



BROCKTON TRAFFIC COMMISSION

July 24, 2014

MINUTES OF THE MEETING

The Traffic Commission monthly meeting was held at 7:00 p.m. on Thursday, July 24, 2014 at the Brockton Police Station, 7 Commercial Street, Brockton, MA 02302. Present were Deputy Fire Chief Kevin Galligan, Ken Galligan, Ross Messina, Mort Schleffer, Acting D.P.W. Commissioner Larry Rowley and Councilor Dennis Eaniri. Unable to be present were Captain Robert DiBari and Councilor Moises Rodrigues. Also present were Councilor Shirley Asack and Councilor Shaynah Barnes.

Upon motion made by Ken Galligan, seconded by Mort Schleffer and a unanimous vote of all members present, it was voted to waive reading and accept the June Minutes.

WESTGATE DRIVE

Request from Councilor Shirley Asack on behalf of Harry Minassian, Sr. to have more signage placed on Westgate Drive in the vicinity of Westgate Lanes as there is a speeding problem there.

Subcommittee Recommendation: 30 MPH Signs for NB Traffic opposite Pole #5 (Post) – for SB Traffic Pole #9. Also add a yellow stripe to the STOP AHEAD sign.

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

VOTED: To place “30mph” signs: for northbound traffic opposite Pole #5 on a new post and for southbound traffic on Pole #9, and also to add a yellow stripe to the STOP AHEAD sign.

201 NEWBURY STREET

Request from Councilor Thomas Monahan on behalf of resident Dorothy Hearn to have an “Autistic Child” sign placed in front of her home at 201 Newbury Street.

The members were informed that to date no further information has been received from the resident regarding this request.

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

VOTED: To postpone the matter to the August meeting.

RAINBOW CIRCLE

Request from Councilor Shirley Asack to have the Traffic Commission view the area of Rainbow Circle as there are speeding problems on this street.

Subcommittee Recommendations: 30 MPH Sign for EB traffic between #86 and #78 Rainbow Cir and for WB traffic on pole #8.

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

VOTED: To place a “30mph” sign for eastbound traffic between house #86 and house #78 on Rainbow Circle, to be placed on the lot line on a new post, and to place a “30mph” sign for westbound traffic on Pole #8.

59 RAINBOW CIRCLE

Request from Councilor Shirley Asack on behalf of Smith Vil to have an “Autistic Child” sign installed in front of 59 Rainbow Circle.

Councilor Asack informed the members that she has attempted to contact Mr. Vil and has not had any response from him at this time.

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

VOTED: To postpone the matter to the August meeting.

46 RIVER STREET

Request from Councilor Dennis DeNapoli on behalf of Steven License to have a “No Parking” sign installed in front of his resident at 46 River Street.

Subcommittee Recommendation: Take no action on installation of a “No Parking” sign. There are existing No Parking signs on south end of street. Add No Parking signs facing the proper direction.

The members indicated that they visited this location several times and did not see a parking problem.

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

VOTED: To take no action on the request for a “No Parking” sign. With regard to the existing “No Parking” signs, leave the ones facing the wrong direction and add two new signs facing the correct direction.

PEARL STREET

Request from Councilor Tim Cruise on behalf of Tom Sedell to have the Traffic Commission review the area on Pearl Street headed northbound at Pleasant Street to determine whether the left-turn only lane should be made a dual left-turn or straight ahead lane.

Subcommittee Recommendation: Take no action.

The members stated that the left turn lanes are working well as designed but that four “Left Turn Only” lanes should be painted further back on the road.

Upon motion duly made by Mort Schleffer seconded by Councilor Dennis Eaniri and a unanimous vote of the members present, it was

VOTED: To take no action on the request to change the left turn only lane, and to request that additional painting be done further back on the street showing that the lanes are left turn only.

WILLARD AVENUE at PINE STREET

Request from Ken Galligan to have a Stop Sign installed on Willard Avenue at Pine Street.

Upon motion duly made by Mort Schleffer seconded by Councilor Dennis Eaniri and a unanimous vote of the members present, it was

VOTED: To install a Stop Sign southbound on Willard Avenue at Pine Street.

Requests from Councilor Michelle Dubois:

Where Amark Road becomes Coe Rd & intersects with Dagmar Drive.

Placement of 2 new Stop Signs on Amark Road and Coe Road at their intersection with Dagmar Drive. There is currently a stop sign on Dagmar Drive but we would like to make this intersection a four-way stop. Re-paint crosswalk at the end of Dagmar Drive.

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

VOTED: To refer the matter to Subcommittee for review.

On Amark Road and Coe Road:

Installation of speed limit signs and "Slow Children" signs along Amark Road and Coe Road.

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

VOTED: To refer the matter to Subcommittee for review.

Speeding Ticket Traps on Coe Road:

We request increased traffic patrols on issuing of tickets on Coe Road. Parents going to and from the Ashfield School speed on Coe Road. We are very lucky that there has not been a serious accident yet as there are no sidewalks on Coe Road and children walk home in the street.

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

VOTED: To refer the matter to the Brockton Police Department for speed enforcement.

On East Ashland St, at intersection with Colgate Road & Algonquin St:

East Ashland Street: Re-paint crosswalk going a cross East Ashland Street from Colgate Road and Algonquin Streets. Re-painting of crosswalk with more visible paint (florescence in color, solid or striped).

Upon motion duly made by Mort Schleffer seconded by Councilor Dennis Eaniri and a unanimous vote of the members present, it was

VOTED: To refer the matter to Subcommittee for review.

East Ashland Street at Colgate & Algonquin:

Placement of a Cross Walk Sign on either side of the crosswalk.

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

VOTED: To refer the matter to Subcommittee for review.

East Ashland Street at Colgate & Algonquin: Placement of "Crosswalk sign ahead" 25 feet and 50 feet from this cross walk in either direction on East Ashland Street.

Upon motion duly made by Mort Schleffer seconded by Councilor Dennis Eaniri and a unanimous vote of the members present, it was

VOTED: To refer the matter to Subcommittee for review.

East Ashland Street: Placement of a yellow, plastic crosswalk sign on East Ashland Street. I am happy to pay for the sign.

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

VOTED: To refer the matter to Subcommittee for review.

East Ashland Street at Colgate & Algonquin: Paint STOP on the Street.

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

VOTED: To refer the matter to Subcommittee for review.

Please reviews the following pre-existing 4-way stop intersections.

They are all in the area of Ashfield School and many are missing the actual Stop Sign or need the crosswalks and stop lines repainted.

- Dagmar Drive & Upton Street
- Alphonse Rd and Coe Rd

- Alphonse Rd & Dandy Rd
- Alphonse Rd. & Dixon
- Annella & Alphonse
- Alphonse & Waleco Rd.

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

VOTED: To refer the matter to Subcommittee for review.

PLEASANT STREET and WHEELER AVENUE

Councilor Shirley Asack and Councilor Shaynah Barnes requested that a crosswalk be installed across Pleasant Street at Wheeler Avenue. Councilor Barnes stated that a constituent had contacted her after being hit by a car while attempting to cross the street at that location. It appears the closest crosswalks are located at Pleasant and Belair Streets and Pleasant and West Streets. The members discussed the fact that Pleasant Street is currently under construction and any decision to install curb cuts and a crosswalk at that location would need to be done expeditiously as that area is almost finished. This was considered as an emergency request due to the public safety issue as well as the construction phase of this street.

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

VOTED: To refer the matter to Subcommittee for review and place on the August agenda.

The members discussed the following non-agenda issues:

Ken Galligan stated that there is a traffic problem in the area on North Pearl Street at Reynolds Memorial Highway because the two “Yield” signs for southbound traffic have been knocked over and are leaning and are not easily visible. He suggested that new, larger “Yield” signs be installed. Acting D.P.W. Commissioner Larry Rowley stated that this portion of the road is a State road, and he believed that a request should be made to the State to have the signs replaced. The members agreed that a letter should be drafted from the Traffic Commission to the State Highway requesting that the signs be replaced with new, larger signs.

Councilor Shirley Asack checked on the status of the new signage for the area around Addison Avenue and was informed that the Work Order has been placed and the new signs have been ordered and will be installed as soon as available.

Councilor Shaynah Barnes asked for a status on the road painting of a crosswalk on Main Street in the vicinity of the church and the YWCA.

Deputy Chief Kevin Galligan requested that a Work Order be sent to Highway as the sign after 1320 Belmont Street/Malden Street states that the next address is number 1340 but there is no such number. The correct number should be 1322-1324.

There being no further business to come before the Commission upon motion duly made by Councilor Dennis Eaniri seconded by Acting D.P.W. Commissioner Larry Rowley and a unanimous vote of the members present, it was

VOTED: To adjourn.

Respectfully submitted,
 Patricia Florio
 Secretary to the Traffic Commission