



BROCKTON TRAFFIC COMMISSION
Minutes of the Meeting
October 28, 2010
7:00 P.M.

The Traffic Commission held its regular monthly meeting at 7:00 p.m. on Thursday, October 28, 2010, at the Brockton Police Station, 7 Commercial Street, Brockton, MA 02302. Present were Captain Leon McCabe, Chairman, and Commission members Fire Chief Richard Francis, Kenneth Galligan, Councilor Paul Studenski and Ken Goldblatt. There being a proper quorum, the meeting was called to order by Captain McCabe. Also appearing at the Traffic Commission meeting were residents Kevin O’Gorman, Kathy Jewett and Sandra Brown.

Upon motion made by Ken Galligan, seconded by Chief Francis, and a unanimous vote of all members present, it was voted to waive reading and accept the September Minutes.

The first item was taken out of order in order to accommodate the schedules of several members.

PEARL STREET

Request from Captain McCabe that the speed limit on Pearl Street between Pearl Way and Pleasant Street be reduced from 40mph to 30mph with a “Reduce Speed Ahead” sign approximately 100 feet south of Pearl Way (eastside). Captain McCabe said that this encompasses a park and the school zone and this would isolate the school zone and the park and reduce the speed through that area. Councilor Studenski noted that there was a bad accident at that location, and Ken Galligan questioned whether there should be a “reduced speed ahead” sign on North Pearl Street for cars heading southerly. Captain McCabe noted that cars would have to stop at the light and they would then see the 30mph signs.

Upon motion made by Chief Francis, seconded by Councilor Studenski and a unanimous vote of the members present, it was

VOTED: to reduce the speed limit on Pearl Street between Pearl Way and Pleasant Street from 40mph to 30mph with a “Reduced Speed Ahead” sign approximately 100 feet south of Pearl Way on the east side.

STEBBINS AVENUE

Request that Stebbins Avenue be made a one way street westerly from Manomet Street to Ash Street.

After Subcommittee review the consensus was to table the issue until the road reconstruction are completed with sidewalks on both sides. Ken Galligan stated that he uses that street and does not usually see much traffic there.

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

VOTED: to table this matter at this time.

NORTH CARY STREET

Request to have the Traffic Commission review the issue of the large number of big trucks coming off or on to North Quincy Street.

After Subcommittee review Captain McCabe stated that they saw at least three tractor trailer trucks use the street and the consensus was to add signs limiting the truck weight limit. On the motion, Ken Galligan stated that North Cary Street from the fire station east and then where it curves north the street is in deplorable condition and the trucks will destroy the street. Captain McCabe also added that Chief Francis will send a letter to the Traffic Commission requesting that the blinking yellow light be changed to a blinking red light because the fire trucks have a difficult time getting out of the fire station, and to replace the stop sign which was removed from the intersection.

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

**VOTED: to add “No Trucks over 15,000 gvw” signs as follows:
one at North Cary and Quincy Street;
one at North Cary and Ames Street; and
one at Winter Street and Hovendon Avenue.**

MANTHALA GEORGE SCHOOL

Request from Kathy Jewett of the Fieldside Garden Condominiums that the restricted parking signs in place on Colonel Bell Drive be revised to apply only when school is in session.

Captain McCabe also noted that there was a new request on the agenda from the residents in the vicinity of the George School to have a flashing light posted at the corner of Colonel Bell Drive and Tucker Drive.

Captain McCabe indicated that he had attempted to reach Sandra Brown to meet them for Subcommittee review, but it appears that he had an incorrect telephone number and did not

reach the correct person. The Subcommittee discussed the possible solutions and the consensus was that if “On School Days” was added to the signs then it would protect the condo association residents who want to park on weekends. Kathy Jewett asked if that would only be for the new signs and was informed that it would be on all the signs; those presently there and the new ones just added.

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

VOTED: to add to the existing signs “On School Days” and to paint “SCHOOL” on the road near the blinking yellow lights.

BATES STREET

Request to have a “Caution – Children” sign installed in the vicinity of 28 Bates Street. After Subcommittee review Captain McCabe stated that there is already a “Caution Children” sign in front of 3 Bates Street and it is less than fifty feet away from the location of the new request. Councilor Studenski also stated that this is a one way street.

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

VOTED: to take no action at this time.

151 COPELAND STREET

Request that a section be added to an existing guardrail at 151 Copeland Street.

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

VOTED: to refer the matter to Subcommittee review.

FIELD STREET

Request to make the section of Field Street on the east side of Montello Street designated as resident parking only 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Captain McCabe indicated that this is the dead-end area near the bar. Ken Galligan stated that he would refer it to Subcommittee but that technically there are no residents that live on that part of the street; it is a bar room and a parking lot. Captain McCabe indicated that it was the bar room that had made the request because they are taking up the spots there.

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

VOTED: to refer the matter to Subcommittee review.

NORTH CARY STREET

Request for an update on the issue of the Stop sign removed by the State during reconstruction and redesign of the intersection.

Captain McCabe indicated that this was already handled and no further action was needed.

MANTHALA GEORGE SCHOOL -

Request from the residents in the vicinity of the George School to have a School Zone flashing light posted at the corner of Colonel Bell Drive and Tucker Drive.

Kathy Jewett stated that the problem is that when cars come from Belair and go down Tucker Drive they are going very fast and they were hoping that this would slow them down. She indicated that it is mostly the parents dropping off school children. Captain McCabe said that you could not put a light on the corner and Ken Galligan stated that usually they are placed on the edges of the school property. Kathy Jewett asked if it could be placed on Tucker Drive, and Captain McCabe stated that since it is the parents dropping off their children they already know that it's a school zone. Sandra Brown indicated that the school bus drivers drive too fast, in particular a white minivan from Safety A First. Kathy Jewett stated that the delivery trucks going to the school go too fast also, but it is predominantly the parents. Captain McCabe asked if they had plate numbers for the buses and Ms. Brown stated that she just looks out her window and sees the van so that she does not have a plate number.

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

VOTED: to refer the matter to Subcommittee review.

On the motion, Councilor Studenski asked if the traffic enforcement unit could go there, and Captain McCabe indicated that they have been up there. Councilor Studenski suggested that traffic enforcement could possibly do some inspection stops on the buses. On a related note, Ken Galligan asked if we could determine the status of the sidewalks that were to be installed on Coventry Circle near Belair Street.

WEST CHESTNUT STREET

Request from Councilor Dennis Eaniri to have “Slow” painted in the road on West Chestnut Street at Ash Street, similar to the intersection of Copeland and Southworth Streets.

Ken Galligan suggested that this be done, but was informed that no more painting could be done until springtime.

Upon motion made by Chief Francis, seconded by Ken Goldblatt and a unanimous vote of the members present, it was

VOTED: to table this matter until spring.

274 SUMMER STREET

Request from Councilor Paul Studenski on behalf of resident Carmina Rocha of 274 Summer Street to have a guardrail installed at that location.

Councilor Studenski said that four accidents have occurred there recently and asked that the accident report be queried. He stated that this location is on the northeast corner of Summer Street with East Street on the right. Ken Galligan asked how the accidents are happening and Councilor Studenski stated that they were speed related.

Upon motion made by Councilor Studenski, seconded by Captain McCabe and a unanimous vote of the members present, it was

VOTED: to refer the matter to Subcommittee review.

RAYMOND ROAD AND CRICKETT ROAD

Request from Councilor Chris Macmillan that a 4 way Stop sign be added to the intersection of Raymond Road and Crickett Road.

Upon motion made by Ken Goldblatt, seconded by Captain McCabe and a unanimous vote of the members present, it was

VOTED: to refer the matter to Subcommittee review.

BAKER SCHOOL – QUINCY STREET

Request from Captain McCabe as follows:

1. that there be no parking allowed on the west side of Quincy Street from Court Street to approximately 119 Quincy Street;
2. that an additional “No Parking, Stopping or Standing 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.” sign be added to the telephone pole just north of the sign presently there.

Captain McCabe indicated that there is a new field being used for sports and everyone is parking in the street instead of using the school parking lot and it is blocking the houses on

that street. Upon review of past Traffic Commission meetings, a vote was already taken to authorize the “ No Parking, Stopping or Standing 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.” signs, so no additional vote is needed to place an additional sign at that location.

Upon motion made by Ken Galligan, seconded by Captain McCabe and a unanimous vote of the members present, it was

VOTED: to refer the parking issue (#1) to Subcommittee review.

NORTH MAIN STREET

Requests from Captain McCabe as follows:

1. to have one (1) hour parking on the east side of North Main Street from Ames Street to Field Street;
2. to have two (2) hour parking on both sides of North Main Street from Ames Street southerly to 658 North Main Street.

Captain McCabe indicated that he met with the North Montello Businessmen’s Association and they indicated that they are asking for these parking restrictions because people are parking in front of the local businesses all day. Ken Galligan questioned where the cars would be coming from and the commission members stated that it could be people using the commuter rail and parking there and walking.

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

VOTED: to refer the matter to Subcommittee review.

NORTH MAIN STREET at WILLOW STREET

Request from Councilor Paul Studenski that a crosswalk be restored on North Main Street in the vicinity of the Washburn Heights development or Willow Street.

Councilor Studenski indicated that there used to be a crosswalk at that location direction across the street from the plaza and now people have to wait an inordinate amount of time for traffic to allow them to cross the street.

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

VOTED: to refer the matter to Subcommittee review.

CONCORD STREET and NORWOOD STREET

Request from Officer William Healy, as Community Police Officer, that “Caution Children” signs be placed on Concord Street and Norwood Street.

Upon motion made by Ken Galligan, seconded by Captain McCabe and a unanimous vote of the members present, it was

VOTED: to refer the matter to Subcommittee review.

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 December 9th.

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

VOTED: to hold the joint November/December meeting on Thursday, December 9, 2010.

Kathy Jewett thanked the Traffic Commission for their assistance and stated that the parking has gotten better than it was back in September and they appreciate the help.

There being no further business to come before the Commission, upon motion duly made by Ken Goldblatt, seconded by Ken Galligan and a unanimous vote of the members present, it was

VOTED: To adjourn.