



**BROCKTON TRAFFIC COMMISSION**  
**Minute of the Meeting**  
**July 22, 2010**  
**7:00 P.M.**

The Traffic Commission held its regular monthly meeting at 7:00 p.m. on Thursday, July 22, 2010, at the Brockton Police Station, 7 Commercial Street, Brockton, MA 02302. Present were Captain Leon McCabe, Chairman, and Commission members Councilor Paul Studenski, Commissioner Michael Thoreson, Paul Sullivan, Kenneth Goldblatt and Councilor Todd Petti. There being a proper quorum, the meeting was called to order by Captain McCabe.

Upon motion made by Paul Studenski, seconded by Paul Sullivan, and a unanimous vote of all members present, it was voted to waive reading and accept the May and June Minutes.

**Manthala George School – Colonel Bell Drive**

Captain McCabe informed the Commission that after Subcommittee review, it is recommended to add two additional “No Parking, Standing or Stopping between 8:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m.” signs on the east side of Colonel Bell Drive at pole #3 and pole #4. The Subcommittee further reported that the flashing lights have now been installed.

After discussion, upon motion duly made by Kenneth Goldblatt, seconded by Paul Studenski, and a unanimous vote of the members present, it was **VOTED to accept the recommendation of the Subcommittee to add two additional “No Parking, Standing or Stopping between 8:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m.” signs.**

**Pratt Street - Stop Sign**

After Subcommittee review, the recommendations of the Committee are:

**Add one Stop Sign on Pratt Street (eastbound) at Allerton Street;**

**Add street signs at Pratt Street and Allerton Streets;**

**Add a Stop Sign on Allerton Street (northbound) at Armiston Street.**

**Have the bushes at Allerton Street and Armiston Street trimmed back.**

**Replace the Stop Sign on Loring Street at North Quincy Street.**

After discussion, upon motion duly made by Commissioner Thoreson, seconded by Paul Sullivan, and a unanimous vote of the members present, it was

**VOTED to accept the recommendations of the Subcommittee.**

**Court Street Issues**

1. Request from Councilor Michelle DuBois that additional “Speed Limit”, “Go Slow Children” and “School Zone” signs be installed along Court Street.

**After Subcommittee review, it is recommended that no additional “Caution Children” or speed limit signs are needed as there is appropriate signage there.**

2. Request from Councilor Michelle DuBois that crosswalks be painted on Court Street at two locations: (1) across Court Street where Endicott Street and Debbie Road meet Court Street; and (2) where Courtfield Drive meets Court Street.

After Subcommittee review, it is recommended:

**Add two “Crosswalk Ahead” signs eastbound and westbound on Court Street at Debbie Road and Endicott Street.**

Captain McCabe indicated that since the line painter was out working at the time, the crosswalks have been painted at Debbie Road and Endicott Street. It was felt that putting a crosswalk at Courtfield Drive would be dangerous because it is around a bend and not a good location for a crosswalk.

After discussion, upon motion duly made by Kenneth Goldblatt, seconded by Paul Studenski, and a unanimous vote of the members present, it was **VOTED to accept the recommendations of the Subcommittee.**

**Frost Avenue and Ash Street – Stop Sign and “No Parking Here to Corner” sign**

After Subcommittee review, it was recommended:

**Add a Stop Sign eastbound on Frost Avenue at Ash Street.**

It was further recommended not to add a “No parking here to corner” sign but to have the complainant call the Police Department to report violators who park within 20 feet of the intersection.

Captain McCabe indicated that another sign was not needed as they are not allowed to park within twenty feet of an intersection and that the proper resolution is to ticket violators.

After discussion, upon motion duly made by Kenneth Goldblatt, seconded by Paul Sullivan, and a unanimous vote of the members present, it was **VOTED to accept the recommendations of the Subcommittee.**

**Garfield Street**

Carolyne George, who resides at 12 Garfield Street addressed the Traffic Commission with her request for resident-only parking on Garfield Street as individuals are parking

there and then using the commuter rail. Captain McCabe indicated that this issue was on the agenda in May and he personally went to Garfield Street and ran registration plates and gave tickets to cars parked too close to the corner. He indicated that the plates he ran were not for cars using the commuter rail, but Ms. George indicated that she has seen the people park in the morning at 7:00 a.m. and not come back until night, around 5:00 or 6:00 p.m. Captain McCabe indicated that people who live on North Montello Street are parking on Garfield Street. Ms. George indicated that she cannot pull in front of her house if she goes to the grocery store, because there are 3 cars parked there, and they do not belong to people who live next door; they are people who park there all day long. Ms. George also indicated that she has 3 tenants who cannot park in front of the house either. Captain McCabe gave Ms. George his cell phone number and requested that she call him when she sees cars parking there and he will come down and run the registrations. Ms. George said she will call Captain McCabe every day when she sees cars parked there. Councilor Studenski told Ms. George that the Commission will look into the matter further.

Councilor Todd Petti arrived at the Traffic Commission at this point and participated in the remaining agenda items.

#### **Granite Street at Holmes Avenue**

After Subcommittee review, it was recommended:

**Have telephone pole #1-30 moved from Granite Street to an area off the road.**

Captain McCabe informed the Commission that a letter had been sent to the D.P.W. addressing this issue and have the pole moved.

After discussion, upon motion duly made by Kenneth Goldblatt, seconded by Paul Sullivan, and a unanimous vote of the members present, it was

**VOTED to accept the recommendation of the Subcommittee.**

#### **Granite Street at Vermont Avenue – Stop Sign**

After Subcommittee review, it was recommended:

**Add Stop Signs northbound on Granite Street at Holmes Avenue and southbound on Granite Street at Vermont Avenue with street signs.**

Captain McCabe indicated that Vermont Avenue runs east to west and they would put stop signs northbound and southbound, one on Granite Avenue and one on Holmes Avenue.

After discussion, upon motion duly made by Paul Studenski, seconded by Commissioner Thoreson, and a unanimous vote of the members present, it was

**VOTED:**

**Place a Stop Sign northbound on Granite Street at Holmes Ave.; and**

## **Place a Stop Sign southbound on Granite Street at Vermont Ave.**

### **88 Bartlett Street**

After Subcommittee review, it was recommended that no action be taken at this time on the citizen's request for an HP parking sign at this location.

Captain McCabe indicated that Bartlett Street is under reconstruction. Councilor Monahan has a constituent who is blind who was having a difficult time getting around the construction and it was more foot traffic than a motor vehicle traffic issue.

After discussion, upon motion duly made by Kenneth Goldblatt, seconded by Paul Studenski, and a unanimous vote of the members present, it was

**VOTED to accept the recommendation of the Subcommittee and take no action.**

### **Belmont Street at Belmont Avenue**

Request from Councilor Monahan on behalf of a constituent to view the intersection of Belmont Street and Belmont Avenue to determine whether traffic lights are needed, as this is a dangerous intersection.

Councilor Todd Petti was concerned that the temporary safety fence constructed at that intersection when a car hit the building at the corner is still up, and that it is encroaching onto the street and creating a problem for people walking. Captain McCabe indicated that if it is a safety hazard it should be removed and that he will take a look at it. Captain McCabe stated that since June of 2008 there have been 10 accidents at that location. Councilor Petti indicated that taking a left turn onto Belmont Street from Belmont Avenue is very difficult. Councilor Studenski asked if that portion of Belmont Street is controlled by the City and Captain McCabe indicated that it is.

After discussion, upon motion duly made by Todd Petti, seconded by Commissioner, and a unanimous vote of the members present, it was

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

### **551 Plain Street**

Request from Councilor Paul Studenski that the Traffic Commission view the area near 551 Plain Street to see if a guardrail needs to be installed as there are many accidents at that location.

Captain McCabe indicated that he checked the records and could only find one accident at that location and Councilor Studenski indicated that his constituent said there were 3. He stated that the problem involves cars coming into Brockton and going around the curve and losing control and going into the resident's yard.

After discussion, upon motion duly made by Paul Studenski, seconded by Commissioner Thoreson, and a unanimous vote of the members present, it was

**VOTED to refer the matter to Subcommittee review.**

### **Messiah Baptist Church – Legion Parkway**

Request that the Commission review the HP signs in front of the Messiah Baptist Church on Legion Parkway as there is some confusion as to the placement of the signs and which spots are the designated handicapped parking spots.

Captain McCabe informed the Commission that he went to that location and it was clearly an area where there was confusion with a handicapped sign pointing both directions. If you looked at the sign, to the left there was a ramp and to the right there was a spot where there clearly was a sign, but that it is now gone. It was obvious that the sign must have been knocked down at some time and not replaced. Captain McCabe has ordered a replacement sign.

After discussion, upon motion duly made by Captain McCabe, seconded by Todd Petti, and a unanimous vote of the members present, it was

**VOTED: that no further action is needed.**

### **Concord Street at Burton Avenue**

Request from Councilor Paul Studenski on behalf of a resident that a "Children – Go Slow" sign be added on Concord Street at Burton Avenue due to the large number of children and high volume of traffic in the area.

Councilor Studenski indicated that this is a cyclical problem; for years there were no little children in that area and now there are younger families with children.

After discussion, upon motion duly made by Paul Studenski, seconded by Kenneth Goldblatt, and a unanimous vote of the members present, it was

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

### **Coral Street and South Leyden Street**

Request from Councilor Paul Studenski on behalf of a resident to have the Commission consider placing a 4-way stop sign at the intersection of Coral Street and South Leyden Street.

After discussion, upon motion duly made by Kenneth Goldblatt, seconded by Paul Sullivan, and a unanimous vote of the members present, it was

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

[On the motion, Councilor Studenski stated that he is not usually in favor of 4 way stops signs but that he is making the request after receiving a constituent complaint, and that when the Subcommittee reviews the area they may feel that speed enforcement may be a better resolution to this problem.]

## **ISSUES FOR DISCUSSION**

### **August Meeting**

Due to the unavailability of several members of the Commission for the regularly scheduled date, the August meeting will be held on Thursday, August 19, 2010 at 7:00 p.m.

After discussion, upon motion duly made by Paul Studenski, seconded by Kenneth Goldblatt, and a unanimous vote of the members present, it was

**VOTED: to move the August meeting to August 19, 2010 at 7:00 p.m.**

### **Subcommittee Review**

Due to renovations at the Fire Chief's office, the members will meet at the Brockton Historical Society at 216 North Pearl Street for the Subcommittee review. The next Subcommittee Review meeting will be Wednesday, August 11, 2010 at 9:00 a.m.

There being no further business to come before the Traffic Commission, upon motion made by Kenneth Goldblatt, seconded by Paul Sullivan and a unanimous vote of the members present, it was

**VOTED: To adjourn.**

Respectfully submitted,  
Patricia Florio, Secretary to the Traffic Commission

[Draft pending approval of Traffic Commission]