



BROCKTON TRAFFIC COMMISSION
August 28, 2014
MINUTES OF THE MEETING

The Traffic Commission monthly meeting was held at 7:00 p.m. on Thursday, August 28, 2014 at the Brockton Police Station, 7 Commercial Street, Brockton, MA 02302. Present were Traffic Commissioner Captain Robert DiBari, Ken Galligan, Mort Schleffer, Acting D.P.W. Commissioner Larry Rowley and Councilor Dennis Eaniri. Unable to be present were Councilor Moises Rodrigues, Deputy Fire Chief Kevin Galligan and Ross Messina. Also present were Councilor Shirley Asack and Councilor Shaynah Barnes, as well as residents Chet Young, Fred Noonan and Virginia Brady.

Upon motion made by Ken Galligan, seconded by Councilor Dennis Eaniri and a unanimous vote of all members present, it was voted to waive reading and accept the July Minutes.

Captain DiBari read the results of the Subcommittee site review for the members and residents present:

Where Amark Road becomes Coe Road & 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.

Subcommittee noted that Stop Signs are currently in place so new signs are not necessary.

Recommended adding the Street name sign for Amark Road at Upton Street.

On Amark Road and Coe Road:

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

Subcommittee recommended placing a "Slow – Children" sign on Pole#5 on Amark Road for Eastbound Traffic; placing a 30mph Speed Limit Sign on Pole #4 on Amark Road for eastbound Traffic; and a 30 mph Speed Limit sign on a separate post on Coe Road for westbound traffic (at the property line of #176 Coe Road.

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

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

Subcommittee did not recommend this request; stated that the crosswalk paint there is acceptable.

East Ashland Street at Colgate Road & Algonquin Street:

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

Subcommittee did not recommend this request.

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

Subcommittee recommended placing 2 new high visibility "Crosswalk Ahead" signs; 1 on a separate post with yellow reflective stripes just east of Pole #58 at 504 East Ashland Street; and 1 on a new post with yellow reflective stripe between 431 and 435 East Ashland St.

East Ashland Street: Placement of a yellow, plastic crosswalk sign on East Ashland Street.

Subcommittee did not recommend this request.

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

Subcommittee noted that the current paint is acceptable; recommended adding red reflective strip to the existing Stop Sign on Colgate Road at East Ashland Street.

Please review 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

Subcommittee noted that Dagmar Drive and Upton Street is not a 4 way stop. No action taken.

Alphonse Rd and Coe Rd

Subcommittee recommended moving the sign from 68 Alphonse Rd Pole #5 to a new post with a red stripe.

Alphonse Rd & Dandy Rd

Subcommittee recommended that a Stop Sign be installed for eastbound traffic on Dandy Road at Alphonse Road at the southwest corner near pole #7.

Alphonse Rd. & Dixon

Subcommittee noted that there is no Stop Sign there currently; recommended adding a Stop Sign on a separate pole with a red stripe for northbound traffic on Alphonse Road at Dixon.

Annella Road & Alphonse Road

Subcommittee recommended that no action be taken on this request.

Alphonse Road & Waleco Road.

Subcommittee recommended that no action be taken on this request.

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

VOTED: To accept the recommendations of the Subcommittee and place signs as indicated.

PLEASANT STREET at WHEELER AVENUE

Councilor Shirley Asack and Councilor Shaynah Barnes requested that a crosswalk be installed across Pleasant Street at Wheeler Avenue.

Subcommittee visited this site and MassDOT field office. No crosswalk is planned at this intersection. The Traffic Commission will have to petition Mass DOT for a work order change as this was a city plan for this project. Recommend Traffic Commission vote on whether or not to petition the state DOT for a work order change.

Ken Galligan informed the members that when the Subcommittee went to the site, they met with the Engineer in charge of the project on Pleasant Street. The plans for reconstruction of Pleasant Street were reviewed and there is no crosswalk on the plans going north to south across Pleasant Street. There is a crosswalk going across Prospect Street and another one across Montauk Road. The recommendation was that a letter to the Mass. Department of Transportation be sent requesting that a crosswalk be installed north to south across Pleasant Street at Wheeler Avenue. There was a question as to whether the city or the state would assume responsibility for this, as the south side of the street is already cemented and the north side is ready to go. The sidewalks would have to be cut out and an actual correct crosswalk installed. Discussion was held about going from a driveway over to Prospect Street where there will be a handicapped crosswalk made into the new sideway and tying into that, but on the south side there is no place to tie in. The project is being done with federal funds and those standards have to be met, so that once the project is signed off and accepted by the city it would be unlikely that anything further would be done by the state. When it was brought to the state engineer's attention, they agreed that somehow this was missed as there is no crosswalk from West Street all the way to Belair Street. Acting D.P.W. Commissioner Larry Rowley stated that there was never a crosswalk there, and he further stated that he thinks in the future with projects of this nature the plans should come to the Traffic Commission for review. Councilor Shaynah Barnes asked if the state could reject the city's request and the members said that it may be too late, as the project was bid out without a crosswalk there and work in that area is would have to be cut up and redone. D.P.W. Commissioner Rowley said that it does not really make sense to rip up a new sidewalk and new street once it is completed. Councilor Barnes asked if a letter should also come from the City Council, but it was determined that at this point the letter should come from the Traffic Commission. Commissioner Rowley said that one side of the street is already done but the other side has not had the concrete poured yet so the crosswalk could easily be installed and Ken Galligan said that possibly they could leave a section out, and also suggested that another letter come from Commissioner Rowley supporting the request for the crosswalk. Councilor Barnes asked if she should get a letter from the constituent who was hit by a car crossing the street there and Ken Galligan said that the first issue is to send a letter from the Traffic Commission, which will then go to the state board overseeing the project and based upon their finding and whether there are any contingency monies available for change orders. Councilor Shirley Asack asked how soon a letter could be sent and Ken Galligan stated that he felt it should be hand delivered to the state office. Captain DiBari asked specifically where the crosswalk should go, and Councilor Barnes and Councilor Asack both stated that it should be near the old redemption center on Pleasant Street.

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

VOTED: To write a letter to the Massachusetts Department of Transportation requesting that a work change order be approved to install a crosswalk on Pleasant Street on a north to south direction on the west side of where Wheeler Avenue meets Pleasant Street. A further motion was made to continue this matter to the September meeting for a status update.

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. (continued from July meeting)

Councilor Shirley Asack informed the members that she has not heard from Mr. Vil since his initial request.

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

VOTED: To continue the matter until such time as Mr. Smith Vil contacts Councilor Asack.

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. (Continued from July meeting)

The members were informed that Councilor Monahan tried to contact Ms. Hearn but he has not heard anything further from her on this request.

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

VOTED: To continue the matter until such time as Dorothy Hearn contacts Councilor Monahan.

HERROD AVENUE

Request from Councilor Shirley Asack on behalf of the Labossiere family to have an “Autistic Child” sign installed in front of their property at 79 Herrod Avenue.

Councilor Asack informed the members that she did receive a medical letter from the Labossiere family confirming the medical condition of the child.

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.

GORDON STREET

Request from Councilor Dennis Eaniri to have a “No Parking Here to Corner” sign installed on the telephone pole closest to Forest Avenue on the west side of Gordon Street for traffic headed southerly.

Councilor Eaniri informed the members that there is a problem with vehicles parking close to Forest Avenue and some police officers have told him that it is tight getting down that street.

Upon motion duly made by Ken Galligan, seconded by DPW Commissioner Larry Rowley and a unanimous vote of the members present, it was

VOTED: To refer the matter to Subcommittee for review.

In accordance with the Traffic Commission By-laws a vote was taken to appoint a Vice-Chairman to the Traffic Commission. The Fire Chief or his designee, who presently is Deputy Fire Chief Kevin Galligan was nominated and unanimously appointed to serve as Vice-Chairman.

Several residents were present and wishing to speak with the Traffic Commission members on issues of speeding on Belair Street and truck traffic issues on Battles Street. As these issues were not on the formal agenda, the members adjourned the meeting and agreed to speak on an informal basis with the residents.

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