MINUTES

The Traffic Commission held its regular monthly meeting at 7:00 p.m. on Thursday, July 27, 2017 at the Brockton Police Department, 7 Commercial Street, Brockton, MA 02302.

Present were Traffic Commissioners: Robert DiBari, Deputy Fire Chief Kevin Galligan, Ken Galligan, DPW Commissioner Larry Rowley, Councilor Shirley Asack, Councilor Anne Beauregard. Absent were Craig Pina and Mort Schleffer.

Also present were: Councilor-At-Large, Shaynah Barnes, Councilor Tom Monahan, Councilor Jack Lally, School Committee member Joyce Asack, Library Director, Paul Engle and the following members of the public:

   Eva Culbert, Jeannette Logan, Renée Jones, Margie Etter, Joel Etter, Deborah Paxton, Gerald “Skip” Graziano, Valentino Gomes, Reginald White, Liz Jacques and Patricia Duclozeille.

There being a proper quorum, the meeting was called to order by. Upon motion made by Deputy Fire Chief Kevin Galligan, seconded by Councilor Shirley Asack, and a unanimous vote of all members present, it was voted to waive the reading of the June Minutes.

OLD BUSINESS

1. WESTFIELD ESTATES – 433 W. ELM STREET

Requested received from Craig Pina on behalf of Susan Horlbogen, property manager at Westfield Estates to have the position of the jersey barrier shifted at the end of W. Elm Terrace. She is requesting that the jersey barriers be shifted 90° from the end of W. Elm Terrace to the end of Maxim Street so that her residents can access the back of the property where their maintenance barn is located. She is trying to create more parking spaces on the property to make up for the street parking that was lost on W. Elm Street due to the bicycle lane.

Upon motion duly made by Ken Galligan, seconded by Councilor Anne Beauregard, and a unanimous vote of the members present, it was
**SUBCOMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION:** The traffic commission does not oppose the moving of the barriers, however, if they are moved, they should be in line with pole #10 on Maxim Street.

**VOTED:** A motion was made by Councilor Shirley Asack to approve the subcommittee's recommendations and on the motion, Ken Galligan asked if the Ward 1 councilor had been contacted and if not, he would vote in the affirmative. Councilor Asack withdrew her motion and Ken Galligan made the motion to postpone this matter until the next Traffic Commission meeting (8/24/17) so that Ward 1 Councilor Tim Cruise could be contacted. The vote was unanimous by the members present.

2. **NILSSON STREET**

*Request received from Council Dennis Eaniri to:*

1. Place a street sign for NILSSON STREET heading in the south direction, with a DEAD END sign placed on top. (sign would be on the same side of the street as the Vega Club, nothing there now.)

2. Fix the STOP sign which is leaning.

3. At the dead end of NILSSON street place a new yellow reflector sign. What is there now is a 1920 vintage sign...

4. Place a new dead end sign on telephone pole as well.

**SUBCOMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION:** We will replace the Kelloch Ave sign, the dead end sign and the reflective sign at the end of Nilsson Street. We will also place a Nilsson St. sign and a dead end sign on the pole on the north west corner of Nilsson St and Warren Ave.

**VOTED:** A motion was made by Ken Galligan and seconded by Councilor Anne Beauregard to approve the subcommittee recommendations.

3. **WESTON STREET**

*Request received from Councilor Thomas Monahan for a four way STOP sign on the corner of Prospect Avenue and Weston Street. He has noticed that since the street was newly paved, cars travelling on Weston Street are exceeding the speeding limit by far (anywhere between 40-50 miles per hour) up and down the street. With summer approaching and children playing outdoors, he has a major concern about the safety of the children.*

**SUBCOMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION:** The accident history has not come back yet, however, we will place a 30MPH sign on pole #11 for southbound traffic and another 30MPH sign on pole #6 on Baxendale Terrace for northbound traffic.

Captain DiBari stated that he did obtain the accident history information and that it did not support a 4-way Stop sign. A motion was made by Councilor Asack and seconded by Kevin Galligan. On the motion, Ken Galligan requested that this matter be referred to the Traffic Unit to check for speeding.
COMPLETE STREETS

4. PLOTS 19 & 21 MELROSE AVENUE
Request received from Matthew Spadea for a waiver for proposed sidewalk and curbing as it relates to the Complete Streets Policy regarding the lots located at Plots 19 & 21 Melrose Avenue (plot plan attached).

NO FURTHER ACTION BY TRAFFIC COMMISSION PER ROB MAY MEMO DATE 7/11/17 – REFERRED TO PLANNING BOARD

Captain DiBari read Rob Mays’s email into the record regarding Complete Streets and subdivisions: “The authority to approve subdivisions and to establish design guidelines and regulations for roads remains with the Planning Board. Please refer any applicant requesting Complete Street exemptions as part of a subdivision to the Planning Board.”

NEW BUSINESS

5. NEW LIFE TEMPLE HOLINESS, INC. - 15 NILSSON STREET
Request received from Councilor-At-Large Shaynah Barnes on behalf of Minister Jeannette Logan from the New Life Temple Holiness as their parking lot is situated at the corner of Main and Nilsson Streets. Main Street is very active due to commercial businesses. Parking is allowed on both sides of the street and as such presents severe safety hazards to both pedestrians and motor traffic. We have witnessed many accidents; both motor and pedestrians; at this site. The latest one occurring on Sunday June 4th. For the safety of the community and motorist, a traffic light is needed at the intersection of Main and Nilsson Streets.

Many of our members patronize the Main Street corner store; some walk pass this area to get to the church and we have several events in our parking lot during the year, as well as a summer camp program for the youth. More importantly there are children in the surrounding communities that access this busy street. Our church has been in the area for a number of years and we want to keep the community and our members safe.

Discussion: Councilor-At-Large Shaynah Barnes spoke as well as Minister Jeannette Logan and Mrs. Eva Gilbert about their safety concerns due to the high volume of traffic and poor visibility/line of sight for this area. Box trucks utilize Nilsson Street because of the surrounding one way streets. There is also a school bus stop and a BAT bus stop with cars going around the bus creating a further hazard. Mrs. Gilbert stated that the area is very congested with 2 churches in the area plus businesses. Deputy Chief Kevin Galligan stated that he will check with the Old Colony Planning Council (OCPC) to see if this area is on their list for traffic/pedestrian count. Ken Galligan informed the church members that it could take 4-5 years before a traffic signal is put up because there are several intersections pending but in the meantime, he recommended that a “No Parking From Here To Corner” be looked at to remedy the line of sight.
Upon motion duly made by Ken Galligan, seconded by Councilor Asack, and a unanimous vote of the members present, it was

**VOTED: TO REFER TO SUBCOMMITTEE.**

6. **WAVERLY STREET**
Request received from Councilor Monahan on behalf of residents for a “GO SLOW CHILDREN” sign.

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

**VOTED: TO REFER TO SUBCOMMITTEE.**

7. **62 HUNTINGTON STREET**
Request received from Councilor Thomas Monahan on behalf of the resident for a barrier in front of their house at the intersection of Huntington Street and Wayland Street. Also, resident currently has a “No Parking” sign in front of the house but would like to add “Handicap Parking” to sign.

Discussion: Councilor Monahan suggest a chevron sign on Huntington Street off of Wayland Street and stated that there are No Parking signs on her side (south) of the street but vehicles park on both sides of the street blocking her driveway. It was recommended that the resident call the police when her driveway is blocked so that the vehicle can be towed.

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

**VOTED: TO REFER TO SUBCOMMITTEE.** ON THE MOTION, COUNCILOR ASACK STATED THAT MEDICAL DOCUMENTATION WOULD BE REQUIRED PRIOR TO A “HANDICAP PARKING” SIGN BEING PUT UP.

8. **32 OAKLAND STREET AVENUE**
Request received from Councilor Thomas Monahan asking to have a handicap parking sign put in front of 32 Oakland Ave.

Discussion: Councilor Monahan stated that this is the same issue as Huntington Street where there are “No Parking” signs posted and neighbors vehicles and/or people going to the park are parking too close to the resident’s front door. Ms. Liz Jacques stated that her mother has to walk around parked cars while using her walker to enter her residence. Commissioner Rowley stated that there are also “Resident Only” signs posted along with the “No Parking” signs. Ms. Jacques stated that she would email the traffic secretary the required medical documentation for the “Handicapped Parking” sign.

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

**VOTED: TO REFER TO SUBCOMMITTEE.**
9. **391 Moraine Street**  
*Request received from Councilor Thomas Monahan for a “Go Slow Children” sign.*

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

**VOTED: TO REFER TO SUBCOMMITTEE.**

10. **Appleton Street**  
*Request received from Councilor Thomas Monahan from the residents of Appleton Street for a “Go Slow Children” sign.*

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

**VOTED: TO REFER TO SUBCOMMITTEE.**

11. **484 East Ashland Street**  
*Request received from Councilor Jack Lally for signs at the crosswalk by 484 East Ashland Street, similar to the picture attached.*

Discussion: Councilor Lally stated that this is a dangerous intersection with cars speeding, has had numerous accidents and vehicles do not stop for pedestrians at the crosswalk. School Committee member Joyce Asack stated that children use this crosswalk going to/from the Ashfield School. In support of the crosswalk sign were residents Margie and Joel Etter.

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

**VOTED: TO REFER TO SUBCOMMITTEE.**

12. **Sawtell Avenue and North Avenue**  
*Request received from Councilor Jack Lally on behalf of the residents that the intersection near the corner of Sawtell Ave and North Ave become a four way stop.*

Discussion: Councilor Lally requested a four way “Stop” sign that included flashing lights. Resident Reginald White of North Avenue spoke in support stating that in the 1 ½ years since he’s lived there, that he’s witnessed 3 accidents at the location. Mr. White also requested “Slow Children” signs be posted in both directions.

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

**VOTED: TO FORWARD TO TRAFFIC ENFORCEMENT AND REFER TO SUBCOMMITTEE.**
13. BROOKFIELD SCHOOL  
Request received from Councilor Jack Lally on behalf of the Brookfield School who would like some kind of cones for the intersection of Jon Drive and Sully Road. Despite the no parking signs, people are still lining up to the corner, and busses are having a difficult time making the turn.

Discussion: Ken Galligan suggested that the school crossing guards/custodians put cones up in the mornings and afternoons to resolve the issue but School Committee member Joyce Asack stated that the cones are expensive and heavy and suggested that 3 or 4 delineater posts be purchased and installed on either side of the intersection. The cost is approximately $50.00 each and the school department would pay for them. Commissioner DiBari stated that the delineater posts would be ripped up or damaged by snow plows and that this matter is an enforcement issue and that school police needs to enforce. Ken Galligan suggested to make larger “No Parking” and the school should send out notices to all parents that there is no parking and rigidly enforce the no parking by having school police out there for a couple of weeks to enforce and to even have a tow truck there with flashers. He further stated that this is a school problem and the school department has to rethink the custodians placing cones because it’s their responsibility and buy 4 wheel carts to move the cones, if need be. School Committee member Joyce Asack stated the school has a pick up/drop off area and that there was a Connect Ed message sent regarding speeding and the no parking issue and this is okay for a short time but then the issue recurs. It was suggested to have “No Parking From Here To Corner” signs put up and paint “No Parking” on the pavement while line painting is being done.

Upon motion duly made by Councilor Shirley Asack, seconded by Commissioner Councilor Anne Beauregard, and a unanimous vote of the members present, it was

**VOTED: PLACE LARGER “NO PARKING” SIGNS WITH NO REFERRAL TO SUBCOMMITTEE.**

14. JON DRIVE & SULLY ROAD  
Request received from Councilor Jack Lally on behalf of the constituents at the intersection of Jon Drive and Sully Road who are very concerned with the amount of people running the stop signs. They would like some kind of cameras to capture the license plates of those failing to stop so they can be ticketed.

Discussion: Commissioner DiBari stated that the request for cameras will not be authorized because in Massachusetts, you have to prove operation by proving who is driving the motor vehicle at the time.

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

**VOTED: TO SEND TO TRAFFIC FOR ENFORCEMENT.**
15. **OAK STREET**
Request received from Councilor Shirley Asack on behalf of a resident at Chatham West for a traffic study and to obtain accident history at the 2nd entrance to Chatham West in front of NorthEast Electrical located at 560 Oak Street.

Discussion: Commissioner DiBari stated that the accident history he obtained showed zero accidents at this location and that there have been several accidents down towards the mall. Councilor Asack stated that the constituent contacted State Representative Claire Cronin and the issue was referred to her. There are too many traffic lights in the area so another light at this location is not an option. It was suggested that residence use the main entrance where there is a traffic light so enter/exit the complex.

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

**VOTED: TO REFER TO SUBCOMMITTEE.**

16. **71 FARNHAM STREET**
Request received by Councilor Shirley Asack and agreed to by Councilor Jack Lally to address the speeding situation on Farnham Street by putting a “Slow Children” sign up.

Discussion: Councilor Lally stated that there is a speeding issue on this street with residents going too fast on their own street.

A motion was made by Deputy Fire Chief Kevin Galligan to send the matter to Brockton Police Department for enforcement. On the Motion, Ken Galligan recommended a “Caution Children” sign be put up and to refer to Subcommittee. Councilor Shirley Asack seconded the motions, and a unanimous vote of the members present, it was

**VOTED: TO REFER TO BROCKTON POLICE DEPARTMENT FOR ENFORCEMENT AND REFER TO SUBCOMMITTEE.**

17. **BROCKTON PUBLIC LIBRARY – MAIN STREET & WHITE AVENUE**
Requests received from Councilor Anne Beauregard for the following:

1) Crosswalk request and continued follow-up on parking violations at Brockton Public Library located at 304 Main St with side entrance at White Avenue request made by new director Mr. Paul Engle.

Discussion: Library Director, Paul Engle requested that “No Parking” be painted on White Avenue, to have larger “No Parking” signs put up and a crosswalk installed for his employees that park across the street. On the crosswalk, Ken Galligan stated that if installed, it would not be ADA compliant. DPW Commissioner Rowley concurred and stated that it would be against state regulations. Commissioner DiBari stated that he did speak with the representative at the Foxboro charter school and they no longer have a bus stop in the area.

Upon motion duly made by Deputy Fire Chief Kevin Galligan, seconded by Councilor Shirley Asack, and a unanimous vote of the members present, it was
VOTED: TO REFER TO SUBCOMMITTEE AND TO LOOK INTO PAINTING “NO PARKING” ON THE PAVEMENT ON WHITE AVENUE.

18. BAKER ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

2) Request made for crosswalk and better signage at Mary Baker Elementary School, Quincy Street after recent incidence (7/4) with young girl hit by car by Councilor Beauregard.

Discussion: Councilor Beauregard asked if the crosswalk could be painted another color and was informed that the painting was done by trucks loaded with the paint, that they do not have the capacity to hold different color paints. In addition, color uniformity is needed across the City.

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

VOTED: TO REFER TO SUBCOMMITTEE TO CHECK THE CONDITION OF THE CROSSWALK.

19. SHERMAN STREET

3) Request made by Councilor Beauregard for more no parking signs on Sherman Street by neighbors who repeatedly have individuals parking on both sides and blocking the way for a fire truck to make passage. Some in the area or 15-19 Sherman Street have had cars blocking their driveways and parking on their lawns.

Discussion: After discussion, it was suggested that the residents contact the Brockton Police Department if the commercial vehicle is parked in front of residence between the hours of midnight and 7:00 a.m. to have the vehicle ticketed/towed and to also contact the Mayor’s office as this is a Quality of Life issue for his task force. Currently, there are no signs on the street and it was suggested to put “No Parking” signs on the even side of the street.

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

VOTED: TO REFER TO SUBCOMMITTEE TO CHECK FOR PARKING ISSUES.

20. DEED CIRCLE

4) Request made by Mr. and Mrs. Armes of Deed Circle for better traffic signal lighting at intersection of Court Street and North Quincy Street and crosswalks for students coming from those streets to go to Mary Baker School.

Discussion: Deputy Chief Kevin Galligan explained that there are three (3) types of traffic signals: (1) no pedestrian with no button to push; (2) pedestrians/vehicles move at the same time, and (3) exclusive pedestrian when all lights turn red. He stated that he will check with the Old Colony Planning Council (OCPC) to see if this is on their list for upgrade.
Upon motion duly made by Deputy Fire Chief Kevin Galligan, seconded by Councilor Anne Beauregard, and a unanimous vote of the members present, it was

**VOTED: TO REFER TO SIGNAL DIVISION. KEN GALLIGAN MADE A MOTION TO HAVE THE CROSSWALK REPAINTED.**

21. **MARIE AVENUE & SHERIDAN STREET**

5) Request made by residents Mr. and Mrs. Bottary at the intersection of Marie Avenue and Sheridan Street to address speeding taking place primarily on Sheridan as a cut-through from Centre Street to Court Street.

Discussion: Commissioner DiBari stated that this area is on the traffic enforcement list where tickets have been and that they go there when they can.

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

**VOTED: TO REFER TO POLICE ENFORCEMENT.**

22. **15 MONTELLO STREET EXT.**

Request received from Councilor Paul Studenski for a “Handicap Parking Only” sign in front of the residence at 15 Montello Street Ext.

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

**VOTED: TO REFER TO SUBCOMMITTEE. MEDICAL DOCUMENTATION NECESSARY PRIOR TO SIGN BEING POSTED.**

**OLD BUSINESS - FURTHER DISCUSSION**

**NORTH QUINCY AND NORTH CARY STREET – 4/27/17, 1/26/17 Agendas**

Councilor Jack Lally asked to discuss the status of the request to install a guardrail and the prior Subcommittee recommendation below:

Prior Discussion: Ken Galligan with the Subcommittee provided a solution to this matter by laying out a double line turned to 90° so that the STOP sign would be parallel with North Quincy Street.

Discussion: Commissioner DiBari stated that painting is in process and the he will contact Bartlett Construction for updated cost. DPW Commissioner Rowley stated that Dig Safe should be contacted first to ensure proper placement of the guardrail.
VOTED: TO REFER TO SUBCOMMITTEE FOR PLACEMENT OF GUARDRAIL AFTER DIG SAFE HAS FLAGGED AREA.

BATTLES STREET
Request made by Councilor Shirley Asack on behalf of resident Valentino Gomes to discuss this issue again as Mr. Gomes is still having problems with his driveway being blocked and being unable to get out of his driveway. Mr. Gomes has called the police as previously recommended (see below) but the response is too late. Mr. Gomes previously requested that “No Parking” signs from the corner of Battles Street and Main Street to the split at Richmond Street and Battles Street and is now requesting signs be put up around his residence “No Parking From Here to Here” so that his driveway is not blocked.

Prior Discussion: Subcommittee went out and visited and initially recommended to take no action. However, the matter of enforcement was further discussed regarding the no parking issue and blocking driveways with a request to prioritize enforcement over the weekend. Commissioner DiBari stated that he would send the matter to shift for response and to tag and/or tow vehicles blocking driveways.

Upon motion duly made by Kevin Galligan, seconded by Councilor Shirley Asack, and a unanimous vote of the members present, it was

VOTED: To send to the Shift Commander for priority enforcement on Friday/Saturday nights.

Discussion: Mr. Gomes stated that he has called the police when his driveway is blocked but they take too long for response to deal with problem. Mr. Gomes is requesting signs along the front of his property approximately 30-50 ft. Commissioner DiBari advised Mr. Gomes reiterated the fact that Mr. Gomes needs to contact the police when his driveway is blocked

Upon motion duly made by Deputy Fire Chief Galligan, seconded by Councilor Shirley Asack, and a unanimous vote of the members present, it was

VOTED: TO REFER BACK TO SUBCOMMITTEE.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary Milligan
Secretary, Traffic Commission