



**BROCKTON TRAFFIC COMMISSION**  
**Thursday, April 24<sup>th</sup>, 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, April 24<sup>th</sup>, 2025.

Present were Traffic Commission Members: Traffic Commissioner Captain Mark Porcaro, Deputy Fire Chief Joseph DePasquale, Retired Fire Chief Kenneth Galligan, Councilor 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.

Motion was made By Councilor Lally to take items with individuals present out of order and properly seconded by James Sweeney. The motion carried by a hand vote, 5 in the affirmative.

**OLD BUSINESS**

**1. 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)

**SUBCOMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION:**

**Councilor-at-Large Derenoncourt spoke to property management and off-street parking will be offered to Mr. Shanks. No need for any city-installed signs. Take no action at this time.**

**VOTED: TO CONTINUE TO APRIL MEETING FOR AN UPDATE FROM MR. SHANKS**

Discussion: Mr. Shanks was not present at the meeting.

**VOTED: TAKE NO ACTION**

Upon duly motion made by Retired Fire Chief Galligan, seconded by James Sweeney, the motion carried by a hand vote; 5 in the affirmative.

**2. 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. **(Letter has been sent dated 4-8-2025)**

**SUBCOMMITTEE RECOMMENDATIONS:**

**A. Send a letter to Mayor Sullivan and the BAT Bus Board asking that the BAT Bus parking garage located at Commercial and Centre Streets be opened up to the public for off-street parking during the Winter Parking Ban months for the overnight parking convenience of people in the area.**

Discussion: Jed Hresko was present and stated that read the subcommittee recommendation and was a little disappointed. A few years ago this was brought up with the ZBA and BAT was not receptive as they believe there is a legal issue. He believes that part of it is an operational concern, how are they going to get people out of there because they have to keep it available for customers in the morning. The reality is that it's roped off almost every single weekday so it's not being used. Boston does it and they have people that clear it out and most people have learned to comply and move their cars. He further stated that he hopes for the best and I ask that if BAT does nothing or if they say no, is there another step. Traffic Commissioner Porcaro stated that we would have to explore that. He further stated that he doesn't know what leverage the City has over BAT of which Councilor Lally stated that the Mayor is the Chairman of the Board. Traffic Commissioner Porcaro stated let's try this and if it doesn't work we will have to come up with another solution. Mr. Hresko also brought up ZBA and Planning of which there have been plans submitted from developments that look to BAT for a solution. Councilor Lally stated that the garage was built in a way in which it could be expanded. He further stated that perhaps the Commonwealth would be willing to kick in some money for BAT to built up and therefore the garage could be expanded with the condition that it be made accessible to the residents that live around there. This could be a parallel path that would be worth pursuing. Traffic Commissioner Porcaro stated that we should send the letter and continue this item to next month.

**VOTED: TO ACCEPT SUBCOMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION AND POSTPONE THIS TO THE MAY MEETING.**

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

**3. BREWSTER AND YARMOUTH, SAGAMORE AND YARMOUTH, DENNIS AND HARWICH, BREWSTER, SAGAMORE, DENNIS AND HARWICH ENTRANCE**

Requested by: Jeffrey Barnes

Request/Issue: Traffic has increased in the neighborhood along with the size, this has caused an unexpected premature failure of the road with the key placement of weight limit/stop signs will help prevent the premature catastrophic failure.

Requesting stop signs and weight limit signs.

Discussion: Jeffrey Barnes was unable for last month's meeting and not present for tonight's meeting. Traffic Commissioner Porcaro stated his issue a few years ago was with Fed Ex trucks cutting through and getting out to Belmont Street. He further stated that he has done traffic enforcement in this area himself which resulted in a couple of stop sign violations on Torrey Avenue, people cutting from Torrey Street to Belmont. Councilor Lally stated it should go to Subcommittee Review and take a look.

**VOTED: SEND TO SUBCOMMITTEE**

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

**4. INTERSECTION OF LYMAN STREET AND CRESCENT STREET**

Requested by: Vanessa Boatwright

Request/Issue: Requesting the crosswalks at the intersection of Lyman Street and Crescent Street (by Cumberland Farms, N-Gon Viet Subs and Fire Department Station 4) to be improved for pedestrian safety and accessibility, especially during the winter weather.

**SUBCOMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION:**

**A. Take no action (Dep. DePasquale will follow-up).**

Discussion: Deputy Fire Chief DePasquale stated that two new signs were ordered that state push button to walk and there's only two sections, Crescent Street, the east side the intersection crossing Crescent there and Lyman Street crossing. There is not much more we could do without a complete reworking of the intersection. WE will put the signs in and see how it goes. James Sweeney stated that during line painting we could refresh the lines. Traffic Commissioner Porcaro stated that it would be part of the line painting when we redo the crosswalks, etc.

**VOTED: TO REFER THIS ITEM TO BFD SIGNAL DIVISION**

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

**5. CARROLL AVENUE**

Requested by: Paul Maraglia, 100 Carroll Ave.

Issue/Request: Speeding issues. Would like speed limit signs. (He won't be at the meeting, but will meet the Subcommittee at his house).

**SUBCOMMITTEE RECOMMENDATIONS:**

**A. Install a yellow 20 MPH sign on Pole #13 (near 107 Carroll Ave.) for eastbound traffic.**

**B. Install a yellow 20 MPH sign on Pole #9 (near 71 Carroll Ave.) for westbound**

**VOTED: TO ACCEPT SUBCOMMITTEE RECOMMENDATIONS.**

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

**6. TINA AVENUE**

Requested by: Kaitlynd Grasso

Request/Issue: Would like a Caution/Hard of Hearing Child at Play sign to be posted on both ends of my street for my almost 3 year old daughter who has fluctuating bilateral hearing loss and wears bilateral hearing aids.

**SUBCOMMITTEE RECOMMENDATIONS:**

**A. Install a CAUTION DEAF CHILD sign on Pole #11 for westbound traffic (this has already been done).**

**B. Install a CAUTION DEAF CHILD sign on Pole #6 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; 5 in the affirmative.

**7. FOSTER STREET**

Requested by: Manuel Goncalves

Request/Issue: Requesting a Caution Watch for Children or Slow Down Children at Play sign on Foster Street as there is speeding on the street and we have a lot of kids playing outside and there are no signs on the street.

**SUBCOMMITTEE RECOMMENDATIONS:**

**A. Install a WATCH CHILDREN sign in front of 23 Foster St. for westbound traffic.**

**B. Install a WATCH CHILDREN sign on Pole #8 for eastbound traffic.**

**C. Install a NO PARKING sign on Pole #2A for the northside of the road.**

**VOTED: TO ACCEPT SUBCOMMITTEE RECOMMENDATIONS.**

Upon duly motion made by Deputy Fire Chief Joseph DePasquale, seconded by Councilor Lally, the motion carried by a hand vote; 5 in the affirmative.

**8. NADINE ROAD**

Requested by: Councilor Susan Nicastro, on behalf of a resident

Request/Issue: Would like a "Not A Thru Way" sign or a similar message to be erected on utility pole # 2 on Nadine Road to reduce the number of vehicles traveling and turning around on Nadine Road.

**SUBCOMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION:**

**A. Install a DEAD END sign with signpost at 11 Nadine Rd.**

Discussion: Councilor Nicastro was present and stated that last month she was unable to attend but that the constituent was able to attend. She stated that he sent her a message and stated that he was very pleased at how you treated him and was glad that he was able to get the relief that he was seeking.

**VOTED: TO ACCEPT SUBCOMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION.**

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

**9. THATCHER STREET**

Requested by: Ward 4 Councilor Susan Nicastro and Rosemary and Mark Tonelli of 336 Thatcher Street

Request/Issue: This area of Thatcher Street has had some speeding issues since it was paved a hundred years ago. It's been this way for a long time (generations). There are 3 toddlers 4 and 3 year olds that like to elope/run and the traffic flies by at 45-70MPH. Especially flatbeds. Requesting 30 MPH speed limit signs/radar x 2 and Go Slow Children Signs x2.

**SUBCOMMITTEE RECOMMENDATIONS:**

**A. Install a 30 MPH sign on Pole #25 for eastbound traffic.**

**B. Install a 30 MPH sign on Pole #53 for westbound traffic (remove the old, faded sign).**

**C. Install a Watch Children sign for eastbound traffic;**

**D. Install a Watch Children sign for westbound traffic.**

Discussion: Councilor Nicastro was present and stated she notices in Item # 7 Foster Street under the recommendation "B" Watch Children sign. She would like to know if they could have some watch children signs on Thatcher Street also. Retired Fire Chief Galligan stated that it would be between Pine Street and the corner. Councilor Nicastro stated that the street continues to be a problem since the 24 overlay district was approved for the junk yard district. The heavy trucks are on this

street constantly. Retired Fire Chief Galligan stated that the fluorescent signs should be used, He further stated that we should be looking east of Taylor Avenue.

**VOTED: TO ACCEPT SUBCOMMITTEE RECOMMENDATIONS WITH THE ADDITIONS OF C & D. "C"- ADD A WATCH CHILDREN SIGN FOR EASTBOUND TRAFFIC AND "D" ADD A WATCH CHILDREN SIGN FOR WESTBOUND TRAFFIC AS WELL AS SEND THIS ITEM BACK TO SUBCOMMITTEE FOR A LOCATION OF THE WATCH CHILDREN SIGNS.**

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

## **10. QUINCY STREET**

Requested by: Anthony Bassett

Request/Issue: There appears to be a protected left turn phase for the E/W traffic and not the N/S traffic. Centre Street is Route 124 but Mass DOT indicates signal changes can be permitted, if approved and requested by the appropriate city representatives. Requesting modification to the traffic signal timing to add protected left turn phase at Centre and Quincy Street.

### **MASS DOT'S RESPONSE FROM DAVID SOARES, P.E., MASS DOT DISTRICT TRAFFIC ENGINEER IS AS FOLLOWS:**

"Thank you for the phone call this afternoon. As discussed, there is a Mass DOT improvement project that is scheduled to advertise for construction in 2029 that will make improvements to the signalized intersection of Centre Street (Route 123) and Quincy Street. The project will provide better sidewalks and bike accommodations, and will also change the lane configurations on Centre Street to include dedicated left turn lanes for each direction."

Discussion: Traffic Commissioner Porcaro stated that he reached out to David Soares at Mass DOT. Deputy Fire Chief DePasquale asked if Mr. Bassett had reached out to Mass DOT and Traffic Commissioner Porcaro stated that he wasn't sure but believes in the past he had reached out to them through an email and we may have directed him to Mass DOT. Mr. Jed Hresko was present and stated that he's been involved with the OCPC. He also stated that right pass his building, slightly pass Commercial all the way to just about Plymouth Street, Mass DOT is going to put a traffic light at Plymouth Street and they are going to stop right before the bridge and that will include limiting some parking. I wrote to Mass DOT and asked them for an update and the 2029 project states just to the east of Lyman and goes all the way into Abington, a huge project. The one missing length is along Plymouth along the cemetery to Lyman, the city owns. Councilor Lally stated as for the Centre and Quincy Street intersection, it is being handled by Mass DOT.

**VOTED: TO ACCEPT THE RESPONSE PROVIDED BY MASS DOT AND TAKE NO FURTHER ACTION.**

Upon duly motion made by Retired Fire Chief Galligan, seconded by Councilor Lally, the motion carried by a hand vote; 5 in the affirmative.

**NEW BUSINESS**

**11. GARFIELD STREET**

Requested by:Carolynne George

Request/Issue: On 3/19 a large truck came down Garfield Street and took out lines. We had no service for 3 hours. The truck was too tall and caught the powerlines. National Grid services the outage, replaced a corner pole at Montello and Garfield Street. Requesting a No Commercial Truck sign on the corner of Montello and Garfield Street.

Discussion: Carolynne George was present and stated that the street is only a block long and it runs in front of Keith Park. A lot of the trucks think that it's Route 28, which it isn't. I have about 6 children that live next door to me and I am concerned about their safety with the big trucks coming down the street. National Grid did replace a pole on the corner of Montello and Garfield but the next day I noticed that they actually had to replace other poles on Montello street because of the line was coming down and it's rather scary. Deputy Fire Chief DePasquale asked Ms. George if this happens fairly often that they cut through there? Of which she replied yes they do. He further stated that he was there the day of the accident and the truck driver stated that there isn't a sign here that states that I can't take the turn. Ms. George stated that she asked the truck driver why he turned down Garfield Street and the truck driver stated that the GPS sent him that way. Councilor Lally stated that he would motion to send this item to Subcommittee as this is not Route 128 and we could also speak with the DPW's GIS guy about because he is the one that communicates with the GPS companies and attempts to redirect them from their shortcuts. Retired Fire Chief Galligan stated that the problem is the trailer trucks going south on Montello and they want to take a right onto Plain Street, they have extreme difficulty making that turn because it's not a 90 degree corner. He further stated on the corner of Garfield Street on the north side coming from N. Montello Street there use to be a fire hydrant on that corner but that's gone. It's posted or listed that there is no parking on the south side of Garfield Street between Montello and Main Street. He further stated that with the fire hydrant gone he notices cars are parking right on that corner of Garfield and Montello and there is no parking in front of the par. Ms. George stated that it's 2 hour parking but they park there all day long. Councilor Nicastro was also present for this item and Retired Fire Chief Galligan explained to her what was explained to Ms. Ayala and that it will be looked at at Subcommittee Review.

**VOTED: TO SEND TO SUBCOMMITTEE REVIEW**

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

## **12. BURROUGHS ROAD**

Requested by: Marguerite Sheridan

Request/Issue: Cars speed and pass each other on a daily basis on Burroughs Road, which is right up the street from the Kennedy School and has many children walking to and from schools. They often go right through the stop sign on Burroughs and Emory Street as well. Requesting speed limit or slow down signs.

Discussion: Ms. Sheridan was not present. James Sweeney stated that we see this a lot with Michael's Drive and Burroughs Road ever since the did Belmont and Linwood. It was much easier to take that light and come back and forth that way and it's a cut through to West Chestnut Street.

**VOTED: SEND TO SUBCOMMITTEE REVIEW AND DO TRAFFIC ENFORCEMENT,**

Upon duly motion made by Retired Fire Chief Galligan, seconded by Councilor Lally, the motion carried by a hand vote; 5 in the affirmative.

## **13. CAIRN ROAD**

Requested by: Karinelis Ayala

Request/Issue: Cars daily flying down Cairn Road in excess of 50MPH.

Neighborhood has brought to the attention of the city and have been told nothing can be done because this is a through way for police and EMS. Children and pedestrians need to be protected. Requesting speed bumps to curb speeding as signs will not help. Stop signs at either end of the street are ignored. Can provide video surveillance of cars flying down the road.

Discussion: Ms. Ayala was present and stated that moved here 6 months ago and works from home but all day long there are cars flying by. Cars are going on average at least 40 MPH. She stated that there is a manhole cover right in front of her house and I have seen the manhole cover come off because cars are flying down the street so fast. There are also school buses that fly down street at 5 in the morning. She is fearful for her kids and the kids in the neighborhood. She stated she doesn't know what the solution would be if it's a through way for police and EMS. Maybe if there were traffic cameras installed. Councilor Lally asked Ms. Ayala if the video surveillance good enough to catch details of the school buses or the dump trucks? Of which she stated yes, it's a ring camera. He further stated that all of the school buses have numbers on the buses and if you took that clip and the number was visible and sent that to the School Transportation Department and copy the police, they driver could be called in for review. Traffic Commissioner Porcaro that Cairn Road has been a problem in the past. He further stated that he could have traffic enforcement go down there again. He also stated that Cairn Road has come up enough that they should be there more

often. Retired Fire Chief Galligan stated asked Ms. Ayala if there are any parts of the day that it's worst than others? Of which she stated early in the morning between 5-7 am and midday. He further asked about when school gets out of which she stated after the morning rush and in between school getting out and between 6-9 p.m. Councilor Asack was present and stated that if you see a school bus that's speeding, right away you can call the School Department because they have software that can track them and we want to know if our school buses are speeding. Councilor Lally stated that speed cameras are not allowed in Massachusetts. The state requires that someone actually pull you over. Retired Fire Chief Galligan stated that it would be helpful to know if it's a Brockton school bus or a Southeastern Regional one as there is a number of different school buses that go through the city.

**VOTED: TO SEND TO SUBCOMITTEE REVIEW AND DO TRAFFIC ENFORCEMENT.**

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

**14. BACKLUND DRIVE AT EAST STREET**

Requested by: Kenneth LeGrice

Request/Issue: cars are parking at the top of Backlund Drive where it meets East Street. It makes it difficult to make the turn onto Backlund Drive and makes it so two cars cannot pass at the sometime.

**VOTED: MOTION TO CONTINUE TO THE MAY MEETING.**

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

**15. WEST CHESTNUT AND LINWOOD STREET**

Requested by: Jaime Berrezuta

Request/Issue: This is a very dangerous intersection. It is also very time consuming as it takes between 10/15 minutes every day to turn especially when it's busy. The light at this intersection doesn't change color, it only flashes. Requesting a traffic light that changes color (red, yellow, green).

Discussion: Jaime Berrezuta was not present. Mr. Sweeney stated this is relative to Michael Drive and Burroughs's Road, if there was a signal there it would be quell all these issues. Retired Fire Chief Galligan stated that this has been before us and we have discussed it. Councilor Lally stated that the last time this was discussed he thought that something was being done relative to the intersection. Traffic Commissioner Porcaro stated that before he was Traffic Commissioner he believes he had come across a study done by Tighe & Bond relative West Chestnut and Ash and N. Cary and N. Quincy Street. He further stated that he didn't recall West Chestnut and Linwood every doing an engineering study.

Retired Fire Chief Galligan stated that he would like the secretary to check the records to see if anything has been done relative to this intersection.

**VOTED: POSTPONE FOR ONE MONTH AND HAVE THE TRAFFIC SECRETARY RESEARCH IF A STUDY HAS BEEN DONE ON THIS INTERSECTION OR NOT.**

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

#### **16. COLONEL BELL DRIVE**

Requested by: Councilor Shirley Asack on behalf of the Brockton Housing Authority @ Sullivan Towers.

Request/Issue: Would like No Parking signs placed along the Colonel Bell Drive side of the tower as it is interfering with the bat bus stop and tenant's ability to enter their building. A few months ago, there was a major accident with a tenant and the bus and we are looking to rectify the safety issue and possibly get a side walk (commissioner Hill was asked for the sidewalk).

Discussion: Councilor Asack was present and stated that there was huge accident with a tenant. So they are working with BAT and hopefully the City. I had spoken to Commissioner Hill previously about getting a sidewalk between Sullivan Tower and the George School. A few years back when I was on the Traffic Commission we had signage put up right before you get to the Gorge School that stated No Parking so they are hoping that we can extend some of that No Parking signage. People from the condos and from the school all park along there and it makes it difficult for the BAT bus to pull up. There isn't an existing platform but that are working on getting one. Retired Fire Chief Galligan stated that when we go out there we are going to be looking at No Parking on the westside of Colonel Bell from the school down to the driveway of Colonel Bell but in that space you want to leave room for the bus stop.

**VOTED: SEND TO SUBCOMMITTEE REVIEW.**

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

#### **17.39 SILVER ROAD**

Requested by: Johnnie Rabelo

Request/Issue: I am requesting a handicap street sign because I can never find parking close to my house. I have an amputation below my knee and I also have short cold foot on my other foot and I can't walk a far distance because I get short of breath.

Discussion: Mr. Rabelo was not present. Reach out to her for handicap paperwork.

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

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

**Motion was made by James Sweeney, seconded by, Councilor 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, MAY 22<sup>ND</sup>, 2025 AND ALL REQUESTS MUST BE SUBMITTED BY THURSDAY, MAY 16<sup>TH</sup>, 2025.***