellsworth Street. Ms. Little stated that that is our house right there behind that fence and that's where our side lot is and there should be a stop sign there. Mr. Lacet stated because we have a fence up there it is a blind spot for anybody coming around either corner. Councilor Lally asked if they had a lot of accidents at the corner? Ms. Little stated that there are close accidents, she hasn't seen any physical accidents. Mr. Sweeney stated that there is no doubt that it's a cut through so maybe we should send this to Subcommittee.

VOTED: TO SEND TO SUBCOMMITTEE

Upon duly motion made by James Sweeney, seconded by Councilor Lally, the motion carried by a hand vote; 8 in the affirmative.

8. 111 GREEN STREET

Requested by: Malcom Shanks

Request/Issue: I am handicap and would like a handicap spot in front of my home. **(Handicap placard provided)**

Discussion: Mr. Shanks was present and stated he would like a Handicap sign placed in front of his house because he is getting tickets. Traffic Commissioner Porcaro asked Mr. Shanks why he is getting tickets and Mr. Shanks stating because he's parking way down the street at the meters. He further asked Mr. Shanks if he was to park right in front of his house right now would he get a ticket? Mr. Shanks stated that it's hard to find a space and he is parking further down the street at a metered space. Councilor-at-Large Derenoncourt stated that you would like a handicap parking spot right in front of your house so that no one else can park there and you can of which Mr. Shanks stated yes. There was a gentleman with Mr. Shanks and he stated that there was three parking spots out in front of the house and he use to park there, it's not fair to let three people park there when there is six people that live there and none of them are handicap except for him. He sometimes has to park on Green cross over Main and then start going down the hill further down and then walk all the way back and he can't walk far. DPW Commissioner Hill asked if he could put a handicap sign on the private lot and tow anyone that is not handicap? It was stated that he doesn't own the building. Deputy Fire Chief DePasquale asked if they had put in a request to the owner and it was stated that they just had him stop parking there. Retired Fire Chief Galligan stated that on the north side of Green Street there is no parking, so that whole section is no parking. We recently posted No Parking on Green Street on the south side easterly from Warren Avenue beyond the hydrant and No Parking here to corner. So the whole north side of Green Street is posted No Parking. Councilor-at-Large Derenoncourt asked if it's a house or an apartment and Mr. Shanks stated a roaming house owned by Father Bill's. Councilor Lally stated that he and Councilor-at-Large Derenoncourt could reach out to Father Bill's and find out why they are not having anyone parking in the three spots in front of the building. Councilor-at-Large Derenoncourt stated he will reach out to Mr. Jones, the CEO of Father Bill's to see why you can not park there.

VOTED: TO SEND TO SUBCOMMITTEE

Upon duly motion made by Councilor Lally, seconded by James Sweeney, the motion carried by a hand vote; 8 in the affirmative.

9. GLEN AVENUE/GREEN PLACE/IRVINGTON STREET

Requested by: Councilor Susan Nicastro

Request/Issue: SeeClickFix complaint states: There is not a Dead End sign on the corner of Glen Ave and Irvington and Green Place so we get many cars speeding down our dead end all day long. You cannot tell that it ends until you are right at the brook so we have had many cars hit on our street. My security camera goes off all day and night. It recorded 16 cars in just 11 minutes

yesterday (reported on 1/30/2025). Please put pole with a Dead end sign on the intersection. **(Traffic Commission members please see attached SeeClickFix)**

Discussion: Councilor Susan Nicastro was present and stated part of the problem is, from the map that is from the Assessor's database, you don't see it but Glen Avenue ends a lot sooner than that map reflects because a stream runs across it. I know that there have been cars that have gone into the stream. Councilor Lally stated that the street is a Dead End and you are looking for a Dead End sign. Retired Fire Chief Galligan stated that it makes sense to put one on each side on Churchill Avenue.

VOTED: TO APPROVE THE DEAD END SIGN FOR BOTH THE INTERSECTION OF GREEN AND THE INTERSECTION OF CHURCHILL.

Upon duly motion made by Councilor Lally, seconded by James Sweeney, the motion carried by a hand vote; 8 in the affirmative.

10. LISA DRIVE

Requested by: Councilor John Lally

Request/Issue: Would like to follow-up regarding the speeding concerns on Lisa Drive

PREVIOUS SUBCOMMITTEE RECOMMENDATIONS (approved at 12-12-24 meeting)

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).

Discussion: Councilor Lally was present and stated that he has had a few constituent's reach back out to him relative to the continued concern of speeding on Lisa Drive.

VOTED: TO SEND TO SUBCOMMITTEE

Upon duly motion made by James Sweeney, seconded by Councilor Lally, the motion carried by a hand vote; 8 in the affirmative.

11. BOURNE STREET AT HOVENDON AVENUE

Requested by: Councilor John Lally

Request/Issue: Would like a No Parking Here to Corner sign on Bourne Street at Hovendon Avenue.

Discussion: Councilor Lally was present and stated that he's received constituents calls regarding the corner of Bourne and Hovendon Street. There are a couple of houses right on the corner that park their cars on both sides of the street from the corner all the way up and it creates a situation where you have a busy road, like Bourne that cuts between Hovendon and Winter and you get high traffic. People are not always able to anticipate how difficult it will be to enter Bourne. You have traffic from Hovendon that is attempting to enter Bourne and finding themselves effectively starting on a one lane street. It's creating some concerns with drivers both that they're going to hit someone occupying that one lane or that they're going to hit one of the parked cars. They would like us to visit some corner to here restriction in order to make sure that that corner is a little safer and a little more accessible for people entering and exiting more.

VOTED: TO SEND TO SUBCOMMITTEE

Upon duly motion made by Councilor Lally, seconded by Director Stephan Hooke, the motion carried by a hand vote; 8 in the affirmative.

12. 51 MULBERRY STREET

Requested by: Janiky Fernandes

Request/Issue: I would like a sign in front of our house because there is an auto body shop down the street that keeps parking random cars in front of our house and I don't feel comfortable with the cars parked in front of our house.

Requesting a Resident Parking Only sign.

Discussion: Janiky Fernandes was present and stated that he was looking for Resident Parking Only in front of his house because most of the street already has it. The body shop for the past couple of months, they are parking cars in front of our house and the last time that they parked a car in front of our house it stayed there for two weeks. Councilor Lally stated that this is appropriate, as most of the street already has resident parking only signs and that garage has been a real problem in the past. It's gone through a couple of owners and each one has provided it's own issue. But the problem was a while ago that we started getting prolific with leaving cars all over Mulberry. It subsided due to some heavy ticketing but it's back again. Mr. Fernandes stated that every time they call the auto body shop and ask if it's their cars out there they just keep giving us the run around. Councilor Lally stated to Mr. Fernandes to call the non-emergency line of the Brockton Police Department. He further stated that seeing that the signs exist. I would make a motion that we approve this and we go out on Subcommittee and find a location for the signs. Retired Fire Chief Galligan stated that we went there in June of 2019 and posted the east side of Mulberry as

resident parking only. He asked Mr. Fernandes if where you are located now, are you beyond where those signs are located? Of which Mr. Fernandes stated yes, the signs stop at our neighbors house right before our house. Retired Fire Chief Galligan further stated that on Subcommittee we should take a look at the no parking on the south side of Elliot Street from Montello Street easterly.

VOTED: TO APPROVE THE RESIDENT PARKING ONLY SIGN AND TO SEND TO SUBCOMMITTEE REVIEW TO DETERMINE THE LOCATION OF THE SIGN.

Upon duly motion made by Councilor Lally, seconded by James Sweeney, the motion carried by a hand vote; 8 in the affirmative.

13. CORAL STREET

Requested by: Councilor Susan Nicastro on behalf of the residents of Coral Street

Request/Issue: Would like a “No Commercial vehicles over 15,000 GVW” sign to address the parking on the street of a tow commercial vehicle being operated from a residential property and such other relief as the Traffic Commission deems appropriate to address the issues encountered by the neighborhood as the result of this.

Discussion: Councilor Susan Nicastro was present and stated that at 64 Coral Street a gentleman is running an illegal tow yard from his house in his backyard. He was sent a cease and desist in November. The neighbor has written to me since then and said that he’s now playing the game where he’s not parking the tow truck on the Coral Street property, he’s now parking it on the sidewalk at the corner of Coral and N. Leyden Streets, most times overnight and it doesn’t often get ticketed. The neighbor seems to feel that if the city erected one of the signs that says No Commercial vehicles over 15,000 GVW that might get the police attention more and they would ticket and tow the tow truck parked there. Deputy Fire Chief DePasquale asked if he’s bringing any other vehicles to his home and Councilor Nicastro stated that he tows the vehicles to his home and parks the tow truck on the street. He further asked if this issue has been addressed with the Quality of Life and Councilor Nicastro stated yes, George DePina has been in touch with me and a cease and desist letter went out in November and I don’t know whether or not they’ve taken it to court or what the next step is.

VOTED: TO SEND TO SUBCOMMITTEE

Upon duly motion made by Director Stephan Hooke, seconded by Councilor Lally, the motion carried by a hand vote; 8 in the affirmative.

14. HOWARD SQUARE

Requested by: Chief Brian Nardelli or designee, Brockton Fire Department.
Issue/Request: BFD apparatus is having difficulty traveling on Howard Square due to an increase in parked vehicles.

Discussion: Fire Chief Nardelli was present and stated that Captain McLean is the Commander of Squad Agent and last week we had a conversation about this and it's becoming increasing more difficult to get our apparatus around Howard Square. As we all now those are big buildings there, there are multiple two in a half wood frames and three story wood frames that would require a very precise placement of a fire apparatus to battle those fires. Not only to keep the residents and our staff safe but it's a very dense area. Congregation hazard is one of our bigger concerns. If you can look at some of pictures, Captain McLean was able to take, over a couple days period, a couple are at night and a couple during the day. If you turn off of Bartlett onto Howard prior to getting up to Brook, it doesn't depict it exactly in the pictures but there is a box truck that continues to park on the edge of the street. Then there will be another car parked on the other side of the street, so that's become a concern. In front of 24 Howard Square, I don't know if it's the folks from that house or what house it's from, they're parking facing in and if you notice in that same picture you get a good depiction that is on the northwest corner of that corner so it makes that a very tight turn. Cars will also park right up after that pole heading up towards Brook Street as well. Captain McLean as Commander of Squad, as an engine company, they're having a hard time conversing that and a ladder company would have no chance of getting around that corner. So if there's a fire further up from 24, they would really have to come Brook Street and that increases our response time because it's a one way. He further stated that we are looking for any help that the Commission may be able to do and get out there and take a look at it. I believe the way the cars are parking at the end is not appropriate, maybe look at reducing the parking on one side of the street, that would be helpful.

VOTED: TO SEND TO SUBCOMMITTEE

Upon duly motion made by Councilor Lally, seconded by James Sweeney, the motion carried by a hand vote; 8 in the affirmative.

15. NORTHFIELD STREET

Requested by: Councilor Susan Nicastro, on behalf of Adilson Pina of 4 Northfield Street

Request/Issue: Northfield Street is a short street parallel to Montello Street between Snell Place and East Chestnut Street. Mr. Pina is having issues with parked vehicles blocking his driveway and their access to the other streets. There is a public safety issues relative to parking of these vehicles hampering emergency vehicles responding to this location as well as snow plowing operations or routine utility work.

Motion was made Councilor Lally to add this item to the Agenda, seconded by Councilor-at-Large Jean Bradley Derenoncourt, the motion carried by a hand vote; 8 in the affirmative.

Discussion: Councilor Susan was present and stated that Northfield Street is a little street that runs parallel to Montello Street and on one end it's Snell Place and the other is the first block of East Chestnut Street. Mr. Pina owns a single family home at 4 Northfield Street with his wife and children. But on Snell Place there are 2 and 3 family homes very close by. Mr. Pina stated that the individuals that live in the 2 and 3 family homes are parking in front of his home and when there's snow, they're leaving their vehicles right in front of his house. He gets up in the morning to go to work and he can't get out. Either there is a truck parked right in front of his driveway or else they're parked in such a way that he can't travel on Snell Place. DPW Commissioner Hill stated that he wanted to make the commission aware that this is not a public street and I don't know if there is much we can do on a private way. Traffic Commissioner Porcaro stated that it may be similar to Broad Place that we dealt with a couple of years ago, where it is a private way but it's open to the public unlike some of the condominium complexes that are truly private ways, like Pine Estates. DPW Commissioner Hill stated that he wasn't sure about Snell. He further stated that we need to get some clarification on these streets that are not necessarily public ways as to what level of enforcement we have. Traffic Commissioner Porcaro mentioned that it's similar to Broad Place and that the police have ticketing enforcement rights on private ways. DPW Commissioner Hill stated that he located the information and Snell is public. He further stated that we plow on private streets, however, that's not necessarily a level of enforcement and we plow them for public safety purposes. Retired Fire Chief Galligan stated that we went to Northfield Street years ago and we posted No Parking on both sides of Northfield Street, we allowed them to park down on the dead end, which is the west end of the street. DPW Commissioner Hill stated that if there is one car parked on either side of the street you are not getting emergency vehicles down the street. There was discussion to send a letter to the Law Department as to what the Traffic Commission can and can not do relative to signage on private ways within the City of Brockton. Retired Fire Chief Galligan mentioned that there has to be a way that emergency vehicles can get into this street.

VOTED: TO SEND TO SUBCOMMITTEE AND TO SEND A LETTER TO THE LAW DEPARTMENT REQUESTING THEY DETERMINE IF THE TRAFFIC COMMISSION HAS AUTHORITY TO PLACE SIGNS ON PRIVATE STREETS.

Upon duly motion made by DPW Commissioner Patrick Hill, seconded by Councilor Lally, the motion carried by a hand vote; 8 in the affirmative.

Motion was made by DPW Commissioner Patrick Hill, seconded by Councilor John Lally, to adjourn the meeting. All were in favor. Meeting adjourned at 7:18 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, MARCH 27TH, 2025 AND ALL REQUESTS MUST BE SUBMITTED BY THURSDAY, MARCH 20TH, 2025.