**BROCKTON TRAFFIC COMMISSION**
**JANUARY 26, 2012**

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING**

The Traffic Commission held its monthly meeting at 7:00 p.m. on February 23, 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 McCabe. Present were: Captain Leon McCabe, Commissioner Michael Thoreson, Paul Sullivan, Ken Galligan and Councilor Todd Petti. Also present was Councilor Paul Studenski along with several residents of the Plain Street/Tenth Avenue area: Steve Broberg, Donna Beals, Jasamine Detulio, Lisa Pasco, Edward Pasco and Al Boone.

Upon motion made by Ken Galligan, seconded by Commissioner Thoreson, and a unanimous vote of the members present, it was voted to waive reading and accept the January Minutes.

**EAST MARKET STREET**

Request from the Campello Business Association to add a "No Parking Loading Zone" sign on pole #3 on East Market Street.
Captain McCabe said that this would be the north side of East Market Street and the Subcommittee viewed the area and the street widens near pole #3 so that it would not hamper traffic and they determined that it would be acceptable to add a "No Parking Loading Zone" sign at that location.

Upon motion duly made by Ken Galligan, seconded by Commission Thoreson and a unanimous vote of the members present, it was
**VOTED: To create a "No Parking Loading Zone" and post it with a sign on pole #3.**

**28 MARKET STREET**

Request from Councilor Dennis Eaniri: For a "NO PARKING – HANDICAP PERSON" Sign in front of 28 Market Street.
Captain McCabe indicated that the Subcommittee viewed the area and they have no problem putting the HP sign there but left it up to Councilor Eaniri to contact Mr. Miranda to determine whether he wants the HP sign on Market Street or on Rutland Square; either location would be appropriate. The Subcommittee recommended that as soon as Councilor Eaniri gets back to the Traffic Commission with the information that the "No Parking – Handicapped Person" sign be installed.

Upon motion duly made by Commissioner Thoreson, seconded by Ken Galligan and a unanimous vote of the members present, it was
**VOTED: To place a "No Parking – Handicapped Person" sign upon receipt of information regarding placement from Councilor Eaniri.**

**197 WEST CHESTNUT STREET**

Request from Councilor Dennis Eaniri: For a 'NO PARKING ON SIDEWALK" sign in front of 197 West Chestnut Street. Sign to be placed on a ground post, not on the telephone pole.

Captain McCabe stated that the Subcommittee met with Councilor Eaniri at the site and the issue is that vans picking up elderly or handicapped people from the nursing home at that location were going up on the dirt area which is the sidewalk, and caving the dirt area in and making it impassable to walk. The Subcommittee contacted the business owners and they reached out to the van people. Chief Francis also had inspectors go there as they noticed some violations at the nursing home. At this time, the problem should correct itself and no signage is needed. The recommendation is not to put up any new signs, as there are "No Parking" signs there at the present time. Ken Galligan stated the the whole north side of West Chestnut Street from Warren Avenue to Longwood Avenue is already restricted to no parking, so no further action should be needed.

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

**VOTED: To take no action at this time.**

[On a side note, Captain McCabe stated that they noticed while driving that from Warren Avenue to Donald Street the "No Parking" signs are five feet off the ground and they are going to be placed higher on the poles as they are too low. Ken Galligan asked that Highway check them all the way to Longwood Avenue and also that if there is not presently a "No Parking" sign on the telephone pole on the corner of Stuart Avenue opposite Donald Street, then one should be placed there.]

**SUMNER STREET and WEST PLEASANT STREET**

Request from Traffic Commission member Ken Goldblatt that the Commission review the intersection of Sumner Street and West Pleasant Street as there are obstructions which limit visibility at this location; in particular the hedges on the east side of the intersection and the fence on the west side of the intersection.

Captain McCabe stated that the Subcommittee viewed the area and noticed that the hedges are now trimmed down to a reasonable level. Commissioner Thoreson had mentioned that he would keep an eye on that area and check out the fence, so the Subcommittee recommendation was to take no action but refer the matter to the Department of Public Works for monitoring. Ken Galligan asked if it would be okay with the Traffic Commission if there is a further problem that D.P.W. send out a notice, or should the matter be referred back to Traffic Commission. Captain McCabe indicated that he believes it is a D.P.W. issue rather than a Traffic Commission issue and that it should be handled directly by them. Commissioner Thoreson indicated that the D.P.W. will check out the area and make sure the hedges and fence are not in the city layout; if they are they will automatically receive a letter to remove them. If it is not in the city layout, but is an obstruction, then they will send a letter notifying them to either take down the fence or cut it down at the corner so that drivers can see.

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

**VOTED: To take no action and refer the matter to the Department of Public Works.**

**REYNOLDS MEMORIAL HIGHWAY and WESTGATE DRIVE**

Request from Captain McCabe to have the Traffic Commission view the area at Reynolds Memorial Highway and Westgate Drive to determine whether the one-way portion has proper and clear signage. Captain McCabe stated that the Subcommittee viewed the area and determined that the One-Way sign was out of place and should be removed.

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

**VOTED: To remove the One-Way sign at the entrance to Westgate Drive from Reynolds Memorial Highway.**

[Commissioner Thoreson notified the members that he received a letter from the State Highway indicating that the City needs to do a traffic study, so he has asked the Old Colony Planning Council if they could do the traffic study for the city and he has not heard back from them yet. Captain McCabe indicated that letters have been sent to Mayor Balzotti and to State Highway – District 5 on this issue also.]

**INTERSECTION OF NORTH QUINCY and NORTH CARY STREET**

And

**472 NORTH QUINCY STREET**

Councilor Dubois asked if the Traffic Commission could look and see what the capabilities are for increasing signage, lighting, more patrols and thinking about a 3-way Stop Sign on North Quincy Street.

Captain McCabe stated that the Subcommittee viewed the area and recommended the following:
There is a 30mph sign coming up on North Quincy Street heading northerly that should be relocated by removing it from pole #82 and relocating it on pole #75;
There is an old blind-driveway sign that should be removed as it is all faded;
On pole #85, place a new North Quincy Street sign, as the present one is faded;
Put a reflective arrow sign showing the curve ahead placed on a separate pole with yellow reflective tape near pole #84;
Heading north near #472 North Quincy Street, to the south of the telephone pole, place 4 foot high reflective arrow signs showing that there is a curve there.

The house at 472 North Quincy Street will be added to the list of houses for boulder placement, when boulders become available. Captain McCabe stated that there are presently 4 houses on the list, but no boulders are available at the present time. When boulders are placed, the owners will need to sign a Release which was drafted by the Law Department.

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

**VOTED: To implement the recommendations of the Subcommittee as stated.**

There being no further business to come before the Commission, upon motion duly made by Paul Sullivan, 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