



**BROCKTON TRAFFIC COMMISSION  
MINUTES OF THE MEETING  
August 25, 2011**

The Traffic Commission held its monthly meeting at 7:00 p.m. on August 25, 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 and seconded, and a unanimous vote of all members present, it was voted to waive reading and accept the July Minutes.

**FOSTER STREET**

Captain McCabe stated that the Subcommittee viewed the area and the recommendation is to rescind the “No Parking” on the south side of Foster Street from Warren Avenue to Track Street and remove the “No Parking” signs presently there.

Upon motion duly made and seconded, and a unanimous vote of the members present, it was **VOTED: to rescind the “No Parking” on the south side of Foster Street from Warren Avenue to Track Street and remove the “No Parking” signs presently there.**

**CONNELL AVENUE**

Captain McCabe stated that the Subcommittee viewed the area and he also did an accident study for the last 3 years and there have only been two accidents at that location. The discussion was that there is a speeding problem there and that stop signs do not correct speeding problems and that more traffic enforcement would stop the speeding.

Upon motion duly made and seconded, and a unanimous vote of the members present, it was **VOTED: To take no action on the four-way stop sign at this time.**

[Captain McCabe noted that the Stop Sign on Connell Avenue at East Ashland Street headed northbound was out of place and he has had it moved closer.]

**WALDO STREET, FRANKTON AVENUE, LOCUST STREET**

Captain McCabe stated that the Subcommittee viewed the area and the recommendation is to add two “Caution – Children” signs on Waldo Street, (1) heading westerly on pole 57-11 and (1) heading easterly on a separate pole. On Studley Avenue, to add one “Caution – Children” signs eastbound on one sign pole #1 and westbound on pole #11.

Upon motion duly made and seconded, and a unanimous vote of the members present, it was **VOTED: To add two “Caution – Children” signs on Waldo Street, (1) heading westerly on pole 57-11 and (1) heading easterly on a separate pole. On Studley Avenue, to add one “Caution – Children” signs eastbound on one sign pole #1 and westbound on pole #11.**

## **HOWARD STREET**

Captain McCabe indicated that he went to the area and noted that the signage for speed limits was not consistent and when Subcommittee viewed the area it was recommended that “Caution – Children” signs be placed at #191 Howard Street on pole #59; that a 35mph speed limit sign be placed in front of #421 Howard Street; remove the 30mph sign at 449 Howard Street; add a “Caution – Children” sign at 464 Howard Street; remove the 40mph sign at 438 Howard Street; and remove a 30mph fundamental speed limit sign on Howard Street near Howard Avenue; place a 35mph sign at #292 Howard Street.

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

**VOTED: To post all of Howard Street as 35mph; and to place “Caution – Children” signs at 464 Howard Street and 234 Howard Street.**

## **CRIME WATCH SIGNS**

Captain McCabe noted that the Subcommittee viewed the area and recommended that Crime Watch signs be installed as follows:

- 1. West Harvard Street, in front of 193 on pole #2-6 and 228 on pole #16-8;**
- 2. County Club Drive at #26 on pole #2 and at #190 Country Club Lane at pole #18.**
- 3. On Dover Street at #93 on pole #11-84;**
- 4. On Dover Street at #144 on pole #16;**
- 5. On Dover Street at #226 on pole #24.**

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

**VOTED: To install Crime Watch signs as recommended by the Subcommittee above.**

## **ROCKLAND STREET**

Captain McCabe stated that the Subcommittee recommended that a crosswalk be painted at 71 Rockland Street and Rockland Drive next year during painting season and to take no action on the requested signage.

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

**VOTED: To take no action on the signage request and to add this location to the painting list for next year.**

## **NEW BUSINESS**

In consideration of residents present, the following items were taken out of order:

### **COURT STREET**

Request from Captain McCabe to have the Traffic Commission review the parking area across from 146 Court Street to determine whether it should be changed to resident parking only. Also, a request from Kimberly Mello, a resident of 146 Court Street, regarding parking in front of the building at 146 Court Street, where there is currently a 2 hour restriction.

Upon motion duly made and seconded, and a unanimous vote of the members present, it was **VOTED: To refer the matter to Subcommittee for review.**

### **3 COLGATE DRIVE - Correction: COLGATE ROAD**

Request from Councilor Michelle DuBois to have a guardrail installed to protect 3 Colgate Road as cars have driven directly into this home.

Upon motion duly made and seconded, and a unanimous vote of the members present, it was **VOTED: To refer the matter to Subcommittee for review.**

### **NORTH CARY STREET**

Request from Councilor Michelle DuBois to install "Resident Only Parking" next to the Hillstrom Park entrance off of North Cary Street, specifically 704 North Cary Street and the two wooded lots to the east of the entrance. Two new homes will soon be built on these lots.

Upon motion duly made and seconded, and a unanimous vote of the members present, it was **VOTED: To refer the matter to Subcommittee for review.**

### **PRATT STREET, ARMISTON STREET AND LORING STREET**

Request from Councilor Michelle DuBois that the Traffic Commission look at the weight limits for trucks on Pratt Street, Armiston Street and Loring Street as these streets have recently begun to buckle under the weight of heavy equipment. Pratt Street has already incurred significant damage.

Upon motion duly made and seconded, and a unanimous vote of the members present, it was **VOTED: To refer the matter to Subcommittee for review.**

### **GLENDALE STREET**

Request from Councilor Michelle DuBois to add a two-way Stop Sign on Glendale Street where it meets Andover Street. Also, to have "Stop" painted on the street on all corners of Glendale and Andover Streets.

Upon motion duly made and seconded, and a unanimous vote of the members present, it was **VOTED: To refer the matter to Subcommittee for review.**

### **NORTH CARY STREET**

Request from Councilor Michelle DuBois to have the Stop Sign replaced on North Cary Street in front of the Fire Station, traveling in a westerly direction on North Cary Street from the East Ashland Street area.

Captain McCabe stated that this is an ongoing issue with the stop sign that was removed and the blinking yellow light that was installed by the State Highway but the State has refused to change it to a blinking red light or reinstalling the stop sign.

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

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

### **NORTH QUINCY STREET**

Request from Councilor Michelle DuBois on behalf of resident Donna Gagne of 172 North Quincy Street, to have the Traffic Commission view the area as in the past few months on several occasions both telephone and electrical wires that connect from the telephone pole to the home at 172 North Quincy Street have been pulled from the home by large trucks. The residents have lived in their home for 7 years and there have been 3 occurrences in the last few months.

Captain McCabe stated that this would not be a Traffic Commission issue and that the utility companies should be notified of the problem by the resident.

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

**VOTED: To take no action on this matter.**

### **47 ARMISTON STREET**

Request from Councilor Michelle DuBois to have a “Deaf Child” sign installed at 47 Armiston Street.

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

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

### **256 HOWARD STREET**

Request from Councilor Michelle DuBois to install “Dangerous Curve” warning signs near 256 Howard Street and on other areas of Howard Street where the Commission deems needed.

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

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

### **SAGAMORE ROAD, BREWSTER ROAD and TORREY AVENUE**

Request from Councilor Jass Stewart on behalf of Rick Fencer, who has concerns that people are using Sagamore Road, Brewster Road and Torrey Avenue as a cut-through from Torrey Street to Belmont Street, and it is becoming a dangerous situation as there are many children on those streets. Also, the intersection of Yarmouth and Torrey has 4-way stop signs but many people drive right through the intersection.

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

**VOTED: To increase traffic enforcement and refer the matter to Subcommittee for review.**

### **THOMPSON AVENUE**

Request from Councilor Paul Studenski on behalf of a constituent concern regarding the Dead End sign on Thompson Avenue. The sign is small and cars tend to go down the street and then have to turn around so he is requesting that a new sign be installed that is larger and easier to see.

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

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

### **WEST CHESTNUT STREET and SOUTHWORTH STREET**

Request from Councilor Eaniri to have a guardrail extension placed on West Chestnut Street and Southworth Street.

After discussion, Captain McCabe suggested that possibly a letter should go to the telephone company addressing the concerns that this pole keeps getting hit, and requesting that they take steps to protect the pole, such as a guardrail, or possibly to have the pole moved to the other side of the street. Councilor Eaniri agreed that this might be a good option

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

**VOTED: To send a letter to Verizon addressing the concerns of the pole being knocked down and being a danger to the residents and asking them to protect the pole in a better manner, with a copy of the letter to go to Councilor Eaniri.**

### **WARREN AVENUE and WEST ELM STREET**

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”. Continued to the August meeting for further discussion.

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

**VOTED: To continue this matter to the September meeting while awaiting a response from Mass. Highway District 5.**

### **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. Continued to the August meeting for further discussion after legal opinion from Law Department as to the liability issues involved.

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

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

### **554 WEST CHESTNUT STREET**

Request from Councilor Dennis Eaniri on behalf of a resident at 554 West Chestnut Street to have a 30 mph speed limit sign placed on the telephone pole in front of her home.

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

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

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

**VOTED: To adjourn.**