



**BROCKTON TRAFFIC COMMISSION  
MINUTES OF THE MEETING  
September 22, 2011**

The Traffic Commission held its monthly meeting at 7:00 p.m. on September 22, 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: Captain Leon McCabe, Councilor Dennis DeNapoli, Commissioner Michael Thoreson, Chief Richard Francis, Ken Galligan, Councilor Todd Petti. Also present were Councilor Chris MacMillan and residents Lewis and Patricia Greenwood of 213 Howard Street. Upon motion made by Councilor DeNapoli, seconded by Captain McCabe, and a unanimous vote of the members present, it was voted to waive reading and accept the August Minutes.

**OLD BUSINESS**

**COURT STREET**

Request to change the parking area across from 146 Court Street to resident parking only and regarding parking in front of the building at 146 Court Street, where there is currently a 2 hour restriction.

After Subcommittee review, Captain McCabe indicated that in front of the building it is a travel lane so parking could not be allowed there. The recommendation was made to remove the two “2 Hour Parking” signs and add 3 “Resident Parking Only” signs on the south side of Court Street across from 146 Court Street. Councilor DeNapoli made a motion to approve and on the motion Ken Galligan asked if there should be a stated distance in feet from Commercial Street for the signs to be placed. Captain McCabe indicated that the intention had been to put the signs at the lines and Ken Galligan agreed that was sufficient.

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

**VOTED: To remove the two “2 Hour Parking” signs and add 3 “Resident Only Parking” signs on the south side of Court Street across from 146 Court Street.**

**3 COLGATE ROAD**

Request to have a guardrail installed to protect 3 Colgate Road.

Captain McCabe indicated that after Subcommittee review, there was a recommendation to develop a Release form for the boulders and coordinate with the Department of Public Works to drop boulders off if they have any available. Commissioner Thoreson indicated that they could place them, but don't have any available at the present time. Captain McCabe suggested starting a list and when boulders become available someone could have the resident sign a Release and then the D.P.W. could deliver the boulder. He will have the D.P.W. employees notify him if they find any and he will stockpile them. Commissioner Thoreson questioned whether a formal release has been prepared by the Law Department and Captain McCabe indicated that he would request one. Councilor MacMillan indicated that there are several houses in his ward that have boulders and they have been successful in preventing damage to those houses. Commissioner

Thoreson suggested that the residents requesting boulders be informed that there are no boulders in stock at the present time but when they become available they will be installed.

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

**VOTED: To create a list of areas where boulders are needed, to turn that list over to the D.P.W. Commissioner and to get a formal Release letter from the Law Department.**

### **NORTH CARY STREET**

Request 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.

After Subcommittee review, it was determined that a large portion of that area is already posted "No Parking" but the recommendation was to post "No Parking" on both sides of North Cary Street from 738 North Cary Street to 664 North Cary Street, and further that any of the faded "No Parking" signs already in place be replaced.

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

**VOTED: To post "No Parking" on both sides of North Cary Street from 738 North Cary Street to 664 North Cary Street, and further that any of the faded "No Parking" signs already in place be replaced.**

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

Request to review the weight limits for trucks on Pratt Street, Armiston Street and Loring Street.

When the Subcommittee viewed the area they did not see any new damage to the road, but it was suggested that it be monitored. It was recommended that the D.P.W. be notified to place an orange barrel at the guide wire in the street at Allerton Street and Loring Street and Commissioner Thoreson took note of same.

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

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

### **GLENDALE STREET**

Request to add a two-way Stop Sign on Glendale Street where it meets Andover Street.

Captain McCabe indicated that there have been no accidents at that intersection since January 1, 2008. The recommendation from the Subcommittee is that a painted "Stop" line and the word "Stop" be added at the stop signs and to remove the Stop Sign from the telephone pole heading northbound on Andover Street and put that sign on a separate pole with red reflective tape on both signs.

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

**VOTED: Not to install a 2-way Stop Sign but to paint a "Stop" line and the word "Stop" be added at the stop signs (to be done in the springtime) and to remove the Stop Sign from the telephone pole heading northbound on Andover Street and put that sign on a separate pole with red reflective tape on both signs.**

## **NORTH CARY STREET**

Request 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 indicated that when the Subcommittee met with the State Highway regarding Pleasant and West Streets, it was recommended that Peter Tupper call the State Signal man and work it out to change the blinking yellow light to a blinking red light.

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

**VOTED: To continue this matter**

## **47 ARMISTON STREET**

Request to have a “Deaf Child” sign installed at 47 Armiston Street.

After Subcommittee review, it was recommended that the sign be placed on pole #3 heading eastbound on Armiston Street.

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

**VOTED: To install a “Deaf Child” sign on pole #3 headed eastbound on Armiston Street.**

## **256 HOWARD STREET**

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

After Subcommittee review, it was recommended to add two “Curve Ahead” signs southbound on pole #45-30 and the other one northbound on pole #32.

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

**VOTED: To add two “Curve Ahead” signs southbound on pole #45-30 and the other one northbound on pole #32.**

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

Request to review Sagamore Road, Brewster Road and Torrey Avenue as they are being used as a cut-through from Torrey Street to Belmont Street.

Captain McCabe indicated that an e-mail had been sent out to Traffic Enforcement and the department and School Department officers to do traffic enforcement in those areas.

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

**VOTED: To refer the matter to Traffic Enforcement for handling.**

### **THOMPSON AVENUE**

Request to replace the small Dead End sign on Thompson Avenue with a larger, easier to see sign.

After Subcommittee review it was recommended that no action be taken on this as the sign is the mainly the same size as those used throughout the city.

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

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

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

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

Captain McCabe indicated that a letter was sent to Verizon and we were awaiting response.

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

**VOTED: To continue the matter to hear from Verizon.**

### **500 SUMMER STREET**

Request for a guardrail placed in front of this home.

Captain McCabe indicated that this issue would be placed on the list with other properties for delivery of boulders when they become available.

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

**VOTED: To continue this matter.**

### **554 WEST CHESTNUT STREET**

Request to have a 30 mph speed limit sign placed on the telephone pole in front of this home.

After Subcommittee review, the recommendation was made to add a “30mph” sign eastbound at 554 West Chestnut Street and another “30mph” sign westbound at 471 West Chestnut Street.

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

**VOTED: To add a “30mph” sign eastbound at 554 West Chestnut Street and another “30mph” sign westbound at 471 West Chestnut Street.**

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

Request 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”.

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

**VOTED: To continue the matter and to send a follow up letter to the State Highway.**

## **NEW BUSINESS**

### **WEST ELM TERRACE**

Request sent to the Mayor’s Office from Mark Roback of 25 West Elm Terrace requesting that West Elm Terrace be blocked off as he states it is a dead end street by law. Mr. Roback states that they were awarded the right to put a gate up and the city did so however, a resident of the nearby apartments pulled it down with his truck.

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

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

### **1300 BELMONT STREET**

Request sent to Captain McCabe by Lisa Hill of Cobblestone Management, Inc. of 1300 Belmont Street to have a pedestrian crosswalk installed near 1300 Belmont Street.

Captain McCabe indicated that this is right at Panera Bread and it is a state road. He read the letter from Lisa Hill requesting that the Traffic Commission send a written request to Mass. Highway to start the process. The general consensus is that this is a dangerous location and that even with a crosswalk it would be dangerous to cross there.

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

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

### **12 OAKLAND AVENUE**

Request from Councilor Tom Monahan on behalf of the resident at 12 Oakland Avenue to have a “Go Slow” sign placed at or near that location.

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

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

## **STUDLEY AVENUE**

Request from Councilor Chris MacMillan on behalf of Reg Strong, who lives on Studley Avenue and is concerned about heavy trucks driving on this street as it is a residential street with lots of children, requesting that the Traffic Commission view the area and possibly restrict heavy trucks from the street.

Councilor MacMillan indicated that the main issue is that there are auto dealerships on Montello Street and the cars runs back and forth with the flatbed trucks on a continuous basis. He feels that this is a traffic enforcement issue.

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

**VOTED: To send the matter to the Police Department for enforcement.**

Ken Galligan asked for a quick update on the meeting that took place between the city and Mass. Highway with regard to the Pleasant and West Street intersection. Commissioner Thoreson indicated that it was a very brief meeting, but that the request was made that the Traffic Commission write a letter to the State Traffic Light division as it is a timing issue and longer shades are also needed there so that people can differentiate between the lanes. Chief Francis indicated that the lights going north and south are staying green and it is just a matter of time before there is an accident. Captain McCabe indicated that with regard to the Stop line on Pleasant Street near the AT&T store, nothing can be done at this point. Commissioner Thoreson stated that this line was supposed to be moved back over a year and a half ago. Captain McCabe also indicated that another concern is the 2 lanes headed easterly by the Cumberland Farms store. Commissioner Thoreson stated that there is no left turn going east on Pleasant Street to get on to Reynolds Memorial Highway. Commissioner Thoreson recommended that a letter be written to the Traffic Signal Division of Mass. Highway identifying those issues and also to draft a letter about the Stop lines. Ken Galligan indicated that the Subcommittee went up there and stood in the gas station for about 15 minutes and 75 of 85% of the cars heading east on Pleasant Street want to take a left onto to Route 27 cutoff. Commissioner Thoreson stated that he saw a car travelling the wrong direction on Reynolds Memorial Highway. Various examples of traffic problems in that area were discussed. Ken Galligan suggested that an option would be to change the round green lights to vertical green arrows. It is marked in the street to go straight only, but the lights are confusing. Ken Galligan further suggested that a letter be sent to Mass. Highway asking for a review of the traffic signals; and Commissioner Thoreson recommended that it not be for review but to state that we have observed the area and this is what we think the solution should be. Captain McCabe asked if there was a final inspection for the traffic lights and Commissioner Thoreson indicated that there was a final inspection due. Captain McCabe suggested that a letter go out prior to the final inspection so that when they do the inspection they will be aware of the city's discontent.

Captain McCabe stated that the letter should indicate that heading southerly on Reynolds Memorial Highway the 2 westerly lanes instead of having a solid green light should have a green light with arrows. Chief Francis suggested that the letter stated that we have public safety recommendations and that way if there is an accident then the Mass. Highway has been put on notice of our concerns. Ken Galligan suggested that the letter state that the Commission has serious safety concerns as it is a dangerous situation. Captain McCabe stated that another issue is that the lights need longer shades and Ken Galligan indicated that the Route 27 cutoff heading east on Pleasant Street and Commissioner Thoreson indicated that coming down Reynolds Memorial Highway going south, you can see all 4 lights so they need to have longer shades there. Going north on West Street the lights are okay as they are turned far enough so that they can only be seen on West Street. Coming east on Pleasant Street, something needs to be done because you can see the lights for going east on Pleasant Street but you can also see the lights on Reynolds Memorial Highway, so if the shades are longer on those that should take care of that problem. Ken Galligan stated that coming west on Pleasant Street there are 3 lights in front of you for the 3 lanes but the lights for the most left lane, which has a left

turn arrow, is not in front of that lane, it is a whole lane over and the recommendations should be to move it over in front of its lane. Ken Galligan stated that with the first blizzard, the lights will be covered with snow, and the LED lights do not generate heat so the snow will pack in the lights and stay there. Commissioner Thoreson said that the letter should state that there are serious public safety concerns and there have been several near accidents and we request that we have an on-site meeting as soon as possible to resolve the issues.

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

**VOTED: To adjourn.**

Respectfully submitted,

Patricia Florio  
Secretary to the Traffic Commission