



**BROCKTON TRAFFIC COMMISSION
OCTOBER 27, 2011
7:00 p.m.**

AGENDA

Location: Brockton Police Station
7 Commercial Street
Brockton, MA 02302

1. Call to Order
2. Quorum
3. Reading or Waiving and acceptance of the September Minutes.

OLD BUSINESS

Items sent to Subcommittee for review:

WEST ELM TERRACE

Request sent to the Mayor's Office from Mark Roback of 25 West Elm Terrace requesting that West Elm Terrace be blocked off.

1300 BELMONT STREET

Request by Lisa Hill of Cobblestone Management, Inc. of 1300 Belmont Street to have a pedestrian crosswalk installed near 1300 Belmont Street.

12 OAKLAND AVENUE

Request from Councilor Tom Monahan on behalf of the resident at 12 Oakland Avenue to have a "Go Slow" sign placed at or near that location.

STUDLEY AVENUE

Request from Councilor Chris MacMillan regarding heavy trucks driving on this street as it is a residential street with lots of children.

NEW BUSINESS

PLEASANT STREET AND WEST STREET INTERSECTION

Request from Councilor Jass Stewart on behalf of John Kennedy of 700 Pleasant Street as follows: I know this is a state roadway, but the resident hasn't been successful in getting a response from the state. Perhaps the Traffic team could review, and if they agree with the resident, we could send a formal request to the state from the city.

“The Brockton, MA intersection of Pleasant Street and Reynolds Memorial Hwy newly constructed road. Will a much needed "left turn on green arrow only" signal be happening very soon at the left turn off Pleasant Street onto Reynolds Memorial Hwy? As it stands that left turn is dangerous and unsafe. And please seriously consider returning the street to two lanes at that intersection (where a left turn is taken) as already drivers are ignoring that it is now one lane and they are driving into the yellow "island" area. That island area seems quite unnecessary and is causing an unsafe driving situation there, along with it needing a left turn on green arrow only signal. Thank you, John Kennedy”

REYNOLDS MEMORIAL HIGHWAY

Request from Captain McCabe, as a result of a report of a motor vehicle traveling the wrong way on Reynolds Memorial Highway from Pleasant Street near Cumberland Farms, to review this area and determine whether two “Do Not Enter” signs should be placed on the exit for motor vehicles heading east on Pleasant Street from Reynolds Memorial Highway. The State Highway Division has also been notified of this problem.

STERLING ROAD

Request from Councilor Todd Petti on behalf of Patti Smith-Gallagher regarding the traffic speed on Sterling Road. She is concerned as this road is used as a cut-through to avoid the lights at Centre Street and Quincy Street and she is requesting speed limit signs or to restrict it to one way traffic during certain hours of the day.

WINTER PARKING BAN – FIRST FIRE DISTRICT

Request from Captain McCabe that the Traffic Commission review the First Fire District to determine whether the area should be updated and revised to meet current needs. Discussion continued from prior meeting:

Captain McCabe stated that if the First Fire District can possibly be streamlined that it would clarify the issue for parking ticket purposes. It may take a couple of months to go through the streets and make a determination. Ken Galligan said that it is really simpler than the way the ordinance reads: it is basically from the railroad tracks to Warren Avenue and Allen Street up to Charles Street. The second First Fire District is in Campello, west of Main Street to the railroad tracks and the Campello Fire Station down to Market Street. Captain McCabe felt that viewing the streets would be the best method for updating the district and assist the residents in gaining parking spaces on some of the wider streets that would not be impacted by the change. Commissioner Thoreson indicated to Captain McCabe that if the ordinance is changed that the portion dealing with everyone in the First Fire District being responsible for cleaning and clearing their sidewalks remains in the ordinance.

CLAREMONT AVENUE

Request from Councilor Dubois on behalf of Mr. and Mrs. Greenwood to have “No Parking Here to Corner” signs installed on Claremont Avenue in the vicinity of Claremont Avenue and Howard Street.

1452 MAIN STREET

Request from Councilor Paul Studenski on behalf of a constituent to have a “Caution – Blind Person” sign installed in the vicinity of 1452 Main Street.

CRIME WATCH SIGNS

Request for Crime Watch signs at the following locations:

147 Wilson Street

209 Falconer Avenue

BEAUMONT AVENUE

Request from Deborah Kerr, Admission Director of Champion Rehab and Health Center, a 123-bed skilled nursing facility, in Brockton located at 2 Beaumont Avenue: “regarding the issue of motor vehicles speeding on this street. Also, too many drivers use the parking lot as a speed way to cut through to route 27. I would love to see a cross walk speed bump, but would be happy to have a speed trap set up on the street.” (request made to Mayor’s Office and Councilor Jass Stewart)

TABLED ITEMS

CENTRE and CARY STREET TRAFFIC CONTROL SIGNALS

Status of installation of Opticom signals at this location; signals were to be installed during construction of the CVS. Request for update of status made to Attorney John Creedon.

WARREN AVENUE and WEST ELM STREET

Request to have the restricted parking on West Elm Street from the intersection at Warren Avenue westerly to Newbury Street marked "No Parking Monday through Friday". Continued while awaiting a response from Mass. Highway District 5; an additional letter was mailed to the State Highway.

NORTH CARY STREET

Request to have Stop Sign replaced on North Cary Street in front of the Fire Station. Awaiting further information from Peter Tupper of the Fire Department, who was to contact the State Signal man and work it out to change the blinking yellow light to a blinking red light.

WEST CHESTNUT STREET and SOUTHWORTH STREET

Issue of guardrail or pole protection. Continued pending response from letter to Verizon.

NOVEMBER-DECEMBER MEETING

As the fourth Thursday in November is the Thanksgiving holiday, it is suggested that the November and December meetings be combined, as has traditionally been done in the past. The recommendation is that the meeting be held on Thursday, December 8, 2011.