



BROCKTON TRAFFIC COMMISSION
Minutes of the Meeting
January 24, 2013

The Traffic Commission held its monthly meeting at 7:00 p.m. on Thursday, January 24, 2013, 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: Kenneth Goldblatt, Kenneth Galligan, Councilor Dennis DeNapoli, D.P.W. Commissioner Michael Thoreson, Fire Chief Richard Francis and Councilor Todd Petti.

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

TRINITY ACADEMY SIGNS

Request from Councilor Dennis DeNapoli on behalf of Trinity Academy to have signs installed at the following locations: Pearl Street, Torrey Street and Copeland Street.

Captain Williamson stated that the Commission was looking for feedback from Councilor DeNapoli as to where he wanted the signs installed. Councilor DeNapoli said that he wants them posted as you are coming into the city so North Pearl Street should be in the vicinity of Oak Street; Torrey Street would be on the east side and Copeland Street would be coming in from the south side. For the North Pearl Street location Captain Williamson asked whether he was looking for the north side of Oak Street or down by Good Samaritan Medical Center, and Councilor DeNapoli said that they would like the signs as you are entering into the city by the Stoughton side and he would leave it to the discretion of the Traffic Commission as to where they should be placed. On Torrey Street Councilor DeNapoli said he would like the sign on the Easton side as you come into Brockton. On the Copeland Street sign, he suggested the area across from the golf course. Commissioner Thoreson asked what the signs would say and Councilor DeNapoli said that they only say "Trinity Academy" and originally 6 were requested but only 3 were installed so this is a vote to install the remaining 3 signs. Ken Goldblatt asked if the signs have directions on them and Councilor DeNapoli said that there are no directions or arrows on the signs. Captain Williamson said that he would go to the locations with the Highway Department employees to determine the locations. Commissioner Thoreson said that the signs cannot be installed until the springtime when the ground is not frozen. Councilor DeNapoli said that the request could be sent to the Subcommittee but Ken Galligan said that the members were all there and he would suggest that Captain Williamson and the Highway Department employees make the final location decisions.

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

VOTED: To place the signs as requested by Councilor DeNapoli; signs to be placed in the springtime.

On the motion, Ken Galligan asked if the signs do not indicate any direction and they just say the name of the Academy, if the Commission were asked what the purpose of the signs is, what would be the response. Councilor DeNapoli stated that the purpose is to let everybody know that Trinity Academy is within the city limits, like the signs for Cardinal Spellman High School. Councilor DeNapoli said that they do not want to call it advertising.

5 COLONIAL TERRACE

Request from Councilor Dennis DeNapoli on behalf of Horace Blackwell of 5 Colonial Terrace to have a Handicapped Parking sign installed in front of his residence.

Captain Williamson said that the Subcommittee spoke with Mr. Blackwell and recommends installing a "No Parking Corner to Here" sign on the east side of Colonial Terrace 20' north of the driveway at #5 Colonial Terrace. He stated that there wasn't a need for an HP parking space as this gentleman has a driveway, but he has issues with people obstructing the driveway and this sign should resolve that issue.

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

VOTED: To prohibit parking on the east side of Colonial Terrace for twenty feet north of the driveway at 5 Colonial Terrace and to install a "No Parking Corner to Here" sign.

385 NORTH MAIN ST

Request from Captain Steven Williamson on behalf of Domingos Veiga, owner of Brockton Liquors, to have "15 Minute Parking" signs installed on North Main Street in front of Brockton Liquors.

Captain Williamson stated that the Subcommittee went to the site and recommends affixing a "15 Minute Parking" sign to the existing sign post on North Main St near the southwest corner of the building at #385. This should allow space for two vehicles. There is already a sign post there, and apparently there used to be a sign but it is missing.

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

VOTED: To post a "15 Minute Parking" sign to the existing sign post on North Main Street near the southwest corner of the building at #385.

BROOKSIDE AVENUE

Request from Councilor Dennis Eaniri to have a "No Parking" restriction on one side of the street. He has received complaints from residents of people parking on both sides of the street. The street was repaved a few weeks ago, and this street has a heavy traffic flow. It is not a very wide street. Emergency vehicles (fire) would never fit if parking is on both sides of the street.

Captain Williamson stated that the Subcommittee recommends installing "No Parking" signs on the full length of the south side of Brookside Avenue and that there should be several signs there. Ken Galligan stated that two-thirds of the street have telephone poles on that side of the street so some of the signs could be put on the telephone poles. He said that the other thing that was considered was the winter parking ban; the south side of the street is the side which would have prohibited parking so it would work out well.

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

VOTED: To prohibit parking on the south side of Brookside Avenue from Main Street to Copeland Street and install the necessary "No Parking" signs.

On the motion, Councilor Todd Petti asked if Brookside Avenue was half single family homes and half apartment buildings. He asked where the problem is. Ken Galligan said that the street is relatively narrow and if cars park on both sides of the street someone has to stop to let the other car go by. If the cars are parked directly opposite each other it would be very difficult to get by at all. Commissioner Thoreson asked if that was the old factory side of the street and Ken Galligan said yes. Ken Galligan said that on the Main Street end there are a couple of multi-family homes and on the north side from Main Street up to Irvington Street there is no parking allowed during the daytime. That will not be touched at all, but the south side would be prohibited parking 24/7.

EAST ASHLAND STREET and BISHOP STREET

Request from Traffic Commission member Paul Sullivan to have restricted parking at the intersection of East Ashland Street and Bishop Street.

Councilor DeNapoli said that on this situation he would request that it be sent out to Subcommittee but that Paul Sullivan's driveway is about 20 feet from East Ashland Street and a neighbor on the other side is about 25 feet from East Ashland Street. If signs are installed on either side with "No Parking Here to Corner" then you will stop the problem of the bus stop being right there and cars park there and the neighbors cannot get out of their driveway. Sometimes the cars are double parked.

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.

LOOKOFF STREET

Request by Captain Williamson to reduce the speed limit on Lookoff Street to 20 mph as he received a complaint from a neighbor about speeding. Lookoff Street is a narrow dead end off of Crescent Street. There are addresses on the street that do tend to get a number of visitors and a 30 MPH speed limit seems excessive for that neighborhood.

Captain Williamson said that he received a complaint from a neighbor and he went to the area and there is a house on that street that has a lot of visitors and the neighbor states that when she is walking with her children to the bus stop the cars come in at an excessive rate of speed. Councilor DeNapoli said that this is a dead end street and very narrow. Captain Williamson said that while he was there he observed one house getting steady visitors.

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

VOTED: To refer the matter to Subcommittee for review.

PLEASANT STREET and ROCKLAND STREET

Request from Captain Williamson to review the vote to place a "No Parking Here to Corner" sign on the southeast corner as there is a DigSafe issue.

Captain Williamson stated that there appears to be a DigSafe issue at that location and Commissioner Thoreson stated that he would check to see what the problem is. Ken Galligan said that he has noticed that the gas company has gone to that location and marked the sidewalk. He also asked Chief Francis if he had noticed if the problem had gone away and Chief Francis said that the problem had diminished since the winter came and that most of the problem was going on during the summer on Sundays.

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

VOTED: To continue the matter to the next month's meeting.

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

VOTED: To adjourn.

January 28, 2013

Respectfully submitted,
Patricia Florio
Secretary to the Traffic Commission