



**BROCKTON TRAFFIC COMMISSION**  
**Minutes of the Meeting**  
**February 24, 2011**

The Traffic Commission held its regular monthly meeting at 7:00 p.m. on Thursday, February 24, 2011, at the Brockton Police Station, 7 Commercial Street, Brockton, MA 02302. There being a proper quorum, the meeting was called to order by Captain McCabe.

Upon motion made by Ken Galligan, seconded by Paul Sullivan and a unanimous vote of all members present, it was voted to waive reading and accept the December, 2010 Minutes.

**TERMINAL PLACE**

Request from Councilor Paul Studenski to have “No Parking Here to Corner” signs on both sides of Terminal Place and to have the signs placed about 100 feet in from the corner.

Captain McCabe and Officer Santos went to the location and measured from the corner to where the trucks would have difficulty making the turn and it measured at 54 feet and there was a pole there. Neighbors across the street came out and expressed concern about losing their parking spaces.

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

**VOTED: To prohibit parking on the north side of Terminal Place 54 feet easterly from Montello Street.**

**SEAVER STREET**

Request from Councilor Paul Studenski on behalf of Councilor Tim Cruise that Seaver Street be made one way east to west from Ash Street to Moraine Street

Upon motion duly made by Chief Francis, seconded by Commissioner Thoreson, and a unanimous vote of the members present, it was

**VOTED: To table this matter.**

### **GREEN STREET**

Request from Councilor Tom Monahan to have “Resident Only Parking” signs installed on Green Street from where the parking meters end to the intersection with Warren Avenue.

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

**VOTED: To install “Resident Only Parking” from 42 Green Street west to Warren Avenue.**

### **MAIN STREET**

Request of the Campello Businessmen’s Association to have One Hour parking on the west side of Main Street from 995 Main Street southerly to South Street.

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

**VOTED: To establish one hour parking on the west side of Main Street from 995 Main Street southerly to South Street, not to impact the current 15 minute parking in front of Cape Cod Café.**

### **MAIN STREET**

Request from Parking Authority Executive Director Robert Malley to have the Traffic Commission clarify the parking restrictions in front of the Public Library as there are “One Hour Parking” signs and meters for the same location.

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

**VOTED: To remove the “One Hour Parking” signs from in front of the Library.**

### **10 CENTRAL SQUARE**

Request from Councilor Paul Studenski on behalf of Ellen Factor to have a Handicapped Parking spot designated in front of 10 Central Square.

Upon motion duly made by Todd Petti, seconded by Paul Sullivan, and a unanimous vote of the members present, it was

**VOTED: To place a Handicapped parking spot in front of 11 Central Square.**

### **CENTRE STREET AT MONTELLO STREET**

Request from Captain McCabe that a “No Right On Red” sign be placed heading easterly on Centre Street at Montello Street.

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

**VOTED: To place a “No Right Turn on Red” sign for eastbound traffic on Centre Street at Montello Street.**

### **1127 PLEASANT STREET**

Request from Councilor Jass Stewart on behalf of Candace Dowgos Sherman to have a deer crossing sign installed in the vicinity of 1127 Pleasant Street as there is an especially high number of deer in that area.

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

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

### **“No Through Trucks” sign on Pleasant Street at Sumner Street.**

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

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

### **REQUESTS FROM COUNCILOR JASS STEWART**

**North Main St. at Court and Pleasant Sts.** Needs a left turn arrow—both directions.

Upon motion made by Commissioner Thoreson, seconded by Todd Petti and a unanimous vote of the members present, it was

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

**Belmont St.** Needs no left turn sign onto Belchor Ave.

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

**VOTED: To replace the “No Left Turn” sign at this location.**

**Belmont and West Sts.** Two lanes, one needs to be left turn only.

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

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

Linwood St. needs set of lights.

**This matter is being addressed by the State with a road safety audit on March 2, 2011.**

Pearl St. is a super highway. Needs more radar patrol.

**Captain McCabe will have more enforcement units cover this area.**

Belmont and Main Sts. Place hanging traffic sign showing that there are three lanes. Upon motion made by Todd Petti, seconded by Commissioner Thoreson and a unanimous vote of the members present, it was

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

389 and 418 Belmont St. Need crosswalks.

Upon motion made by Commissioner Thoreson, seconded by Todd Petti and a unanimous vote of the members present, it was

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

Belmont Ct. and VA Hospital. Lights should be off setting, one way at a time.

**This matter may be addressed by the State with a road safety audit on March 2, 2011.**

Belmont St. coming from Easton. Speed limit is 45 but area becomes populated very quickly and speed limit decreases suddenly.

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

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

**1 NORTH MAIN STREET to 31 NORTH MAIN STREET**

Request from Captain McCabe to restrict parking in the area between 1 North Main Street and 31 North Main Street to one (1) hour parking.

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

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

**CONNECTICUT PLACE**

Request from Captain McCabe to have the Traffic Commission review this area and restrict the parking to one side of the street.

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

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

**TORREY SIDE ROAD at COWEESSET DRIVE**

Request from Councilor Eaniri that a Stop sign be added to the end of Torrey Side Road at Coweeset Drive as cars travel Coweeset Drive with excessive speed.

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

**VOTED: To place a Stop Sign for southbound traffic on Torrey Side Road at Coweeset Drive.**

**LARCH STREET, SUDBURY STREET, MONTROSE STREET and WASHBURN STREET**

(Subdivision off of Ash Street)

Request from Councilor Eaniri that “Go Slow” or “Go Slow Children” signs be added to Larch Street, Sudbury Street, Montrose Street and Washburn Street, as residents have complained that children are being dropped off in the morning at the end of Montrose Street (entering Larch Street down to Sudbury Street) as there is a walkway at the end of Montrose Street which goes in back of the rink at Brockton High School. Also, there are a lot of children that live in that area.

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

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

## **LEACH AVENUE**

Request from Councilor Eaniri that Leach Avenue from Warren Avenue be made ONE WAY headed WEST (toward South Middle School), as Leach Avenue can only fit one car at a time and is used as an entrance and exit to the school. There are only two homes on the street, and the residents have trouble getting in and out of their driveway.

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

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

## **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.

Captain McCabe asked Ken Galligan to update the Commission members on the First Fire Districts. Ret. Chief Galligan explained that there are two First Fire Districts, and everything outside those fire districts are referred to as the Second Fire District. The First Fire District starts at North Main and Charles Street, comes south on Main Street, takes a right up Haverhill Street, a left on Walnut Street, a right on Spring Street, a left on Warren Avenue and goes down to Bartlett Street, down Bartlett to Main Street, takes a right on Main, a left on Allen Street, over to the lumber yard to the railroad tracks, follows the railroad tracks north to Porter's Pass, takes a left on Porter's Pass, a left on North Montello Street, a right on Charles Street and back to Main Street.

The First Fire District in Campello starts at Market Street, goes easterly to the railroad tracks, up the tracks to East Nilsson Street, across Main Street and then 100 feet west of Main Street south to Market Street.

Captain McCabe stated that the problem is that when the winter snow parking ban tickets are given in the First Fire District on Freight Street, the Condo Association notified the Police Department of the prior agreement made with the Traffic Commission that they are allowed to park on one side of Freight Street. All tickets were dismissed, but the First Fire District is confusing and Captain McCabe feels that to streamline it might be beneficial. Ken Galligan stated that it is a City ordinance, and Commissioner Thoreson stated that the Traffic Commission could make a recommendation to the Ordinance Committee to make changes. Captain McCabe stated that he sees no problem with parking on one side of some of the streets in the First Fire District. Ken Galligan stated that the purpose of the First Fire District was to eliminate all wood-framed buildings downtown and was put in place many years ago when that was the general business district for the city.

Commissioner Thoreson stated that the ordinance does read that the owners in the First Fire District have to clean their sidewalks of snow within a certain period of time and that he would like to see remain in the ordinance. Captain McCabe stated that prior to next

winter he would like to see the Commission review the issue to ease the parking for residents who now reside in that area.

Upon motion duly made by Captain McCabe, seconded by Commissioner Thoreson, and a unanimous vote of the members present, it was

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

### **L STREET**

Captain McCabe stated that on L Street there is “No Parking on either Side of the Street” as you enter L Street and then there are 3 signs that say “15 Minute Parking Monday through Friday 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.”

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

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

### **BATTLES STREET**

Ken Galligan stated that on the north side of Battles Street from North Main Street going west up to Richmond Street is posted “No Parking” and it looks like a sign is missing on Battles Street on the first telephone pole on the right. Captain McCabe stated that he would order a replacement sign.

Todd Petti stated that people from W. B. Mason have asked him if Church Street can be painted with two arrows at the end of the street, one for left turn and one for right turn onto Montello Street. Ken Galligan stated that you can also go straight there. Councilor Petti then asked if a sign could be placed at the end of the street.

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

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

### **PEARL STREET, COLLEGE STREET, VAN CLIFF ST and TIFFANY ST.**

Councilor Petti stated that he received a letter from the residents on Pearl Street, College Street, Van Cliff Street and Tiffany Drive asking that the lights be changed so that they can take a left from Pearl Street onto Belmont Street. Commissioner Thoreson stated that this issue was reviewed in the past, and the State determined that no left turn was justified at that intersection and the intersection is under their control. Todd Petti said that Pat from the OCPC stated that there are five different streets coming onto Belmont Street: Pearl Street from both directions, Belmont Street, and Stonehill Street. One of the suggestions

years ago was to make Stonehill Street one way going up and break through to come out onto Tiffany Drive. Councilor Petti asked what the timing cycle was and Ken Galligan informed him that Stonehill Street will not get a green light unless a car is waiting at the light. Ken Galligan stated that when they created the left turn going from Belmont Street west to take a left onto Pearl, and coming down Belmont to take a left to go north onto Pearl, in order to create those left turns they had to take Mill Street out of the equation, so they closed Mill Street and made it a connector road. The timing of those lights is critical because of the volume of cars, and Ken Galligan believed that to add a left turn would add 15 to 20 seconds to the light. Captain McCabe indicated that he had received a complaint from Dick Bergeron of Stonehill Street, and a letter was sent to Bernard McCourt of the State Highway. They responded back and asked for the number of accidents at that intersection, and they will review the intersection. Captain McCabe was looking to have seconds added to the light from Stonehill Street and also to have the red light stay red a few seconds longer. Councilor Petti and Councilor Eaniri requested copies of that report so that they could report back to their constituents.

Ken Galligan said that several years ago the Subcommittee reviewed the street light at the end of Mill Street where the barrier is. It is a high intensity sodium vapor light and we asked that the light be moved two poles down to put it on the corner of Mill Street and Mill Connector Road, which is very dark. He asked if we could follow up with that issue as the light has never been moved. Councilor Eaniri said that Mill Connector Road is really Cowesett Cemetery. Commissioner Thoreson stated that it is a busy cut-through road, especially at night and it is very dark. For the City Councilors on the issue of the city taking over street lights, Ken Galligan stated that there are hundreds of street lights out around the city and if the city takes over the lights and then is saddled with repairing them. Commissioner Thoreson recommended that if the city take over the lights, that it be contingent upon Edison fixing the lights first. Councilor Petti asked who would be responsible for repairing them and Commissioner Thoreson stated that the city would likely contract a company for the repairs.

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

**VOTED: To adjourn.**