



**BROCKTON TRAFFIC COMMISSION
MINUTES OF THE MEETING
MAY 26, 2011**

The Traffic Commission held its monthly meeting at 7:00 p.m. on Thursday, May 26, 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. Present were Commission members Kenneth Goldblatt, Kenneth Galligan, Fire Chief Richard Francis, Councilor Dennis DeNapoli, Councilor Todd Petti, Commissioner Michael Thoreson, as well as Councilor Paul F. Studenski, Councilor Jass Stewart, and residents Glenna Riley and Monique Tully.

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

Captain McCabe stated that the members were unable to conduct a Subcommittee review for May due to health issues and prior commitments of members.

21 LANSDOWNE STREET

Request from Councilor Jass Stewart on behalf of John Alves of 21 Lansdowne Street to have “Go Slow, Children” signs posted on Lansdowne Street.

Captain McCabe stated that he did have the traffic enforcement unit patrol the area but that the matter would need to be referred back to Subcommittee for review. Dennis DeNapoli made a motion to refer the matter to Subcommittee for review, which was seconded by Commissioner Thoreson. On the motion, Ken Galligan stated that this issue has been before the Commission for a while and he asked if there could be any consideration by the Commission to have Captain McCabe chose a location and have the sign placed without need for the Subcommittee to view the street location. Councilor DeNapoli then withdrew his motion to refer the matter to Subcommittee.

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

VOTED: To place one “Go Slow, Children” sign (or similar appropriate wording) on Lansdowne Street.

ASH STREET

Request from Councilor Jass Stewart on behalf of Estela Gomes Dossantos of 843 Ash Street to have “No Parking” signs placed in the area of Ash Street.

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

VOTED: To refer the matter to Subcommittee for review.

WARREN AVENUE and WEST ELM STREET

1. Request from Councilor Thomas Monahan to change the “No Parking” signs to “No Parking Monday through Friday” on Warren Avenue from West Elm Street southerly to the area past the Boys and Girls Club.
2. Request from Councilor Thomas Monahan to have the restricted parking on West Elm Street from the intersection at Warren Avenue westerly to Newbury Street marked “No Parking Monday through Friday”.

Captain McCabe stated that correspondence was sent to the Law Department requesting an opinion on whether or not the City is bound by the agreement signed with the State when the original study was done and the road was done over. Assistant City Solicitor Gil Schipani wrote an opinion letter stating: “After reviewing the agreement between the Commonwealth of Massachusetts Department of Public Works and the City of Brockton dated February 8, 1989, I came to the conclusion that the agreement is still applicable and should be adhered to. Please let me know if there are any questions or concerns.”

Captain McCabe reiterated that it is the opinion of the Law Department that the Traffic Commission not make any changes without permission from the State D.P.W. Chief Francis asked if the Commission should request permission from the State, and Captain McCabe stated that is what the Commission should discuss. Captain McCabe stated that it is his opinion that West Elm Street is too narrow and he would not recommend parking on there; he also would not recommend parking on Warren Avenue as he personally was there and watched people trying to parallel while cars are coming down Warren Avenue at 40 mph. Captain McCabe stated that he went to Howard Newton, the Superintendent of Engineering, who also recommended against it as he wanted 12 foot travel lanes and 10 foot parking lanes and that would total 34 feet, and the road only measures 30 feet wide. Chief Francis stated that if the Commission does not make inquiry to the State then the issue will keep coming back every month and he would be in favor of asking the State for their opinion and if they say no, then the issue is over and done with. Captain McCabe stated that whatever the Commission wants to do is fine with him. He does feel that the local authorities know the streets better than the state and that he stood out there for 8 hours making sure that people did not write parking tickets and it was a heavily travelled road, people were trying to parallel park and he felt it was a dangerous situation. Dennis DeNapoli asked Commissioner Thoreson what his opinion was and Commissioner

Thoreson stated definitely not for West Elm Street as it is too narrow. He said if you go down there now and there is a baseball game being played at Keith Field, there are cars parked on both sides of the street and on the sidewalks and it is very difficult to get 2 lanes of traffic through there. The closer you get to Warren Avenue the more difficult it is.

Regarding Warren Avenue, Commissioner Thoreson said he knows this was requested by the church so that they could have parking for Sunday services and he is not quite as against that proposal as he is on the West Elm Street side, which he is not in favor of under any conditions. Dennis DeNapoli said that this is all about the church located there, and he has the same problem at Christ the King Church every Sunday as there is no parking on Wendell Avenue and Lyman Street. Ken Galligan stated that he would like to see the Commission send a letter to the State to get their opinion on what flexibility we have. His opinion is that from the driveway of the church parking lot, which is just north of the Boys and Girls Club, from there to Belmont Street should absolutely be no parking. Also, on West Elm Street, from Warren Avenue westerly to the back driveway of the church, which would be the property line of Eldon B. Keith field, should be no parking. What the councilor is requesting is no parking on West Elm Street all the way to Newbury Street, which Ken Galligan does not agree with; he feels that cars should be allowed to park on West Elm Street near Eldon B. Keith field, which they currently do. If teams are going to use that field, we cannot post that area no parking. Commissioner Thoreson stated that they could park across the street in the old courthouse parking lot. Captain McCabe and Commissioner Thoreson informed the members that West Elm Street is posted no parking, and the cars that park there are parking illegally. Ken Galligan said that he has seen cars parked from the War Memorial building down to the back driveway of the church. Ken Goldblatt asked if they could park in the school and Captain McCabe said yes. Ken Galligan stated that the ball field is right at Goddard Road. Captain McCabe said that there is a path and people could walk from the school. Ken Galligan stated that there needs to be discussion on this issue and that he would not be opposed to requesting an opinion from the State as to what flexibility the Commission has to massage what is there on Warren Avenue. Commissioner Thoreson stated that he has no problem with requesting the opinion and if the State comes back and says we have no flexibility then that is the end of the issue.

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

VOTED: That the Commission send a letter to the State requesting to see if we have any flexibility in regard to the parking on Warren Avenue.

Captain McCabe asked if there was any further discussion on the second issue of West Elm Street, and informed the members that West Elm Street is already posted no parking and if people are parking there and an officer sees them, he will write violations. Captain McCabe further stated that parking on the sidewalk would also be a second violation and

leaving less than a ten foot lane is a violation also. Ken Galligan stated that there were meters there at one time. Captain McCabe stated that the cars will edge up towards Warren Avenue and then cars and trucks will not be able to take the corner from West Elm to Warren Avenue. He stated that fire trucks have a difficult time maneuvering the corner now. Ken Galligan stated that he believes everyone is in agreement that from Warren Avenue to the back corner of the driveway of the church there should definitely be no parking. Commissioner Thoreson asked if it was no parking all the way to Newbury Street and Captain McCabe said yes, except for handicapped parking in front of the War Memorial Building, and that the street is wider there and it narrows in at Goddard Road. Chief Francis asked if it was posted no parking all the time and was told yes. Chief Francis said that the church is trying to change it to no parking Monday through Friday and Dennis DeNapoli said yes, so that the church members could park there on Saturdays and Sundays. Ken Galligan suggested that this portion be referred back to Subcommittee so that the members could take a look at the area and keep the discussion going. Captain McCabe said that the Subcommittee has not been there to look at it, and agreed they should refer to back to Subcommittee.

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

VOTED: To refer the request for West Elm Street to Subcommittee for review.

CARY STREET – BOSTON BASEMENT TECHNOLOGY

Request from Councilor Dennis DeNapoli regarding parking issues on Cary Street in the vicinity of Boston Basement Technology as vehicles block the sidewalk.

Councilor DeNapoli stated that Boston Basement Technology moved two weeks ago to Canton the building is now empty, so there is no longer a parking issue.

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

VOTED: To dismiss this item as no action is needed.

65 LEAVITT STREET

Request from Councilor Tom Monahan to have “Caution – Children” signs placed on Leavitt Street.

Captain McCabe indicated that this item has been on the agenda twice. Upon motion made by Ken Galligan, seconded by Dennis DeNapoli and a unanimous vote of the members present, it was

VOTED: To place a “Caution – Children” sign in the vicinity of 65 Leavitt Street.

MAIN STREET

Request to review the parking restrictions on Main Street in the area of White Avenue. There are 15 minute signs, 30 minute signs and 1 hour signs all in the same area.

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.

On the motion, Dennis DeNapoli noted that has received several phone calls from the business people downtown, especially Mr. Cohen who owns the pawn shop and changing the parking restrictions would enhance that area. For discussion, Ken Galligan noted that when the store went in at the corner of Main Street and Wales Avenue the Commission made one spot 15 minute parking so that people could pull in, run in to get a paper and leave and that was the basis for that 15 minute parking.

ARLINGTON and WEST ELM STREET

Request to add a “No Parking Here to Corner” sign on Arlington Street twenty feet from the corner of West Elm Street.

Ken Galligan recommended that this item be passed at this meeting. Captain McCabe stated that the issue was where does the “corner” begin; does it begin where the road starts curving and Commissioner Thoreson stated that it begins where the curb straightens. Ken Galligan stated that the Commission can decide to place the sign wherever they want, so that the issue of parking 20 feet from the intersection does not become an issue.

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

VOTED: To place a “No Parking Here to Corner” sign on Arlington Street.

HOWARD STREET at SPARK STREET

The Howard Street/Spark Street “Do Not Block Intersection” sign needs to be facing the east bound traffic not the north bound traffic.

Councilor Dennis DeNapoli made a motion to refer the matter to Subcommittee, which was seconded by Ken Goldblatt. On the motion, Ken Galligan stated that this could be fixed easily if the sign is in the wrong place. Dennis DeNapoli stated that there should be two signs there; one coming over the bridge and where the vehicles are stopping for the new light at Winter Street. Captain McCabe said that he is not familiar with the

intersection, and Dennis DeNapoli recommended that the matter be referred to Subcommittee. Chief Francis agreed that it should be referred to Subcommittee.

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

VOTED: To refer the matter to Subcommittee for review.

20 SHERMAN STREET

Request for a no-parking restriction on Sherman Street. #20 is being blocked by the owner's of the house across the street

Dennis DeNapoli stated that this matter should be referred to Subcommittee as it was not reviewed last month.

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

VOTED: To refer the matter to Subcommittee for review.

500 SUMMER STREET

Janine Harkins of 500 Summer St. is requesting a guardrail placed in front of her home. The house has been hit by a car twice.

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

VOTED: To refer the matter to Subcommittee for review.

NORTH MAIN STREET

Request from Councilor Chris MacMillan on behalf of Paul Gerard from the Professional School of Bartending located at 660 North Main Street to have the "Two Hour Parking" signs removed from that area.

Captain McCabe stated that he, Dennis DeNapoli, Ken Goldblatt and Paul Sullivan attended the Montello Business Association meeting and they came to an agreement amongst themselves to change the sign in front of Mr. Dwyer's business to "Two Hour Parking from 7:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.". The sign near Vine Street will be removed. Both businesses were happy with that compromise. Ken Galligan stated that to rescind the two hour parking, the Commission would have to get a footage measurement, because the way the prior vote reads it is from Vine Street southerly to a number. Captain McCabe said

that he would measure it out and get a number and put it on the record. Ken Galligan asked if the two hour parking was going to stay the same on the other side of the street. Captain McCabe said that he had found old records which indicate that it formerly was one hour parking in that area, so this is actually a better solution.

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

VOTED: To rescind the two hour parking on North Main Street from Vine Street southerly to Dwyer Glass building and to amend the parking in front of Dwyer Glass building from two hour parking to two hour parking from 7:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.

TERMINAL PLACE

Request from Councilor Paul Studenski that the “No Parking Here to Corner” signs on Terminal Place be moved one hundred feet (100’) in from the corner of Montello Street.

Councilor Paul Studenski stated that he and Captain McCabe visited the site. There had been no parking on the south side of Terminal Place from the back end of the driveway about 75 feet. That will now be changed to “Resident Only Parking” and there will be enough room for one vehicle to park there across the street from the entrance to the business at the point where there is a driveway or curb cut. From there on up to Montello Street will be no parking, so that the large trucks can make the turn. The owner was satisfied with that. Councilor Studenski said that the owner is working hard to improve the area there. Captain McCabe stated that this is another issue where originally the Commission made it no parking and now will have to amend the restriction to the south side of Terminal Place from no parking to resident-only parking east of the entrance to the business.

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

VOTED: To rescind the no parking on the south side of Terminal Place and in place create a “Resident Parking Only” beginning __ feet easterly from Montello Street to __ feet from Montello Street. On the north side of Terminal Place, no parking from Montello Street easterly __ feet.

Ken Galligan questioned whether anything was going to be changed on the north side of the street and Captain McCabe said that the Commission had not passed any parking restrictions. Ken Galligan said that therefore on the north side of Terminal Place there will be no parking from Montello Street easterly __ feet.

(Captain McCabe will provide the exact footage once the signs have been properly placed)

LEACH AVENUE

Request from Councilor Eaniri that Leach Avenue from Warren Avenue be made one way headed west (toward South Middle School). Matter approved contingent upon confirmation that Councilor Eaniri has discussed the issue with the residents on this street.

Ken Galligan asked if the Commission had heard from Councilor Eaniri and Dennis DeNapoli said that he spoke to Councilor Eaniri at the City Council meeting and he was going to get in touch with Captain McCabe to verify that he spoke with the residents. Captain McCabe said that when he spoke with Councilor Eaniri, he had not confirmed it with the residents yet. Dennis DeNapoli said that the Commission should not pass the vote until they hear from Councilor Eaniri and the issue should be continued to the next meeting.

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

VOTED: To continue this matter to the next meeting.

201-205 NORTH MAIN STREET

Request from Councilor Jass Stewart: George Vicente who owns the building at 201-205 N. Main Street, with a church and other businesses on the first floor, and apartments above. There is no off-street parking available and the side street, Rossester St., has "no parking" signs on both sides of the street.

Councilor Jass Stewart said he visited this location and it is a mixed used property, with retail on the first floor and residential on the second floor. The residents are having parking problems. He knows that there is a parking ban in the winter time, but the nearest cross street has no parking available there either, so residents have 2 choices: to park far away from where they live or to get tickets. Councilor Stewart is suggesting that either the no parking be changed on the side street so that residents can park there, or create some kind of parking sticker for residents so that they can continue to park on North Main Street during the winter ban. Captain McCabe said he did not understand them receiving tickets after 1:00 a.m. while parked on North Main Street and said that would only happen during the winter snow ban; this time of year it would not happen. Councilor Stewart agreed, but said it will be an issue again next winter. Captain McCabe said that it is very important to keep the main streets clear and Commissioner Thoreson said that parking is an issue everywhere during the winter parking ban. That same issue is an issue throughout the city during the winter parking ban. Councilor Stewart said he understood it was only the main streets, and Commissioner Thoreson informed him that it was all streets. Ken Galligan stated that this portion of North Main Street is in the First Fire District and Commissioner Thoreson stated that in the First Fire District there is no parking anywhere during the winter parking ban. Ken Galligan asked if there was parking in the rear of his building and

Councilor Stewart said that he did not think so. Chief Francis said that there is parking there and he saw vehicles parked in the rear of the building. Councilor Stewart said that it has been several months since he was there and his recollection is not clear, but he knows there is plenty of space to park passed where his property line extends, but very limited parking on his property.

Councilor Stewart asked what the solution to this problem is, where you have residents who are renting and they have no place to park during this period of time. Captain McCabe said that this is not a problem just at this location, this is everywhere. Captain McCabe said that one solution would be for the City Councilors to pass an ordinance that when a 3-family residence is sold that the driveway has to be widened to accommodate cars. Councilor Stewart said that does not help this situation and he wanted to know how to solve this particular problem and what the options are. Captain McCabe said that possibly the residents would have to work with their neighbors and see if they can use their parking lots between 1:00 a.m. and 7:00 a.m. if the businesses are not open. Ken Galligan stated that from now to December this should not be an issue. Dennis DeNapoli questioned where this building was and was informed that it is at the corner of Rosseter Street. Councilor Stewart asked for clarification of the winter parking ban and Commissioner Thoreson said that in the First Fire District you cannot park anywhere. Captain McCabe said that Main and North Main Streets are also restricted to no parking, whether inside the portion of the First Fire District or not. The entire list is on the city's website. Dennis DeNapoli said he would like to view the site, even though it is in Councilor Monahan's territory.

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

VOTED: To refer the matter to Subcommittee for review.

(After the discussion, Councilor Stewart returned with Mr. and Mrs. Vicente to introduce them to the Committee. He also confirmed with them that the space behind their building does not belong to them. Captain McCabe informed Mr. and Mrs. Vicente that the matter was being referred to Subcommittee and informed Councilor Stewart that if he wanted to join them when they viewed the site he was welcome to do so. Councilor Stewart also confirmed that there are 8 residents in the building and they have 5 cars. Dennis DeNapoli asked Mr. Vicente if he has always parked on Main Street and Mr. Vicente said yes but they get tickets and questioned why they cannot park on Rosseter Street as it is not a main street.)

JON DRIVE

Request from Lt. Donald Mills to have “No Parking on School Days” signs installed on the south side of Jon Drive from 159 Jon Drive to Sully Road. The side of the road is marked out for the children to walk, but cars keep parking on that side, forcing the children to walk in the middle of the road.

Captain McCabe said that the side of the road is all hashed out with white lines to make it a pedestrian walkway but the parents park there and block the walkway so that the children are walking in the roadway or on lawns.

Added to this request, Glenna Riley presented a letter to the Traffic Commission. They started a program called “WOW” to encourage children to walk to school for fitness purposes. There are no sidewalks coming from Jon Drive, Sully Drive and Lisa Drive to the Brookfield School. They are looking for a white line to be painted, given them a safety zone so that they can tell the children to stay in the safety walk zone. Captain McCabe said that he believes these requests are encompassed and that there is a safe walking zone on Jon Drive from the school down to Sully Drive; the problem is that parents park in it. Ms. Riley said that they would like to have the safety walk zone extend from the school to the intersection where Jon Drive and Lisa Drive and Sully Drive and then cross over and have the safety zone continue so that when they turn the corner onto Sully Drive or extend onto Jon Drive they still have the walk zone. Captain McCabe said that there is no fog line there and he can have them paint a fog line and make it the walk area. Ms. Riley said the end of the school year is coming, and if this could be in place by September when they start the school year it would be appreciated.

Ken Galligan said that the issue of no parking on Jon Drive should go to Subcommittee so that they can place some signs and that the second issue should be added to the agenda so that it can also go to Subcommittee at the same time.

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

VOTED: To add the request for a safety walk zone on Jon Drive, Sully Drive and Lisa Drive to the agenda and to refer both matters to Subcommittee for review.

Ms. Riley asked if the Traffic Commission could check the blinking school zone lights and Captain McCabe informed her that he sent a crew there already and the electricians could not find a problem, but that he would send them again. Ms. Riley stated that two of them are not working at all, and a third one blinks 24/7.

Although the issue was not on the agenda, Ken Galligan asked if they could discuss the issue of a crosswalk on Main Street at Union Street as Monique Tully was at the meeting

with the request. The issue will be formally placed on the June agenda, but Ken Galligan wanted to ask Ms. Tully whether they also needed a crosswalk at Main and Montello Streets. Ms. Tully said that she would check but when they do their walking, they generally go towards Main Street as they go to Dunkin Donuts or Cape Cod Café and there is no crosswalk in that immediate location. The closest one is at the Children's Y. Ken Galligan suggested that the petition read crosswalks for Main and Union Street and also Union Street and Montello Street. Captain McCabe stated that he believed none of the students are walkers as they are all bussed, and that they do not travel in the direction of Montello Street when they are taken out walking for incentives and rewards. Ms. Tully confirmed that they do not go to Montello Street and Ken Galligan then withdrew his suggestion. Ms. Tully thanked him for thinking of the students. This item will be formally before the Traffic Commission at the June meeting.

Chief Francis questioned whether there is any specific ordinance or by-law that requires the Subcommittee to meet on the second Wednesdays of the month. It is an increasingly difficult day for him to attend Subcommittee meetings. After discussion among the members as to which day might be workable for most members, it was determined that Tuesdays would be a more preferable day. Beginning in the month of June, the Subcommittee will now meet on the second Tuesday of the month at 9:00 a.m. assembling at the office of Fire Chief Francis.

PARKING VIOLATIONS

Request from Councilor Dennis DeNapoli that Traffic Commission members be authorized to write parking ticket violations throughout the City of Brockton.

Dennis DeNapoli asked with regard to the two city councilors appointed by the City Council and the other members appointed by the Mayor and confirmed by the City Council what authority the members have. He stated that he called Traffic Commissions in other cities and towns and they can write parking tickets and he wanted to know why he cannot. He gave as an example, the situation on Jon Drive and other schools where the school police or Brockton police cannot be there in the morning to direct traffic. Councilor DeNapoli was given a copy of the powers and duties of the Traffic Commission. Ken Goldblatt said that he had talked to the Chief a few years ago about this issue, as far as handicapped parking issues and the Chief brought out a good point that this is a large city and if you started writing a ticket the person receiving the ticket could get very upset with you. Dennis DeNapoli said that he receives telephone calls as a city councilor that cars are blocking the sidewalk or blocking bus stops. Ken Goldblatt said that if someone is blatantly parking that way, what would be the response if you go up to give them a ticket and you are not in a uniform and do not have a badge. Councilor DeNapoli said that you could have the proper authority or a decal and Captain McCabe said that there have been dozens of arrests made of people over parking ticket issues. There have been

fighters. He suggested that Councilor DeNapoli speak with Bob Malley of the Parking Authority, as they have called the police on several occasions when the parking enforcement officers have been threatened and it gets out of hand. Captain McCabe referenced once incident where a court officer threatened a parking clerk recently. It is not as simple as giving a ticket and the person smiles at you; some people would rather get arrested than get a parking ticket. Captain McCabe expressed his concern that it was a dangerous idea for the Traffic Commission members to have the authority to write tickets. Ken Goldblatt said that with regard to the handicapped parking spots, he has a friend who lives in Easton and the person carries a camera and if he sees a car illegally parked he takes a picture of the license plate and the situation, does not say anything, and then gives the ticket to the police and they send a ticket out. Chief Francis suggested that there could be union issues with other individuals giving out parking tickets also. Ken Galligan stated that if the members gave out tickets, they would then have to go to hearings if the individuals appealed tickets. Chief Francis asked if there was someone in particular in the police department that Councilor DeNapoli could call when there are parking issues and Captain McCabe said that the Area Commanders would be in charge. Ken Galligan stated that it is his opinion that he does not feel that the Traffic Commission should get involved in the enforcement of issues; the Commission should set policy and set rules but it is the responsibility of the police department to enforce the rules, and he personally would not be in favor of the members writing tickets.

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

VOTED: To take no action on this matter.

BATES STREET

Request from Councilor Dennis DeNapoli to have “Caution – Children” signs installed on Bates Street. Further request that there be no parking allowed on the even numbered side of the street.

Dennis DeNapoli would like this matter referred to the Subcommittee for review. He stated that Bates Street is a very narrow street that comes off of Summer Street and goes into Thatcher Street, and the neighbors are complaining that there is parking on both sides of the street. He would like to have no parking on the even numbered side of the street as during the wintertime parking would be allowed on the odd side of the street.

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

VOTED: To refer the matter to Subcommittee for review.

STUDLEY AVENUE

Captain McCabe read an e-mail from Reggie Strong of 28 Studley Avenue regarding truck traffic on Studley Avenue. Signs are posted excluding trucks, but Green Motors, located at the foot of Studley Ave. on N. Montello is the main culprit. A daily truck transport of cars travels that street. Safety of the children is a concern as well as trucks on a residential street.

Captain McCabe said that he would send the truck traffic enforcement unit to that area. He said it is unfortunate that it is posted no trucks and trucks continue to use the street, but trucks will not stop unless tickets are written. Ken Galligan said that those streets were originally posted no trucks because of the transfer station at the bottom of the street, but now it is a separate issue with a hauler transporting cars. Captain McCabe said that once a few tickets are issued, the word gets around. If the truck team does the patrol, then it will be a full inspection and not just a \$25 ticket.

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

VOTED: To refer this matter to the Police Department Traffic Enforcement truck team.

- Ken Galligan asked that a Stop Sign be replaced on Belair Street at Prospect Street, for southerly traffic on Belair Street as the one that is there is old and faded.
- Todd Petti asked if the area at Hillberg Avenue and Ash Street could be reviewed again as there have been 2 major accidents in the last two months. Captain McCabe indicated that he and Captain DiBari did view the site and talked to the resident at that corner and they have put extra radar and traffic enforcement patrol there.
- Chief Francis asked how to get painting done at the intersection of Pleasant Street and Pearl Street to have the lines and arrows done to show left turn and straight ahead. It said that is a classic intersection for road rage as there are 3 lanes trying to merge and the lanes are not marked. Ken Galligan asked if the issue should be placed on the agenda for the June meeting, and Captain McCabe said that the matter could be visited on the Subcommittee review. It was determined that repainting of lines does not need to be a formal agenda item and can be reviewed by the Subcommittee on June 8th.

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

VOTED: To adjourn.

Respectfully submitted,
Patricia Florio
Secretary to the Traffic Commission