



**BROCKTON TRAFFIC COMMISSION**  
**Minutes of the Meeting**  
**Thursday, April 28, 2016**

The Traffic Commission monthly meeting was held at 7:00 p.m. on Thursday, April 28, 2016, at the Brockton Police Station, 7 Commercial Street, Brockton, MA 02302. The meeting was chaired by Captain Robert DiBari, Traffic Commissioner. Present were Deputy Fire Chief Kevin Galligan, Ken Galligan, Councilor Shirley Asack, Councilor Moises Rodrigues, D.P.W. Commissioner Larry Rowley and Planning Board representative Craig Pina. Also present were Mayor Bill Carpenter, City Councilor Shaynah Barnes, City Councilor Jack Lally, and several residents.

Upon motion made by Councilor Moises Rodrigues, seconded by Deputy Fire Chief Kevin Galligan and a unanimous vote of all members present, it was voted to waive reading and accept the March Minutes. As a courtesy to the Councilors and residents in attendance, the following items were taken out of order:

**DIVISION STREET**

Request from Councilor Shirley Asack on behalf of resident Bill Black to have the Traffic Commission review the speeding issue on Division Street.

Councilor Asack said that this issue has been before the Traffic Commission before but the speeding issue on Division Street continues. Bill Black has requested that temporary speed bumps be installed. Mr. Black said that there have been car accidents on this street because of speeding. He has called the police a number of times, but it is apparent that he is the only one calling. He trusts that there have been traffic units there but it has not made any difference. Captain DiBari said that he has sent traffic units there in unmarked cars and they have not issued any tickets as they have not seen any problems when they are there. Councilor Asack asked if there are certain hours that the speeding occurs, but it appears that it is at any time during the day or evening. Ken Galligan suggested that the matter be referred to Subcommittee to look for possible solutions, such as signage. Councilor Shirley Asack asked why temporary speed bumps would not be an option and Captain DiBari stated that he has never known for speed bumps to be on a public way. Mr. Black stated that there are speed bumps on city streets in Boston and just recently Boston is considering changing the speed limit to 20mph. He asked whether Brockton would look into that speed limit rather than the fundamental speed limit of 30mph.

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

**VOTED: To refer the matter to Subcommittee for review.**

### **472 NORTH QUINCY STREET**

Request from Councilor Jack Lally on behalf of the resident at 472 North Quincy Street that a guardrail be placed in front of this residence at the intersection with North Cary Street and there are many accidents at this location and some cars are going onto this property.

Susan Dauwer and Florence Smith informed the members that Mrs. Smith's house is at the curve and there have been a lot of accidents there; some cars have almost hit her house. Councilor Jack Lally has been helpful to them. They would like a guardrail installed if possible. Councilor Lally stated he lives in that area and knows that when there is an accident there the traffic can back up to the Tedeschi's and the church. Ken Galligan stated that he remembers being there a year or two ago and saw first-hand what the situation was and one of the suggestions was to place a flashing arrow sign similar to the one put up by the state on Centre Street or the one on Route 27 in Whitman coming into Brockton. He stated that a position was located but it was a matter of what the cost of the sign would be. He would like to suggest that the cost of that kind of flashing sign be determined and research to see if there might be any federal grant money available to purchase a sign.

Upon motion made by DPW Commissioner Larry Rowley, seconded by Deputy Fire Chief Kevin Galligan and a unanimous vote of the members present, it was

**VOTED: To refer the matter to Subcommittee for review.**

### **EAST ASHLAND STREET AND NORTH QUINCY STREET**

Notification from Councilor Anne Beaugard that the traffic light is broken.

Deputy Fire Chief Kevin Galligan informed the members that this traffic light was damaged in an accident and the foundation was destroyed. The contractor is already line up and the light will be replaced as soon as possible. No action is needed on this article.

### **ALGONQUIN STREET and BRADLEY AVENUE**

Request from Councilor Anne Beaugard for a Stop sign.

Kerri Ciavattone informed the members that she lives on Moncrief Street and cars come flying down Moncrief to get to Court Street. They come down Bradley Avenue and Algonquin Street and they are not stopping. The morning is the worst time, from 6:30 to 7:00 a.m. with cars travelling to Cardinal Spellman High School, and that at 8:30 a.m. for cars travelling to the Baker School. Captain DiBari clarified that Algonquin Street and Bradley Avenue actually go into Moncrief Street so that the signage is requested for (1) Algonquin Street and Moncrief Street, and (2) Bradley Avenue and Moncrief Street. Algonquin Street and Bradley Avenue do not meet. Now that Bishop Street has been paved, cars are travelling even faster. Mayor Bill Carpenter informed the members that he spoke with Councilor Anne Beaugard on this matter and he appreciated her filing this matter; he believes that the neighborhood issues are best handled if they are brought forward by the ward councilor. Mayor Carpenter stated that he knows this area very well and he has walked the neighborhood numerous times during campaigns and heard the same stories from the residents. Both this issue and the issue at Ruth Road and Connell Avenue share a lot of the same characteristics and are in the same neighborhood. Repairing streets in the neighborhood has increased cars cutting through the streets and he is worried about pedestrian safety and all of the children living in that area. Also, these streets are close to the Baker School and Cardinal Spellman High School and there are many students walking to the schools. He believes that it is a real safety concern and if cars had to stop at stop signs a couple of times it makes it more difficult to drive at 50mph and it would also help if traffic enforcement could be increased in this area. He would ask that Traffic Commission members to give their consideration to the pedestrian safety of these issues.

Upon motion made by Councilor Shirley Asack, seconded by Councilor Moises Rodrigues and a unanimous vote of the members present, it was

**VOTED: To refer the matter to Subcommittee for review.**

### **RUTH ROAD and CONNELL AVENUE**

Request from Councilor Anne Beauregard on behalf of David Spillane of 54 Connell Avenue to have a Stop sign at this intersection.

David Spillane said that they have been trying to get a stop sign here for the last 16 years. Susan Curry said that they have grandchildren living with them and they are afraid that something will happen to them. She stated that the common theme is Cardinal Spellman High School and the traffic going to and coming from the school. Peter Curry stated that it is like a race track in the morning. They would like another two signs installed to make it a 4-way stop at this intersection. Captain DiBari stated that he has had his traffic unit come in early and monitor that location and he will do so again. Margie Boyce stated that it is the parents driving kids to school, not students driving. Kerri Ciavattone stated that it might be well to place the traffic unit on Mildred Road as all of the streets connect and that might be a good location. Councilor Jack Lally stated that as someone who went to Cardinal Spellman High School he also believes that it is parents rather than the student drivers. The track and cross-country teams run down Connell Avenue in the morning. He also stated that the school would announce in the mornings for students to watch their speed going through the nearby neighborhoods, but he does believe it was mostly parents leaving after dropping off students for school. Susan and Peter Curry stated that their son had his car hit while in their driveway; he had just exited the car and had his keys in his hand.

Upon motion made by Councilor Shirley Asack, seconded by DPW Commissioner Larry Rowley and a unanimous vote of the members present, it was

**VOTED: To refer the matter to Subcommittee for review.**

### **STERLING ROAD**

Request from Councilor Anne Beauregard to address the speeding in this area.

Gary and Mary Faines stated that they had previously spoken with Councilor DeNapoli about having tractor trailer trucks coming down Sterling Road. Now the problem is that the trucks are cutting through Crosby Road and Whitman Street and they are hitting the wires. There is no stop sign on Crosby Road. He also wanted two more stop signs on Sterling Road. Another resident stated that if the traffic is backed up on Centre Street, they use these streets as a cut through and also first thing in the morning there are people going to the gym at the end of the street and when they are leaving they are speeding. There are a lot of little kids in the neighborhood. Ademar Mendes of Sterling Road stated that he has 3 daughters and when they are playing at the corner of Sterling Road and Alexander he stands at the corner so that no one comes and tries to cut in or take a sharp turn. Captain DiBari stated that the Traffic Commission voted to put a stop sign at Crosby Road and Whitman Street. One resident asked if the city would consider making Sterling Road a one-way street as an option, but other neighbors stated that this would make it more difficult and they would have to go around. One resident stated that they wanted a 4-way stop and Captain DiBari stated that this could not be done to control speeding. Ken Galligan stated that to put a 4-way stop a traffic study, traffic count and incident history of the intersection would have to be done. Also, that once drivers became aware that there was a 4-way stop and became accustomed to it, it would lose its credibility and cars would not stop and then it would become dangerous. One of the residents stated that in the past they have had problems with drug dealing on their street and it seems to be happening again and he would like to see some additional cruiser presence there. Another resident stated that he has a relative that is a police officer who told him to take down license plate numbers if he sees suspicious cars; this resident also stated that he purchased a crime watch sign from Amazon and installed it on a pole himself. The residents

stated again that their purpose at the meeting was to get stop signs, limit trucks on the street and to get speed limit signs. Ken Galligan recalled that a few months ago the Traffic Commission installed a sign at Sterling Road and Centre Street that said “No Trucks over 15,000gvw” but one of the residents said that he believes the sign is on the opposite side of the street from where he thinks it should be. Ken Galligan asked if there was ever a truck prohibition sign at the other end of the street and the residents said there was not.

Upon motion made by Councilor Shirley Asack, seconded by Craig Pina and a unanimous vote of the members present, it was

**VOTED: To refer the matter to Subcommittee for review.**

### **WEST ELM TERRACE**

Request from Councilor Shaynah Barnes as the residents of West Elm Terrace contacted her about an acute hazard in their area. The issue with West Elm Terrace is they have limited access to their street while the construction is directly in front of the street. They are asking that the jersey barriers placed on the bend of West Elm Terrace and Maxim Street be removed for public safety reasons. She asked that this issue be placed on the April agenda as this should not wait until the May meeting.

Councilor Shirley Asack stated that Councilor Tim Cruise contacted her and let her know that he had a previous engagement and could not attend the meeting but to let the members know that he is with the residents looking to find some relief from this problem. William Lucas stated that there was a meeting years ago and he asked the question as to why the barriers were placed on Maxim Street. With the construction on West Elm Street he only has one entrance/exit, which is West Elm Street. He stated that he pays taxes and believes that he should have a choice as to which way to exit and he wants Maxim Street opened up to traffic. Linda Robbins stated that this issue has been discussed over several years on different occasions about the jersey barriers and she does not want them removed. She understands that the construction needs to get done but that there are ways in and out, and Auna Drive can be used as an alternative. She is concerned that if the barriers are removed then a situation for drug dealing may occur and there will also be an increase in traffic on the street. She said that for years they have been trying to have this street designated as a dead end street and for the short period of time that West Elm Street is under construction she does not want the street opened up. Fran Garcia stated that he has lived on West Elm Street for over 40 years and the main problem he sees is the traffic that goes down West Elm Terrace and then they have to back out as there is no access. If Maxim Street were a through way he could also get straight over to Pleasant Street.

Councilor Shaynah Barnes stated that she presented this issue because residents had contacted her, but that she had not had a chance to speak with the residents who opposed it; however she did go up to West Elm Terrace to view the area. She grew up in that area also and she remembers when the barriers were placed on Maxim Street and it seemed like an arbitrary thing with no real reason; one day they were there. She stated that if the removal of the barriers could be temporary while West Elm Street is being constructed it would help alleviate the problem of driving on West Elm Street to enter their street. Mr. Lucas stated that he pays taxes and he wants Maxim Street opened up. He asked again why the barriers were installed. Robert Bartlett stated that he strongly objects to the removal of the barriers as he fears increased traffic and increased drug activity. He stated that West Elm Terrace is a true dead end and that there is even a sign there stated that. Mr. Bartlett also objected to Mr. Lucas requesting that this item be placed on the agenda without any knowledge to the neighbors. Van Thomas Straughter stated that he understands the issue with the construction on West Elm Street but it is just an inconvenience for an improvement until the road is completed and his concern that if the barriers are removed then there is a clear shot around an “s” curve and cars will be accelerating down the road. There is traffic going down West Elm Terrace all hours of the night and making u-turns. Linda Robbins stated that this issue was brought up to the Traffic Commission in the past and the determination was made not to remove the barriers and open up Maxim Street. DPW

Commissioner Larry Rowley stated that West Elm Street will receive a base coat within the next couple of weeks; sidewalks will still be being done but the detours will be gone. One of the residents stated that when you come to the two apartment buildings and go around the corner to the condos and around the corner on the other side of the street to the single family homes, all the way down to the barriers at Maxim Street, those properties all have deeded access to Auna Drive. Each individual deed stated that they have access to Auna Drive, not to West Elm Terrace. Mr. Garcia asked why the barrier was at Maxim Street if the people have deeded rights to Auna Drive and not to West Elm Terrace, and asked why the barrier wasn't there to stop them from coming onto West Elm Terrace. Another resident stated that visitors to Auna Drive use West Elm Terrace to access the apartments, rather than come in Auna Drive and this creates traffic at 1, 2 and 3 in the morning. DPW Commissioner Larry Rowley suggested sending the issue to Subcommittee to investigate and see if the barriers should be readjusted and Councilor Barnes asked if this would include some investigation as to how the barriers got there and DPW Commissioner Larry Rowley said that he did not know how that would be investigated. Councilor Asack stated that Councilor Cruise had told her that the barriers went up before his time and he did not know how they were placed there. Councilor Barnes stated that she remembers playing over there as a child and riding her bike and then one day the barriers were there. Ken Galligan stated that there was a roomful of people at a Traffic Commission meeting fifteen or twenty years ago because the situation was that on Maxim Street the drug exchanges was out of control and cars were coming up Maxim Street, drop a package by the fence near the woods and leave; another car would come in and make a pick-up. The decision was made at that time that the prudent thing to do would be to shut the street down. There were many people at that meeting from both Maxim Street and Auna Drive who wanted something done to stop the drug activity. Ken Galligan also stated that the last time the Traffic Commission viewed the area the opinion was that by blocking off Auna Drive a worse problem would be created because if there was an emergency situation on Auna Drive the fire hydrant was out on West Elm Terrace, and by shutting off the end of Auna Drive there were no fire hydrants on Auna Drive. He stated that there were several compelling reasons to leave the situation the way it currently is. He stated that although this situation is very inconvenient it is temporary.

Upon motion made by DPW Commissioner Larry Rowley, seconded by Councilor Shirley Asack and a unanimous vote of the members present, it was

**VOTED: To refer the matter to Subcommittee for review.**

### **BROOKFIELD SCHOOL**

Request from Councilor Jack Lally on behalf of the principal of the Brookfield School to have "No Parking" signs installed on Jon Drive and Sully Road.

Subcommittee recommendation: Place "No Parking Here to Corner on Sully Road north and south and on Jon Drive east and west east of Sully Road.(6 signs total)

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

**VOTED: To place "No Parking Here to Corner" sign on Sully Road north and south and on Jon Drive east and west of Sully Road.(6 signs total)**

### **NORTH MAIN STREET**

Request from Councilor Shirley Asack on behalf of resident Mary Houston to have speed limit signs installed on North Main Street near the Avon line.

Subcommittee recommendation: Place 30 MPH sign for both northbound and southbound traffic.

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

**VOTED: To place a "30 mph" sign for both northbound and southbound traffic on North Main Street near the Avon line.**

### **BATTLES STREET**

Request from Councilor Shirley Asack on behalf of resident Ginny Brady to have restricted parking on both sides of Battles from North Main Street up to Richmond Street.

Subcommittee recommendation: Replace the "No Parking" signs on the north side of Battles Street only to Richmond Street.

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

**VOTED: To replace the "No Parking" signs on the north side of Battles Street only to Richmond Street.**

### **GRAFTON STREET and WEST HARVARD STREET**

Request from Councilor Tom Monahan on behalf of a resident to have a Stop sign installed on Grafton Street headed northerly, at the intersection with West Harvard Street.

Subcommittee recommendation: Install a "Stop" sign on Grafton Street for southbound traffic at Harvard Street. Install a "No Parking Corner to Here" sign on the north east corner, in front of the south side of 107 Grafton Street.

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

**VOTED: To install a "Stop" sign on Grafton Street for southbound traffic at Harvard Street; and to install a "No Parking Corner to Here" sign on the north east corner, in front of the south side of 107 Grafton Street.**

### **TRAFFIC SIGNS**

Request from CDM Smith to appear before the Traffic Commission to discuss the recently completed inventory/assessment of the city's traffic signs (warning and regulatory as required, as well as parking for information) and provide some background and a summary of the findings.

Dan Murphy from CDM Smith presented a slideshow presentation to the members regarding warning and regulatory signage and the assessment and management plan for the City of Brockton. Information was provided regarding the number of signs that do or do not meet the minimum retroreflectivity guidelines as described in the Manual on Uniform Traffic Control Devices (MUTCD, 2009). Important information was given regarding the number and type of signs in the city and the members were informed that the use of warning signs should be kept to a minimum as the unnecessary use of warning signs tends to breed disrespect for all signs. Mr. Murphy stated that there are many streets in the city that has multiple signs. If signs are kept to a minimum they make a larger impact and drivers pay more attention to them. Mr. Murphy stated that if signs are not in compliance or have not been maintained and are in poor condition,

then it could create a liability issue. Discussion was held about signage that might have been authorized by the Traffic Commission that is no longer needed and the method for removing those signs. Mr. Murphy indicated that transportation reports from the Institute of Transportation Engineers recommend removal of signage and to make their removal a priority. The members discussed how to deal with future requests for signs in order to be in compliance with the regulations. As an example, Mr. Murphy explained that if there were a request for a sign for an autistic child and the Commission reviewed the criteria and the need was legitimate, then the sign should be placed for the child's safety. However, in a residential neighborhood where there would be a likelihood of children residing and playing, there is no language that would be justifiable as there would be a normal probability that children would be there. Discussion was held as to tracking of signs with the city's GIS system so that the expected life cycle of any particular sign can be tracked. Mr. Murphy informed the members that the MUTCD has changed the guidelines for street signs so that they are larger and more easily readable. DPW Commissioner Larry Rowley informed the members that the city is moving forward with sign changes using Chapter 90 monies. The regulatory signs will be the first phase to meet the retroreflectivity guidelines. Deputy Fire Chief Kevin Galligan commented that there are also change recommendations, such as the "children at play" or advanced warning signs, in the report and that the Traffic Commission should come up with a system so that when new signs are installed, the information gets sent to the ITC, who maintains the GIS system in order to update the map.

Deputy Fire Chief Kevin Galligan suggested that the CDM Smith report be forwarded to all of the City Councilors and Councilor Shirley Asack suggested that she and Councilor Moises Rodrigues speak with the other councilors to make sure that they read the material and are aware of the regulations. Councilor Asack said that she would do a Resolve to have CDM Smith make a presentation before the City Council and Mr. Murphy stated that he would be happy to do so. Ken Galligan suggested that the Traffic Commission should formulate a plan as to where to go with this issue. Deputy Fire Chief Kevin Galligan suggested that an ad hoc committee be formed to make recommendations on the issue and Councilor Asack and DPW Commissioner Rowley both agreed that this was an important idea.

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

**VOTED: To create an ad hoc committee to come up with a Traffic Commission position on the recommendations from CDM Smith. It was determined that the ad hoc committee would consist of Captain Robert DiBari, Deputy Fire Chief Kevin Galligan, Councilor Shirley Asack, Ken Galligan and Dan Murphy from CDM Smith, who is also a Brockton resident and who volunteered his time for this committee.**

#### **FOREST AVENUE and BOUVE AVENUE**

Request from Deputy Fire Chief Kevin Galligan to have the Traffic Commission expend \$4,550 to have CDM Smith prepare an engineering plan for Forest Avenue and Bouve Avenue to include a pedestrian phase.

Deputy Fire Chief Kevin Galligan informed the members that the City Council appropriated the funding for the engineering study and asked Dan Murphy of CDM Smith what the process would now be. Mr. Murphy informed them that they would look at the controller and see what needs to be done to retrofit it to provide the pedestrian signal phase. It should take a few weeks to do the report.

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

**VOTED: No further action needed and CDM Smith will prepare and deliver the plan.**

### **CROSBY ROAD and WHITMAN STREET**

Request from Councilor Anne Beauregard on behalf of residents that the Traffic Commission consider placing a Stop sign at this location as trucks are using the street for a cut through.

Subcommittee recommendation: Place "Stop" sign southbound on Crosby Road at Whitman Street.

Upon motion made by Councilor Shirley Asack, seconded by Craig Pina and a unanimous vote of the members present, it was

**VOTED: To place a "Stop" sign southbound on Crosby Road at Whitman Street.**

### **PINEHURST AVENUE**

Request from Councilor Anne Beauregard on behalf of a resident that a "Go Slow – Children" sign be installed on Pinehurst Avenue as cars are using it as a cut-thru and are speeding on this street. A further request that the radar machine be placed on Pinehurst Avenue to bring awareness to drivers as to their speed on this street.

Subcommittee recommendation: Take no action as there is plenty of signage on that street.

Upon motion made by DPW Commissioner Larry Rowley, seconded by Deputy Fire Chief Kevin Galligan and a unanimous vote of the members present, it was

**VOTED: To accept the Subcommittee recommendation and take no action.**

### **OAK STREET and RESERVOIR STREET**

Request from Councilor Shirley Asack on behalf of some residents to have a pedestrian crossing button installed on the traffic signal at Oak Street and Reservoir Street.

Upon motion made by Councilor Shirley Asack, seconded by Councilor Moises Rodrigues and a unanimous vote of the members present, it was

**VOTED: To table this matter until after the Forest Avenue/Bouve Avenue study is completed.**

### **MAIN STREET**

Request from Robert Malley, Brockton Parking Authority, to have the Traffic Commission members review the signage on Main Street between White Avenue and Pleasant Street, in order to clarify and simplify the parking restrictions in that area.

Deputy Fire Chief Kevin Galligan stated that he spoke with Bob Malley and the plan for the Main Street project is finished and he would like have the members see the new plan before making recommendations.

Mr. Malley will be invited to the Subcommittee.

Upon motion made by Craig Pina, seconded by Councilor Moises Rodrigues and a unanimous vote of the members present, it was

**VOTED: To refer this matter to Subcommittee for review.**

### **CRICKETT ROAD**

Request from Councilor Shirley Asack on behalf of Fran Cohen of 41 Crickett Road to have the Traffic Commission review the traffic situation as cars speed and use this street as a cut through. There is also a request that the radar unit be installed to make drivers aware that they are speeding.

Captain DiBari stated that he sent a traffic unit to that street before and they found no speeding issues, and further that the radar machine has been in use but Ms. Cohen called him right as the machine was being moved from one location to another and so he was able to place it there. He stated that it was difficult to

place it on Crickett Road as it is not a wide road and Ms. Cohen let them place the machine on her front lawn so it was placed there. Councilor Asack said that she had received an email from Ms. Cohen stating that the radar machine was helping the situation.

Upon motion made by Deputy Fire Chief Kevin Galligan, seconded by Councilor Shirley Asack and a unanimous vote of the members present, it was

**VOTED: To refer this matter to the traffic unit for enforcement.**

### **706 MAIN STREET**

Request from Captain DiBari on behalf of Ana Inocencio, who is requesting a 20 minute parking sign in front of her hair salon located at 706 Main Street, as people are parking in front of her business all day and there is no place for her patrons to park.

Upon motion made by Deputy Fire Chief Kevin Galligan, seconded by Councilor Shirley Asack and a unanimous vote of the members present, it was

**VOTED: To refer the matter to Subcommittee for review.**

### **PEDESTRIAN CROSSWALK SIGNS**

Request from Ken Galligan to have the Traffic Commission address the issue of the pedestrian crosswalk signs that are being placed in the middle of the road throughout the city and especially in front of schools as this is a public safety issue and extremely dangerous in the event a fire truck, police vehicle or automobile were to hit these signs while in the roadway. Michael Thomas, Deputy Superintendent of Schools, has been invited to attend the meeting to have a discussion on this issue.

Councilor Shirley Asack stated that she spoke with Mike Thomas and he was going to a meeting with the Mayor about this issue and that he agrees that these signs are an issue but also said that they are part of the pedestrian safety campaign. Captain DiBari was under the impression that both Lt. Donald Mills and Michael Thomas would be attending the Traffic Commission meeting. Captain DiBari also informed the members that he had spoken with the Mayor and told him that the Traffic Commission would be opposed to having the pedestrian crosswalk signs left in the roadway unattended, and that they could be on the curb line or the fog line and that the Mayor agreed. The Mayor suggested that the signs could be placed in the school zones and then removed when the children are done crossing; Captain DiBari informed him that this would be the policy that the Traffic Commission would be suggesting. Councilor Shirley Asack asked if Mr. Thomas had been contacted and formally invited and Ken Galligan suggested that a formal written notification be sent to him for the next meeting. Discussion was held as to whether to invite Mike Thomas to the next meeting or craft a letter to Mr. Thomas outlining the Traffic Commission's recommendations. Captain DiBari said that Mr. Thomas could be invited to the next meeting and a letter could also be drafted, which could be discussed at the next meeting. Ken Galligan asked if the Traffic Commission was comfortable with having the signs left at the curbside and DPW Commissioner Rowley stated that the signs would need to be put on the backside of the sidewalk in the wintertime so that they do not interfere with plowing or sidewalk plowing. Deputy Fire Chief Kevin Galligan suggested that the recommendations should be more generic and not just focused on the School Department as churches or other entities are also placing signs. DPW Commissioner Rowley stated that the Mayor has been fighting for grant money from the State for the pedestrian safety issue and they want these signs in the street. He does not want to jeopardize state money if the signs are removed or not utilized properly. Councilor Asack asked whether the issue should be brought before the Ordinance Committee of the City Council and Ken Galligan suggested that first the Commission should relate their concerns to Mike Thomas and then if the School Department wants to cooperate then 90 percent of the problem should be resolved. DPW Commissioner

Rowley stated that it was not just the School Department putting out the signs, the DPW was putting them out also. **Ken Galligan suggested that the recommendation should be that no portable or temporary signs shall be placed in the travel lane of any street unattended without authority of the Traffic Commission.** He also suggested that Captain DiBari meet with one of the city attorneys to discuss the liability issues involved and also that the School Department representative be invited to the next meeting to address the entire issue. Deputy Fire Chief Kevin Galligan suggested that once the Law Department has cleared the wording with Captain DiBari, that the issue be placed on the next month's agenda and the School Department be sent a courtesy copy and notified that the item is on the agenda and request that they attend. Councilor Asack said that once the wording has been finalized there is still the matter of enforcement. Deputy Fire Chief Galligan stated that this would give Mike Thomas the reason to tell the custodians that the signs must be moved. DPW Commissioner Rowley stated that the DPW employees are not putting the signs on the roadways anymore because they were all getting destroyed. It was clarified that once Captain DiBari meets with the city attorney and the wording is finalized, then a formal invitation will be sent to Mike Thomas with the agenda item, letting him know that this is what will be voted on at the May meeting and inviting him to attend to discuss it.

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

**VOTED: To have Captain DiBari meet with a city attorney to clarified the verbage proposed for the temporary roadway signs and to have Mike Thomas of the School Department formally invited to the May meeting to discuss the issue.**

There being no further business to come before the Commission upon motion duly made by Captain Robert DiBari, seconded by DPW Commissioner Larry Rowley and a unanimous vote of the members present, it was

VOTED: to Adjourn.

Respectfully submitted,

*Patricia Florio*

Secretary to the Traffic Commission