



## BROCKTON TRAFFIC COMMISSION

The Traffic Commission held its rescheduled monthly meeting at 7:00 p.m. on Thursday, March 27, 2014, at the Brockton Police Station, 7 Commercial Street, Brockton, MA 02302. There being a proper quorum, the meeting was called to order by Captain Robert DiBari. Members present were: Kenneth Galligan, Fire Chief Richard Francis, Councilor Moises Rodrigues, Councilor Dennis Eaniri and Ken Goldblatt. Unable to attend were Paul Sullivan and Commissioner Michael Thoreson. Also present were City Councilors Paul Studenski and Shirley Asack. Upon motion made by Chief Francis, seconded by Ken Galligan and a unanimous vote of all members present, it was voted to waive reading and accept the March 5, 2014 Minutes.

### **180 CARL AVENUE**

Request from Councilor Paul Studenski on behalf of Louise O'Connor that a barrier be placed in front of her house at 180 Carl Avenue as her house has been hit twice.

Subcommittee recommendation: **When funds are available we will put a guardrail up if the fence is properly located on the property.** (The fence is too close to the street. It should be approx. 10' off the street.) The homeowner can put boulders on her property if she chooses.

Ken Galligan asked if an accident history at this location had been done and Captain DiBari informed the members that there had been 6 accidents on Carl Avenue dating back from January 2013 to March 2014. These were not necessarily at this intersection but in the vicinity. Councilor Rodrigues asked how that compared to the average street in the city and Captain DiBari stated that he did not believe it was much more. Councilor Studenski said that the problem arose after the street was repaved.

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

**VOTED: To support the recommendations of the Subcommittee.**

(Councilor Studenski stated that he would notify Mrs. O'Connor of the findings of the Commission.)

### **RODWELL STREET**

Request from Councilor Michelle Dubois on behalf of a resident of Rodwell Street to have a "Caution Autistic Child" sign placed on the corner of Rodwell Street and Keswick Road.

Subcommittee recommendations:

**Install 1 "Caution Autistic Child" sign northbound on Keswick Road on pole #22; and  
Install 1 "Caution Autistic Child" sign southbound on Keswick Road on pole # 19.**

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

**VOTED: To approve the recommendations of the Subcommittee.**

**BELAIR STREET**

Request from Councilor Shirley Asack to have the Traffic Commission review the speeding issue on Belair Street and to place more speed limit signs on the street.

Subcommittee Recommendations:

**Replace the speed limit sign (30MPH) on pole 7S in front of house #63 on the northbound side; and Install a speed limit sign (30MPH) on pole 21-84 in front of house #199.**

Councilor Shirley Asack asked if the recommendation would provide enough signs as this is a long street and Councilor Rodrigues said that there are other signs there.

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

**VOTED: To support the recommendations of the Subcommittee.**

**BROOKSIDE AVENUE**

Request from Councilor Paul Studenski at the request of residents to have the Traffic Commission re-review the parking restrictions on Brookside Avenue.

Subcommittee recommendation: To take no further action and leave the restriction as is.

Ken Galligan stated that he was of the understanding that the Commission was waiting for a report from Commissioner Thoreson on the gas line on Brookside Avenue. He stated that Commissioner Thoreson was supposed to contact the gas company and have them show the Commission where the gas line was and requested that the matter be continued to the next month's agenda awaiting the Commissioner's report.

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

**VOTED: To continue the matter to the next meeting until Commissioner Thoreson's report is received.**

**144 FIELD STREET**

Request from Councilor Michelle Dubois on behalf of Mike Kelly of Foot Joy to have the Traffic Commission review the area in the vicinity of 144 Field Street and the crosswalk across the street to 7 Spark Street as pedestrians are having difficulty crossing the street as traffic fails to yield to them. Also, a request for signage to be added to make the crosswalk more obvious to drivers.

Subcommittee recommendation: There is a crosswalk @ Intervale Street that is faded. It will be painted when line painting starts up. **We will put crosswalk signs up on both sides of Field Street at Intervale Street.**

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

**VOTED: To support the Subcommittee recommendation.**

**50 WINTER STREET**

Request from Captain Williamson on behalf of resident Katelyn Nee and her mother to have a Handicapped Parking sign installed on the Douglas Avenue side of the property at 50 Winter Street near the walkway leading to the home. Subcommittee recommendation: **Install a Handicapped Parking sign on Douglas Ave., on the east side of the street at the railing of the walkway to the home at 50 Winter Street.**

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

**VOTED: To approve the recommendation of the Subcommittee pending receipt of a doctor's note.**

**ADAMS STREET**

Request from Captain Williamson on behalf of resident Stephen Cook to consider a parking restriction, perhaps "No Parking" or "Resident Parking" on Adams Street.

Subcommittee recommendation:

- 1) **Change the Permit Parking sign to Resident parking on the corner of Adams Street and Quincy Ave.**
- 2) **Take down the "No Parking" sign and replace it with a "Resident Parking" sign and move it 10' south of the driveway of #62 Adams Street.**
- 3) **Put a "Resident Parking" sign in front of #56 Adams Street 30' south of the driveway.**

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

**VOTED: To approve the recommendations of the Subcommittee.**

**SUMMER STREET at EDSON STREET**

Request from Councilor Paul Studenski to have the Traffic Commission review the intersection of Summer Street and Edson Street with a view towards making this a safer intersection.

Councilor Studenski said that this request is on behalf of resident, Mr. Brown, who says that this location is hazardous. The intersection is an "elbow"; there is traffic coming on Summer Street from Perkins Avenue going straight up Edson Street to make a right onto Carl Avenue, and then traffic going southerly which can make a right onto Summer Street or take a left onto Edson Street. Councilor Studenski recommended that to make it safer that one side of the Summer Street side should have a Stop Sign, probably the side going northerly. Ken Galligan suggested that a 3-way stop might work, and Councilors Eaniri and Rodrigues agreed that a 3-way stop would be a good solution. Councilor Rodrigues said that if there is an obvious solution then he would like to see the Commission vote for the 3-way stop now. He said that traveling southbound towards Perkins Avenue on Summer Street, you come to that intersection and have the right of way, and if you are coming back up Perkins Avenue to Summer Street do the same thing and that actually is an obvious intersection to place a 3-way stop sign where you force the car coming up from Perkins Avenue to stop and whoever is coming down Summer Street towards Perkins Avenue to stop. Ken Galligan stated that he would prefer to send the matter to Subcommittee so that they could view the area.

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

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

**BRIDGE OVERPASSES AT COURT STREET, CENTRE STREET and CRESENT STREETS**

Councilor Moises Rodrigues request that the Traffic Commission view the bridge overpasses and underpasses at Court Street, Centre Street and Crescent Street. He stated that there are signs on the bridges but that is not sufficient to warn truck drivers approaching the bridges of how low they are. Councilor Rodrigues would like to see if signs could be placed warning drivers a street or two before they reach the bridges, possibly placing them at School Street and Commercial Street. Councilor Studenski said that he believes the truck would not get stuck at the Centre Street bridge and he believes that a sign with the bridge height placed on the Route 123 sign would alert the drivers. Councilor Studenski said that the Crescent Street bridge is Route 27 and that one is travel height, and Route 123 is to the highway travel height.

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

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

There being no further business upon motion duly made by Captain DiBari, seconded by Chief Francis and a unanimous vote of the members present, it was

VOTED: to adjourn.