



**BROCKTON TRAFFIC COMMISSION
MINUTES OF THE MEETING
July 26, 2012**

The Traffic Commission held its monthly meeting at 7:00 p.m. on Thursday, July 26, 2012, at the Brockton Police Station, 7 Commercial Street, Brockton, MA 02302. There being a proper quorum, the meeting was called to order by Captain Stephen Williamson. Members present were: D.P.W. Commissioner Michael Thoreson, Fire Chief Richard Francis, Kenneth Goldblatt, Ken Galligan, Councilor Dennis DeNapoli and Councilor Todd Petti.

Upon motion made by Councilor DeNapoli, seconded by Commissioner Thoreson and a unanimous vote of all members present, it was voted to waive reading and accept the May Minutes and the June informal minutes. Councilor Dennis DeNapoli made a motion to take the Irma Road issue out of order, which was seconded by Commissioner Thoreson and approved by unanimous vote of the members.

IRMA ROAD and RAY AVENUE

Request from Councilor Jass Stewart on behalf of resident, Karen Donovan-Chismer, who lives at 95 Irma Road. She is concerned that where Ray Ave. and Irma Rd. meet, the traffic doesn't slow down -- even though it's a T. Looking to have "slow children" signs placed in area.

Resident Karen Donovan-Chismer appeared before the Traffic Commission and stated that people fly down that road and take a right onto Ray Avenue headed toward Stoughton and use it as a cut-through. Ken Goldblatt stated that he lives on Sumner Street and he agrees with Ms. Donovan-Chismer. He stated that a sign was placed there last year between Irma Road and Brown that states "Children At Play". Captain Williamson stated that they could install "Caution Children" signs. Commissioner Thoreson asked whether the signs should be put on Irma Road, right at the end of Ray Avenue. It is Ray Avenue where cars are speeding. Ken Galligan stated that the problem appears to be cars coming up on Ray Avenue and taking a right onto Irma Road so that the sign should be on Ray Avenue. Ken Goldblatt stated that some people look at their GPS and it shows the end of Irma Road as an actual road, because Leah is still one road going through. Chief Francis stated that Leah Drive was a dead end but when they built the other side they made it Leah Drive.

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

VOTED: To refer the matter to Subcommittee for review.

WALNUT STREET

Request from Councilor Tom Monahan on behalf of Mrs. Campbell to have Walnut Street restricted to resident parking only. (continued from May meeting pending further information)

Subcommittee makes no recommendation due to lack of information.

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

VOTED: To take no action on this matter.

CALMAR STREET

Request from Captain Williamson to add a “No Parking Loading Zone” sign on Calmar Street by the garage entrance to Circle Performance, 963 Main Street. The business has had problems with cars blocking the garage door entrance.

At Subcommittee, Captain Williamson stated they spoke to John Andruk of Circle Performance and learned that circumstances have changed. The building is in the process of being sold and he will be relocating his business. Based on the new information, subcommittee recommends no action at this time.

Upon motion made by Ken Galligan, duly seconded and a unanimous vote of the members present it was **VOTED: To take no action on this matter.**

COUNCIL ON AGING – FATHER KENNEY WAY

Request from Councilor Tom Monahan to have a “Go Slow” or “Caution” sign installed on Father Kenney Way in the vicinity of the Council on Aging building.

Captain Williamson stated that at Subcommittee review, it was recommended that a crosswalk be placed from the Council on Aging walkway at the parking lot entrance across Father Kenney Way to telephone pole #2; and that crosswalk signs to be placed on both sides of Father Kenney Way approaching the new crosswalk.

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

VOTED: To place a crosswalk from the Council on Aging walkway at the parking lot entrance across Father Kenney Way to telephone pole #2. And for Crosswalk signs to be placed on both sides of Father Kenney Way approaching the new crosswalk.

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.

Subcommittee recommends affixing a “WARNING Neighborhood Watch” sign to pole #3 at the intersection of Teele St and Riverside St.

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

VOTED: To affix a “WARNING Neighborhood Watch” sign to pole #3 at the intersection of Teele Street and Riverside Street.

TEELE STREET

Request from Councilor Dennis DeNapoli: A request from Rhonda Sheehan 45 Teel Street of Riverside has requested no parking signs because of noise and drinking at the park opposite side of her street.

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

VOTED: To take no action on this matter.

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.

Subcommittee recommends taking no action at this time regarding the issue of the jersey barriers being moved. The situation will be monitored to see if the problem persists. Commissioner Thoreson said that the Highway Department employees go there and move the barriers back when they are moved; he does not know what the Traffic Commission could do with regard to this issue.

Upon motion 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.

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 Capt. Williamson contacted Ray Ledoux of BAT. Mr Ledoux is looking into the matter and will get back to Capt. Williamson shortly. Subcommittee recommends taking no action pending further information from BAT. Councilor DeNapoli said that he will contact Ray Ledoux to follow up and requested that this item be placed on the agenda for the next meeting for further discussion.

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

VOTED: To continue this matter to the August 23, 2012 meeting.

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 Subcommittee recommends taking no action at this time with regards to the parking situation. This issue calls for enforcement of the current "No Parking" signs. Councilor DeNapoli made a motion that the Commission take no action as the police are going to start writing tickets at this location; Ken Galligan said that it is the intention of the Commission to have the police enforce the parking restrictions and Councilor DeNapoli agreed. Ken Galligan stated that the recommendation should be to enforce the parking restrictions.

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

VOTED: To have the Traffic Commission take no action on this matter and to recommend that the police enforce the parking restrictions.

EAST ASHLAND STREET and NORTH CARY STREET

Request from Councilor Dennis DeNapoli:

Crossing lights at East Ashland Street and No Cary Street

A request for a cost analysis for the installation of pedestrian signals was sent to the Fire Chief.

Subcommittee will be making no recommendation pending further information. Chief Francis asked who would be paying the cost for the pedestrian signals and Councilor DeNapoli stated that he had already spoken with the Mayor and there is no money for that.

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

VOTED: To take no action on this matter until further information is received, i.e. a cost analysis.

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.

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

VOTED: To take no action on this matter until further information is received.

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 the Subcommittee recommends a "Curve Ahead" sign be installed on Centre St, westbound, in the area of Sumpter St.

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

VOTED: To install a "Curve Ahead" sign on Centre street, westbound, in the area of Sumpter St.

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.

Captain Williamson stated that Subcommittee reviewed the intersection and determined the following:

According to police records, there have been 4 crashes at the intersection in the past 4 years, an average of 1 per year; and Stop signs have already been affixed on both sides of Myrtle St in each direction.

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

VOTED: To take no action on this matter.

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.

Subcommittee reviewed the intersection and recommended that two signs be placed on Westglow Road: one as you enter from Tosca Drive and one at the other end on Coweset.

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

VOTED: To place two “Go Slow-Children” signs on Westglow Road; one as you enter from Tosca Drive and one at the other end at Coweset.

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; and request from Captain Williamson on behalf of Theresa McQuiggan that when available protective boulders be placed on her property at 269 Rockland Street.

Subcommittee recommends taking no action regarding traffic boulders as the homeowner has been informed that her insurance company has claimed they will not cover damage caused by the boulders, so she is no longer interested in having them.

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

VOTED: To take no action on this matter.

ADAMS STREET and QUINCY AVENUE

Request from Councilor DeNapoli to install “No Parking” signs on Quincy Avenue.

“NO PARKING BETWEEN SIGNS” signs to be placed on each side of the driveway on Quincy Av to the property of 67 Adams St in a location approved by Dig Safe.

“NO PARKING CORNER TO HERE” sign to be placed at Quincy Av and Adams St on the southeast corner 20’ from the intersection.

The Subcommittee recommends that a “No Parking Between Signs” sign be placed on each side of the driveway on Quincy Avenue to the property of 67 Adams Street in a location approved by DigSafe and also recommend a “No Parking Corner to Here” sign be placed at Quincy Avenue and Adams Street on the southeast corner approximately twenty (20) feet from the intersection.

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

VOTED: To place a “No Parking Between Signs” sign be placed on each side of the driveway on Quincy Avenue to the property of 67 Adams Street in a location approved by DigSafe and also recommend a “No Parking Corner to Here” sign be placed at Quincy Avenue and Adams Street on the southeast corner approximately twenty (20) feet from the intersection.

CYPRESS DRIVE and ROCKLAND STREET

Subcommittee recommends that a stop sign be installed on Cypress Dr at the intersection of Rockland St; and also a reflective caution sign to be installed on the property of 269 Rockland St just south of the driveway and facing Cypress Drive.

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

VOTED: That a Stop Sign be installed on Cypress Dr at the intersection of Rockland St; and also a reflective caution sign to be installed on the property of 269 Rockland St just south of the driveway and facing Cypress Drive.

MAIN STREET in the vicinity of the YMCA

Request from Robert Malley, Executive Director of the Parking Authority to have the parking regulations governing the metered spaces on the east side of Main Street directly in front of the YMCA and the main branch of the Brockton Public Library, from Allen Street to White Avenue, from one hour parking to two hour parking.

Captain Williamson stated that the one hour parking restriction makes it difficult for members using the gym. Commissioner Thoreson stated that this was an issue here with different signs in that location, and Ken Galligan agreed that the signs and the meters were in conflict with each other, and that it would make sense to have two hour parking and change the meters to be the same as the posted signs. Ken Galligan stated that this issue could be voted on without going to Subcommittee and that meters in the area from Main Street opposite Father Kenney Way up to White Avenue be changed to two hours.

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

VOTED: To change the meters from one hour parking to two hour parking on the east side of Main Street in the vicinity of the YMCA up to White Avenue.

Ken Galligan stated that the Traffic Commission had made a request that the Highway Department sign men go with the Subcommittee when they do the site reviews, and they have reestablished that practice. Last time the Subcommittee went out it was very helpful because they could see exactly where the Traffic Commission wanted to put the signs, and they marked the locations. Ernie Bethoney and Mike Clifford were very helpful and Ken Galligan wanted the D.P.W. Commissioner to know that.

Councilor Jass Stewart commented that during budget discussions the Council talked about speeding issues and the cost of a radar trailer and rumble strips. Captain Williamson stated that he did not know the cost of the rumble strips, but the cost of the radar trailer vary and the most expensive one he has seen is about Eighteen Thousand Dollars, or as little as Seven or Eight Thousand Dollars. He stated that later in the year he can see where the Commission is budget-wise, and although it would be useful to have they are expensive. Councilor Stewart requested that Captain Williamson's research on the issue be e-mailed to him for his review. As far as the rumble strips, Commissioner Thoreson stated that he has heard bad things about them, in particular when it comes to snow removal.

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

VOTED: To adjourn.

Respectfully submitted,
Patricia Florio, Secretary to the Traffic Commission

Transcribed from tape
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