



BROCKTON TRAFFIC COMMISSION
June 28, 2012 Meeting

The monthly meeting of the Traffic Commission was scheduled for 7:00 p.m. on Thursday, June 28, 2012, at the Brockton Police Station, 7 Commercial Street, Brockton, MA 02302. Members present were Captain Steven Williamson, Traffic Commissioner, Ken Galligan, Paul Sullivan and Councilor Todd Petti. Members Ken Goldblatt, Councilor Dennis DeNapoli, Fire Chief Richard Francis and D.P.W. Commissioner Michael Thoreson were unable to attend. As the Commission was lacking a proper quorum the meeting was not officially called to order. As a courtesy, a determination was made to allow the councilors and resident present to speak and to hold informal discussions on the agenda items. Present were Councilor Tim Cruise, Councilor Dennis Eaniri, Councilor Robert Sullivan and Terry McQuiggan.

All Old Business was deferred to the July meeting for discussion and determination.

269 ROCKLAND STREET

Request from Councilor Robert Sullivan on behalf of Terry McQuiggan of 269 Rockland Street, who is requesting that a safety protector be installed in front of her home. Mrs. McQuiggan has had three separate automobiles driving/crashing onto her property and damaging her yard and house and is concerned that without a proper safety installation there will be another incident which could result in severe physical harm or death. Request from Captain Williamson on behalf of Theresa McQuiggan that when available protective boulders be placed on her property at 269 Rockland Street.

Councilor Tim Cruise stated that he was present before the Commission in support of Mrs. McQuiggan and that accidents have happened three separate times at this location. Mrs. McQuiggan stated that one of the accidents caused \$50,000.00 in damage to her house. Both Mrs. McQuiggan and Councilor Cruise stated that cars driving on Rockland Streets speed. Captain Williamson stated that when boulders become available they can be placed on resident's property, but that a waiver has to be signed by the homeowner. Councilor Robert Sullivan stated that he lives in that neighborhood and the speed on Rockland Street is a problem. He further stated that when you are coming out of Cypress Drive there is an impediment on the right and cars have to come out onto Rockland Street in order to see when the road is clear. He stated that any assistance the Commission could provide would be helpful. Ken Galligan stated that in the past boulders have been placed on the property and Councilor Cruise stated that even if there is a waiting list he believes that would be a good solution to this problem and that he would request that this property be given a priority when boulders are available. Mrs. McQuiggan asked if there would be any chance to get a stop sign at the end of Cypress and the members requested that this issue be placed on the next Agenda for discussion as new business. Councilor Robert Sullivan asked if a Stop line could also be painted on Cypress Drive. Ken Galligan asked if Mrs. McQuiggan could meet the Subcommittee at her property when they view the site to give input as to where boulders should be placed and she agreed that she would meet them there.

MYRTLE STREET and GRAFTON STREET

Request from Councilor Dennis Eaniri for a four-way Stop Sign at the intersection of Myrtle Street and Grafton Street. There is currently a two-way Stop Sign at this location going west and east. The additional Stop Sign would be going north and south. Neighbors are complaining about the speed on Grafton Street going north and south and drivers are not stopping at the existing Stop Signs.

Councilor Eaniri informed the Commission members that this issue had been before them previously a few years ago, but that the issue has been raised by neighbors again and he would like to meet with the Subcommittee and the neighbors to see what might be done to alleviate the problem. He knows that Grafton Street is a main thoroughfare but he said that cars do not stop at the two stop signs that are there at Myrtle Street and he would appreciate the Commission reviewing the site again. Ken Galligan requested that an accident history report be obtained and Captain Williamson said that he would have one ready for Subcommittee. Ken Galligan informed those present that the State manual is very explicit in stating that four-way stop signs cannot be installed for speed control; it must be guided by the number of accidents at a specific location.

Captain Williamson recommended that the Subcommittee view the location and report back to the Commission at the next meeting.

WESTGLOW ROAD

Request from Councilor Dennis Eaniri for a “Go Slow – Children” or “Caution – Children” sign to be placed on Westglow Road, which is off Tosca Drive. Cars use this street as a cut-through to get to Pearl Street and a resident at 33 Westglow Road has made this request because of the children that live in the area.

Councilor Eaniri stated that he viewed the area before making this request, and informed the neighbors that he would do whatever he could to have some kind of caution sign installed there to alleviate the problem and he requested that the Subcommittee take the issue under consideration. Captain Williamson recommended that the Subcommittee view the location and report back to the Commission at the next meeting.

TEELE STREET and RIVERSIDE STREET

Request from Captain Williamson on behalf of Crime Watch Officer William Healy to have a “WARNING Neighborhood Watch” sign affixed to pole #3 at the intersection of Teele Street and Riverside Street.

Captain Williamson stated that the sign is already paid for and ready to be installed.

TEELE STREET

Request from Councilor Dennis DeNapoli:

A request from Rhonda Sheehan 45 Teele Street of Riverside has requested no parking signs because of noise and drinking at the park opposite side of here street.

Captain Williamson stated that this is the same area where the Crime Watch sign has been requested and recommended that the Subcommittee view the location and report back to the Commission at the next meeting.

BATES STREET and PINE STREET

Request from Councilor Dennis DeNapoli to have the Traffic Commission take a look at the Jersey Barriers at the end of Bates Street and Pine Street as one of the residents is moving them.

Captain Williamson recommended that the Subcommittee view the location and report back to the Commission at the next meeting.

PLEASANT STREET BUS STOP

Request from Councilor Dennis DeNapoli:

The bus stop on pleasant street in front of Walgreens about 300 feet from pole # 10 West Street Captain Williamson stated that the street was widened and now it goes from two lanes into one lane right where the bus stop is located. Ken Galligan suggested that Captain Williamson call Ray Ledoux of BAT and request that the bus stop be moved and Captain Williamson agreed to contact Mr. Ledoux. Councilor Petti suggested that the bus stop be moved down Pleasant Street closer to Lenox Street.

WENDELL AVENUE

Request from Councilor Dennis DeNapoli:

The parking on Wendell Ave on Sunday Mass there are no parking signs on the east side of the street now Paul Sullivan stated that there is a big problem there as cars parked on both sides of the street and cars cannot drive down the street. Paul Sullivan stated that Councilor DeNapoli is requesting that cars not be allowed to park right across the street from the church on the east side of Wendell Avenue. Ken Galligan questioned whether the No Parking signs are there and Paul Sullivan stated that he believes the signs are there but people park there regardless.

Captain Williamson recommended that the Subcommittee view the location and report back to the Commission at the next meeting.

EAST ASHLAND STREET and NORTH CARY STREET

Request from Councilor Dennis DeNapoli:

Crossing lights at East Ashland Street and No Cary Street

Ken Galligan suggested that the Traffic Commission send a letter to the Fire Chief requesting a cost estimate for a pedestrian signals and crosswalks and then maybe Cape Cod Lumber would pay for the cost as this will be a truck route on East Ashland Street leading to their new building.

Captain Williamson recommended that the Subcommittee view the location and report back to the Commission at the next meeting and further that a cost estimate be obtained from the Fire Chief.

EAST ASHLAND STREET and GROVELAND STREET

Request from Councilor Dennis DeNapoli to have a traffic study on East Ashland Street and Groveland Street because of the new Cape Cod Lumber being built in Abington.

Paul Sullivan stated that the Planning Board did a traffic study for The Boulders project and that the Traffic Commission should obtain a copy of that traffic study in conjunction with this request. Ken Galligan stated that construction trucks will be using these streets as the truck route and there will be an increase in traffic on East Ashland Street once Cape Cod Lumber opens.

CENTRE STREET

Request from Councilor Dennis DeNapoli:

Centre Street the 900 block on the curve **going west on RT 123** a curve a head sign

Captain Williamson stated that there is a flashing yellow light going east at that location now. Captain Williamson recommended that the Subcommittee view the location and report back to the Commission at the next meeting.