



BROCKTON TRAFFIC COMMISSION
Minutes of the Meeting
October 23, 2014

The Traffic Commission monthly meeting was held at 7:00 p.m. on Thursday, October 23, 2014 at the Brockton Police Station, 7 Commercial Street, Brockton, MA 02302.

Present were Traffic Commissioner Captain Robert DiBari, Ken Galligan, Deputy Chief Kevin Galligan, Mort Schleffer, Councilor Moises Rodrigues and Councilor Dennis Eaniri. Unable to be present were Acting D.P.W. Commissioner Larry Rowley and Ross Messina. Councilor Shirley Asack was also in attendance.

Upon motion made by Mort Schleffer, seconded by Councilor Moises Rodrigues and a unanimous vote of all members present, it was voted to waive reading and accept the September Minutes.

30 THAYER AVENUE

Request from Councilor Paul Studenski on behalf of Jill Conceitao to have an "Autistic Child" sign installed near her home at 30 Thayer Avenue. Subcommittee recommends: Install 1 pole with 2 signs back to back on the north side of the street across from #30.

Upon motion duly made by Deputy Chief Kevin Galligan, seconded by Councilor Moises Rodrigues and a unanimous vote of the members present, it was

VOTED: To install one pole with 2 signs back to back on the north side of the street across from #30.

BARRETT B. RUSSELL SCHOOL

Request from Councilor Thomas Monahan to have lights installed and a crosswalk painted at the Barrett B. Russell School on 45 Oakdale Street. Subcommittee recommends: Install a "school" sign on the property line of #33 Oakdale St. heading north and across from #57 Oakdale St. heading south.

Upon motion duly made by Ken Galligan, seconded by Deputy Chief Kevin Galligan and a unanimous vote of the members present, it was

VOTED: To install one "School" sign on the property line of #33 Oakdale Street heading north and one "School" sign across from #57 Oakdale Street heading south.

SCHOOL STREET at MONTELLO STREET

Request from Mayor Carpenter's office to have a "Do Not Enter" sign installed on the southeast corner of School Street at Montello Street to prevent eastbound traffic from entering the one-way section of School Street. Subcommittee recommends: Install a "One Way" sign on the pedestrian signal on the southeast corner heading north. Also, install a "No Right Turn" sign on the post near the fire hydrant on that same corner.

Upon motion duly made by Ken Galligan, seconded by Councilor Moises Rodrigues and a unanimous vote of the members present, it was

VOTED: To install a "One Way" sign on the pedestrian signal on the southeast corner heading north; and to install a "No Right Turn" sign on the post near the fire hydrant on that same corner.

GARFIELD STREET

Request from Ken Galligan to have the Traffic Commission review the issue of truck traffic on Garfield Street and whether the truck route is supposed to go all the way down Plain Street rather than allow them to turn onto Garfield Street. Subcommittee recommends: Install a "Truck Route" sign with a straight arrow on pole #83 on Montello Street.

Upon motion duly made by Ken Galligan, seconded by Councilor Moises Rodrigues and a unanimous vote of the members present, it was

VOTED: To install a "Truck Route" sign with a straight arrow on pole #83 on Montello Street.

HOMESITE ROAD

Request from Community Police Officer William Healy to make Homesite Road a dead end at the Westland Street end. Subcommittee recommends taking no action.

Upon motion duly made by Deputy Chief Kevin Galligan, seconded by Councilor Moises Rodrigues and a unanimous vote of the members present, it was

VOTED: To accept the recommendation and take no action on this matter.

MAIN STREET

Request from Police Captain Emanuel Gomes to have the Traffic Commission review parking restrictions on Main Street in the area of M & M Seafood at 1122 Main Street. Subcommittee recommends taking no action.

Upon motion duly made by Mort Schleffer, seconded by Deputy Chief Kevin Galligan and a unanimous vote of the members present, it was

VOTED: To accept the recommendation and take no action on this matter.

ALLEN STREET

Request from Councilor Thomas Monahan to have a "Go Slow - Children" sign installed in front of 32 Allen Street. Subcommittee recommends: Install 1 "Go Slow - Children" sign westbound on the corner of Allen St. and Bolton Place and 1 "Go Slow - Children" sign eastbound on pole #3 in front of #23 Allen St.

Upon motion duly made by Deputy Chief Kevin Galligan, seconded by Mort Schleffer and a unanimous vote of the members present, it was

VOTED: To install 1 "Go Slow - Children" sign westbound on the corner of Allen St. and Bolton Place and 1 "Go Slow - Children" sign eastbound on pole #3 in front of #23 Allen St.

HERROD AVENUE

Request from Councilor Shirley Asack to have a “Dead End” sign placed on Herrod Avenue at North Main Street. Subcommittee believes recommendations were made a couple months ago as to where to place the sign. It was noted that at the September meeting the members had referred this matter to subcommittee, but discussion was held to place the “Dead End” sign on the street sign pole on North Main Street and Herrod Avenue.

Upon motion duly made by Ken Galligan, seconded Mort Schleffer by and a unanimous vote of the members present, it was

VOTED: To place a “Dead End” sign on the street sign pole on North Main Street and Herrod Avenue.

MORSE AVENUE

Request from Councilor Dennis Eaniri to have the Traffic Commission review the issue of truck traffic on Morse Avenue and Neubert Street. Subcommittee recommends: Sysco foods agreed to use a smaller delivery truck for West Side Pizza and Mr. Murphy agreed to that solution. Captain DiBari stated that he spoke with Rick Jordan of Sysco Foods and he agreed to make the deliveries with a smaller truck and Councilor Dennis Eaniri stated that Sysco Foods has already made a delivery with the smaller truck and he would ask that a follow-up telephone call be made to make sure that this is an acceptable solution.

Upon motion duly made by Councilor Dennis Eaniri, seconded by Mort Schleffer and a unanimous vote of the members present, it was

VOTED: To accept the recommendation of the Subcommittee.

BATTLES STREET and RICHMOND STREET

Request from Councilor Shirley Asack to have the Traffic Commission review the Stop signs and Speed limit signs on Battles Street and Richmond Street. Subcommittee recommends: Install a new “Stop” sign with a red stripe on the sign pole. We will also look into the solar LED stop sign. We will also extend the center yellow line during line painting to help direct through the intersection. Captain DiBari stated that the members will also contact the town of West Bridgewater regarding the solar LED stop signs as they had them there in the past but have removed them to determine whether there was a problem with those lights. Ken Galligan stated that this would be a good location to place a “Stop Ahead” sign with a yellow stripe on the pole west of where Fairmount Avenue comes out to Battles Street.

Upon motion duly made by Ken Galligan, seconded by Councilor Dennis Eaniri and a unanimous vote of the members present, it was

VOTED: To install a new “Stop” sign with a red stripe on the sign pole; to have the Traffic Commission look into a solar LED Stop sign; to extend the yellow center line; and to place a yellow “Stop Ahead” sign with a yellow stripe on the pole on Battles Street west of Fairmount Avenue (the exact location to be determined by Captain DiBari).

CROWN LINEN

Request from Councilor Shirley Asack to have the Traffic Commission approve placement of “No Truck Delivery” signs on Battles Street across from Cross Street at the Crown Linen entrance. Crown Linen will pay for the signs. Subcommittee recommends: Install “Crown Linen” sign with straight arrow, provided by Crown Linen, on Pole #30 heading eastbound on Oak Street and install another “Crown Linen” sign with left arrow on pole 19-81 heading westbound on Oak Street. As a point of information,

Ken Galligan stated that the “No Truck Delivery” signs should be installed on the Crown Linen property on Battles Street across from Cross Street. Councilor Asack asked if Crown Linen could install the signs themselves and the members stated that the signs should be installed on the Crown Linen property, not on the street. Councilor Asack stated that Crown Linen will pay for the signs and provide them. It was determined that once the signs are made, Crown Linen will contact Patricia Florio at the Traffic Commission office and deliver the signs to her, and she will get them to the Highway Division for installation.

Upon motion duly made by Deputy Chief Kevin Galligan, seconded by Councilor Dennis Eaniri and a unanimous vote of the members present, it was

VOTED: To install a “Crown Linen” sign with a straight arrow, provided by Crown Linen, on Pole #30 heading eastbound on Oak Street and install another “Crown Linen” sign with a left arrow on pole 19-81 heading westbound on Oak Street.

HOLBROOK AVENUE

Request from Councilor Shirley Asack to restrict parking to residents only as they have had parking issues.

The members were provided with information from when this issue was previously before the Traffic Commission. Councilor Asack stated that she has heard from one resident at #26 Holbrook Avenue, who is having problems with people blocking their driveway and the street. There is a church at the end of the street also. Ken Galligan stated that he knows someone who lives on this street and he brought it to their attention and they stated that there are no problems on the street. Ken Galligan asked if Councilor Asack has heard from multiple residents or just one, and she stated just that one, and she is the same person who previously brought the matter to the attention of Councilor Stewart. Councilor Asack said that she has driven down the street and it does not seem to be a problem and Captain DiBari stated that it is a wide street.

Upon motion duly made by Ken Galligan, seconded by Councilor Dennis Eaniri and a unanimous vote of the members present, it was

VOTED: To refer the matter to Subcommittee for review.

MONTELLO BUSINESS ASSOCIATION

Request from Councilor Shirley Asack to have the Traffic Commission meet with members of the Montello Business Association to determine placement of Crime Watch signs along North Main Street. Councilor Asack stated that there is a major problem there with people going into the area businesses that do not belong there, and there is a problem with prostitution in the area. The Montello Business Association members felt that putting up Crime Watch signs might deter some of this. Captain DiBari asked if there was a Crime Watch there and Councilor Asack stated that there are various Crime Watch groups in Ward 7. The Association will pay for the signs. Councilor Asack does not want to clutter the area with signs but feels that some signs might help. Captain DiBari was concerned about putting up Crime Watch signs if there is no actual Crime Watch group. Mort Schleffer asked if any of the businesses had outside cameras. Captain DiBari stated that this is a long-standing problem in that area. Captain DiBari requested that Officer Bill Healy stop in at the meeting and Officer Healy stated that he met with the members of the Montello Business Association at their monthly meeting and the signs were discussed; the members were going to go with Officer Healy to get his advice on where signs should be placed and then he would have the Traffic Commission approve the placement of the signs. The Montello Business Association would pay for the signs at a cost of \$29 each and then the City would install the signs. Captain DiBari asked if there was Crime Watch there and Officer Healy informed the members that the Montello Business Association is a Crime Watch group. Mort Schleffer suggested that if the businesses had cameras then perhaps signs stating that the area was under surveillance would help as a deterrent and

Officer Healy stated that he would inquire. Councilor Moises Rodrigues stated that it was his understanding that the problem was in the area of the plaza where JJ's Café is and Officer Healy stated that this has been a problem for 30 years. Ken Galligan suggested that Officer Healy deal with the Montello Business Association and then come back to the Traffic Commission with recommendations. Officer Healy stated that the Association meets the first Wednesday of every month and he will report back to the Traffic Commission next month.

Upon motion duly made by Ken Galligan, seconded by Councilor Dennis Eaniri and a unanimous vote of the members present, it was

VOTED: To continue the matter until the Traffic Commission hears back from Officer Bill Healy. CLARENCE STREET and ALBION STREET

Request from Councilor Shirley Asack to have a Stop Sign placed at the intersection of Clarence Street and Albion Street (at the Montello Stop 'N Shop entrance), as there currently is no stop sign there.

Councilor Asack stated the 2 streets come down from North Main Street and meet; Clarence Street has a stop sign but Albion Street does not and cars keep going straight and it has caused issues with the neighbors and people using the streets. She also feels that it creates a traffic backup. Captain DiBari stated that it probably was designed so that just one street has to stop and the other street has the right of way and Ken Galligan agreed.

Upon motion duly made by Ken Galligan, seconded by Councilor Dennis Eaniri and a unanimous vote of the members present, it was

VOTED: To refer the matter to Subcommittee for review.

FAIRMOUNT AVENUE and DIVISION STREET

Request from Councilor Shirley Asack on behalf of resident Jessica Deburgo of 4 Fairmount Avenue to have the Traffic Commission review the 4 way intersection of Fairmount Avenue and Division Street. There is only a stop at Fairmount Avenue. Councilor Asack stated that there are multiple streets and that on the streets that travel east/west there are only stop signs in one direction, no 4-way stop signs so that people are missing the stop signs and flying down the streets. It is also near the Angelo School and it is a problem. She does not know if all of the intersections should be made 4-way stops just to get people to slow down, but she feels that is the only option. Ken Galligan stated that the policy has always been to get a traffic accident report before making a determination and also that the State has stated that you cannot install stop signs in order to slow down traffic. Captain DiBari informed the members that he would get the crash data for the Subcommittee meeting.

Upon motion duly made by Ken Galligan, seconded by Councilor Dennis Eaniri and a unanimous vote of the members present, it was

VOTED: To refer the matter to Subcommittee review and to get a traffic accident report for that area.

NORTH MAIN STREET

Request from Councilor Shirley Asack to have signs placed on North Main Street in the vicinity of the fire station restricting parking on the east side of the street, in order to allow the fire apparatus to exit and enter the fire station. Ken Galligan stated that this area was always posted from the smoke shop to Clarence Street as a no parking area. The members were informed that the sign is still there, where the cones are placed. Councilor Asack stated that this request came from Archie Gormley and that the issue was that the residents have complained about the cones because they fall over or blow away. Ken Galligan suggested that when painting is done next year that this area have the lines painted with the slashes like at Station 2 in front of the church and Captain DiBari agreed. He also suggested that a larger no parking sign be installed. Councilor Moises Rodrigues stated that the sign should read "Fire Station" or something similar and Ken Galligan stated that the signs used to say "No Parking Fire Zone".

Upon motion duly made by Captain DiBari, seconded by Mort Schleffer and a unanimous vote of the members present, it was

VOTED: To refer the matter to Subcommittee for review.

MORAINA STREET, SYCAMORE STREET, SPRING STREET

Request from Councilor Tim Cruise to place “No Parking” signs on Sycamore Street, Moraine Street, and Spring Street, based on numerous complaints by neighbors. The members questioned whether this was to make it completely no parking on both sides of these streets. It was decided to refer the matter to Subcommittee and in the meantime to reach out to Councilor Cruise to see exactly what he wants restricted. Ken Galligan stated that in the area of Moraine Street between Sycamore Street and Spring Street, if there are cars parked on both sides of the street then only one car can get through, so he suggested that maybe parking be restricted to one side.

Upon motion duly made by Ken Galligan, seconded by Councilor Dennis Eaniri and a unanimous vote of the members present, it was

VOTED: To refer the matter to Subcommittee for review.

AMES STREET and NORTH MONTELLO STREET

Requests from Councilor Michelle Dubois:

1. To place a “No Right Turn” sign for big trucks (18-wheeler etc) at Ames Street and North Montello Street. The right turn to be limited only for trucks on Ames Street, exiting the village area, and turning right onto North Montello Street; and
2. That a guard rail be placed at the corner of Ames Street and North Montello Street, in front of the Vulcan Bar.

The members reviewed the photographs submitted by Councilor Dubois with this request.

Upon motion duly made by Councilor Dennis Eaniri, seconded by Mort Schleffer and a unanimous vote of the members present, it was

VOTED: To refer the matter to Subcommittee for review.

BELLEVUE CIRCLE, BELLEVUE AVENUE and BALTIC AVENUE

Request from Deputy Fire Chief Kevin Galligan to have the Traffic Commission review Bellevue Circle and Bellevue Avenue and Baltic Avenue for a possible stop sign.

Deputy Chief Kevin Galligan stated that a co-worker informed him that a new street was installed there and with the new traffic pattern there needs to be a stop sign placed.

Upon motion duly made by Deputy Chief Kevin Galligan, seconded by Mort Schleffer and a unanimous vote of the members present, it was

VOTED: To refer the matter to Subcommittee for review.

As the fourth Thursday of November is Thanksgiving, the members voted to have a combined November/December meeting. The combined meeting will be on **Thursday, December 4, 2014.**

There being no further business to come before the Commission, upon motion duly made by Councilor Moises Rodrigues, seconded by Mort Schleffer and a unanimous vote of the members present, it was

VOTED: To Adjourn.

Respectfully submitted,
Patricia Florio
Secretary to the Traffic Commission