BROCKTON TRAFFIC COMMISSION
Thursday, August 24, 2017
7:00 p.m.
MINUTES

The Traffic Commission held its regular monthly meeting at 7:00 p.m. on Thursday, August 24, 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, Craig Pina and Mort Schleffer.

Also present were: Councilor Tom Monahan, Councilor Jack Lally, Ray Ledoux from BAT and City Planner, Rob May. The following members of the public were also present:

Mr. and Mrs. William Godinho

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 July Minutes.

OLD BUSINESS

1. 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.
SUBCOMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION: PLACE "NO PARKING CORNER TO HERE" SIGNS ON ALL FOUR CORNERS OF THE INTERSECTION.

VOTED: A motion was made by Councilor Shirley Asack, seconded by Mort Schleffer to approve the subcommittee recommendation.

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

SUBCOMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION: PLACE 1 "CAUTION CHILD" SIGN ON POLE #2 FOR WESTBOUND TRAFFIC AND ANOTHER "CAUTION CHILD" SIGN ON POLE #7 FOR EASTBOUND TRAFFIC.

VOTED: A motion was made by Deputy Fire Chief Kevin Galligan, seconded Councilor Shirley Asack to approve the subcommittee recommendation.

3. 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.

SUBCOMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION: ADD 1 "STOP" SIGN ON WAYLAND STREET AT HUNTINGTON ST ON THE NORTHEAST CORNER. NO "HP" SIGN AS THERE IS NO PARKING ON THAT SIDE OF THE STREET AND NO GUARDRAIL.

VOTED: A motion was made by Ken Galligan, seconded by Councilor Shirley Asack to approve the subcommittee recommendation.

4. 32 OAKLAND STREET AVENUE
Request received from Councilor Thomas Monahan asking to have a handicap parking sign put in front of 32 Oakland Ave.

SUBCOMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION: PLACE THE "HP" SIGN UPON PROPER DOCUMENTATION.

VOTED: A motion was made by Deputy Fire Chief Kevin Galligan, seconded by Councilor Shirley Asack to approve the subcommittee recommendation. Ken Galligan suggested to close entrance off by fencing in to avoid parking and foot traffic on the dead end.

5. 391 MORaine STREET
Request received from Councilor Thomas Monahan for a “Go Slow Children” sign.

SUBCOMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION: TAKE NO ACTION AS THE SIGNS ARE ALREADY THERE.
VOTED: A motion was made by Councilor Shirley Asack, seconded by DPW Commissioner Larry Rowley to approve the subcommittee recommendation.

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

SUBCOMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION: PLACE 1 "CAUTION CHILD" SIGN ON POLE #2 FOR NORTHBOUND TRAFFIC AND ANOTHER ONE ON POLE #48 FOR SOUTHBOUND TRAFFIC.

VOTED: A motion was made by Councilor Shirley Asack, seconded by Craig Pina to approve the subcommittee recommendation.

7. **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.

SUBCOMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION: PLACE A CROSSWALK SIGN WITH ARROW POINTING AT THE CROSSWALK AT POLE #55 FOR WESTBOUND TRAFFIC AND ANOTHER ONE ACROSS FROM POLE #55 FOR EASTBOUND TRAFFIC.

VOTED: A motion was made by Councilor Shirley Asack, seconded by Mort Schleffer to approve the subcommittee recommendation.

8. **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.

SUBCOMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION: PLACE A "STOP AHEAD" SIGN ON NORTH AVE ACROSS FROM #66 FOR WESTBOUND TRAFFIC AND ANOTHER ONE ON THE POLE IN FRONT OF #98 NORTH AVE.

VOTED: A motion was made by Councilor Shirley Asack, seconded by Mort Schleffer to approve the subcommittee recommendations.

9. **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.

SUBCOMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION: PLACE A "WATCH FOR TURNING TRAFFIC" SIGN FOR BOTH EAST AND WESTBOUND TRAFFIC.

VOTED: A motion was made by Councilor Shirley Asack, seconded by Mort Schleffer to approve the subcommittee recommendation. Deputy Fire Chief Kevin Galligan pointed out that there is already a signal at one entrance and suggested that a "No Left Turn" sign be put up at the 2nd entrance onto Oak Street if the situation gets bad enough.
10. **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.

**SUBCOMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION:** PLACE A "CAUTION CHILD" SIGN ON POLE #3 FOR NORTHBOUND TRAFFIC.

A motion was made by Councilor Shirley Asack, seconded by Deputy Fire Chief Kevin Galligan to approve the subcommittee recommendation.

11. **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.

**SUBCOMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION:** TAKE NO ACTION. REFER TO TRAFFIC FOR ENFORCEMENT.

A motion was made by Councilor Shirley Asack, seconded by Mort Schleffer to approve the subcommittee recommendation. There is no handicapped access for a crosswalk. Regarding the speeding and parking issue, Commissioner DiBari asked Councilor Beauregard the days and hours that this is a problem and was informed all day on Saturday's and between the hours of 2:30 p.m. - 3:00 p.m. Monday through Friday. Commissioner DiBari stated that this issue should diminish due to the Foxboro Charter School no longer using White Avenue as a school bus stop.

12. **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.

**SUBCOMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION:** PLACE A "CROSSWALK SIGN WITH ARROW ON THE FOR NORTHBOUND TRAFFIC NEAR POLE #37 AND ANOTHER ONE FOR SOUTHBOUND TRAFFIC ACROSS FROM #88 QUINCY ST.

A motion was made by Councilor Shirley Asack, seconded by DPW Commissioner Larry Rowley to approve the subcommittee recommendation. Councilor Beauregard asked Commissioner DiBari if the crosswalk would be painted prior to the start of school and was informed that it would be done the first week of September. Commissioner DiBari explained the delay in line painting by the company under contract and informed the board that he, as the Traffic Commissioner, expressed his displeasure with the company in writing.
13. **SHERMAN STREET**
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.

**SUBCOMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION:** PLACE "NO PARKING" SIGNS ON THE WEST SIDE OF THE STREET FROM CENTRE ST NORTH TO #40 SHERMAN ST.

A motion was made by Councilor Shirley Asack, seconded by Mort Schleffer to approve the subcommittee recommendation.

14. **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.

**SUBCOMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION:** PLACE THE "HP" SIGN UPON PROPER DOCUMENTATION.

A motion was made by Councilor Shirley Asack, seconded by Deputy Fire Chief Kevin Galligan to approve the subcommittee recommendation.

15. **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:

**VOTED: TO REFER TO SUBCOMMITTEE FOR PLACEMENT OF GUARDRAIL AFTER DIG SAFE HAS FLAGGED AREA.**

Commissioner DiBari stated that he talked to the Bartlett Company and that they are taking the measurements and he should have a price by the end of the week.

A motion was made by Ken Galligan, seconded by Councilor Shirley Asack to approve the subcommittee recommendation.

**OLD BUSINESS UPDATE - DISCUSSION**

From 7/27/17 Meeting:

**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.

8/24/17 - Commissioner DiBari stated that he spoke with Ward 1 Councilor Tim Cruise who was going to review the area and get back to him. Commissioner DiBari did not hear back from Councilor Cruise but stated that the subcommittee was okay with it and DPW Commissioner Larry Rowley should be contacted to have the barrier moved. Ken Galligan recommended to wait to hear back from Councilor Cruise before proceeding.

**NEW BUSINESS**

16. **GARFIELD STREET PARKING**

*Request received from City Planner, Rob May to allow two hour parking on the south side of Garfield Street (see attached).*

Discussion: Rob May stated that currently there is permit/resident parking o the north side of Garfield Street and he is looking for two hour parking on the south side to provide non-residents with parking spots when visiting the Keith Park. There are two entrances on Main Street and two entrances on Montello Street. Deputy Fire Chief Kevin Galligan brought up that Garfield Street was made a truck route about a year ago.

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.**

17. **MONTELLO STREET CROSSING**

*Request received from City Planner, Rob May to designate and paint a new pedestrian cross walk on Montello Street connecting the new path in Keith Park to the north side of Riverside Avenue and access to the Campello Commuter Rail Station (see attached).*

Discussion: Rob May stated that there is a new series of paths inside the park that connects the neighborhood to the train station at Riverside Street. There's a path entrance that starts at Main Street and Plain Street and traverses the park to Montello Street and Riverside and he's
currently working with the MBTA to make improvements to the Campello Commuter Rail station including wayfairing signage. The new entrance lines up nicely with the curb on the north side of Riverside Street. Commissioner DiBari asked Mr. May if there were curb cuts there and was informed that there were. Ken Galligan asked Mr. May again if there were curb cuts where he proposing to put the crosswalk and was told that there were curb cuts already there. Ken Galligan then asked Mr. May if there was a crosswalk at Montello Street and Garfield Street because you cannot have two crosswalks less than 50' apart and was told that there is no crosswalk at Montello Street and Garfield Street.

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

VOTE: TO REFER TO SUBCOMMITTEE.

18. **PEARL STREET AT BELMONT STREET AND WEST ROSSETER STREET**
*Request received from Deputy Fire Chief Kevin Galligan for the following:*

1. Request MA DOT for opticom emergency vehicle preemption and a left turn arrow for southbound traffic on Pearl St. at Belmont St.

Discussion: Deputy Fire Chief Galligan stated that if anyone travels on Pearl Street after 4:00 p.m., traffic backs up almost all the way to Torrey Street and he was looking to see if there was anything the Traffic Commission could do such as putting a left turn arrow maybe extending the southbound lanes further up Torrey Street to see if we could get the left turn traffic out of the way so that the straight through traffic may be able to flow a little better. In addition to that, to help emergency vehicles, he thought that we (Traffic Commission) should ask MA DOT if they could put opticom there to allow fire trucks, emergency vehicles and BAT buses to get through. DPW Commissioner Larry Rowley asked if we'd have to reach out to the state to do all this work and Deputy Fire Chief Kevin Galligan stated that yes, they would because it's a state intersection and he recommended that this go to subcommittee and then we could come up with a formal request from the Traffic Commission to MA DOT. Ken Galligan pointed out the history on Belmont and Pearl Street that about 15 years ago when the redid that intersection, they took out Belmont and Mill Street, closed it off and created Mill Connector Road. The light cycle for Mill Street they took that away and they used that time to create the left turn lane for eastbound traffic on Belmont and westbound traffic on Belmont. Then they gave Stonehill Street about a three second green light because of the small volume of traffic that comes out. But just for history, the only way they could do the left turn lane on Belmont Street was to take the traffic out of Mill Street at Belmont. So, they would have to add another cycle into that light so just be aware of what the history was for that and why it all happened.

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

VOTE: TO REFER TO SUBCOMMITTEE.

2. Review parking on West Rossetter St. as there is a new development at the end of the dead end and there is parking on both sides of the street.
Discussion: Deputy Fire Chief Kevin Galligan stated that because of the new development and parking on both sides of the street that we will not be able to get fire trucks, ambulances or police vehicles or any other service trucks in there with parking on both sides of the street. Ken Galligan stated that the subcommittee went there and looked at it and asked if it made sense to vote on this tonight instead of waiting another whole month. Deputy Fire Chief Kevin Galligan responded by saying #1 he’d prefer to have sent to subcommittee so that they can come up with the formal request to be sent to the state but #2 he stated that the new development will probably be occupied before the next Traffic Commission meeting. Ken Galligan stated that when they went there on subcommittee that they determined that there would be no parking on the north side of West Rossetter Street from Turner Street to what would be the dead end or the entrance of the new complex so that whole north side of the street would be no parking then we determined that on the south side at the end of West Rossetter Street, the east end of West Rossetter Street that we would put "No Parking" probably 20' back from the end of the street. Ken Galligan urged the commission to go forward with this tonight and just get it done because as the member has said, the longer we delay this we’re going to have a serious problem up there. This is a large complex that only has one way to get in there and it’s going to be a disaster. Ken Galligan made a motion to:

1. Prohibit parking on the north side of West Rossetter Street from Turner Street easterly to the dead end
2. On the south side of West Rossetter Street from the east end westerly 20'

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

**VOTED: TO APPROVE THE RECOMMENDATIONS**

19. **MAIN STREET**

*Request received from Deputy Chief Kevin Galligan to discuss Main Street Bike lane and transit improvements.*

Discussion: Deputy Fire Chief Kevin Galligan stated that he was made aware of the Main Street bike lane issue last minute as it was part of the Belmont Street project so, he contacted Ray Ledoux from BAT and they worked pretty hard with MA DOT and they were able to come up with a pretty good plan. The bike lane will start at Belmont Street and it’s going to continue on the east side of Main Street along the parked cars all the way to Pleasant Street. So, in addition to the bike lane there is going to be several other improvements. All of the crosswalks left by previous projects will be removed and repainted so that they’re in their proper place. All the parking spots affected by this will be removed and repainted. A couple of parking spots will be removed to improve visibility of pedestrians at crosswalks. A handicapped spot located in front of 106 Main Street at the corner of Main Street and School which is a handicapped loading and unloading spot will be added because of the amount of people who get picked up and dropped off at 106 Main Street. Two bus stops that have been eliminated over the years that are still bus stops but the painting has disappeared will be brought back. Ray Ledeux added that they saved what would have been a dramatic narrowing of the lanes down to 10' and they did a good job maintaining as much width in the lanes as possible. Mr. Ledeux further stated that notably that there was around 10,500 vehicular movements within a
24 hour period and 12 bicycle movements within that same 24 hour period and that he thought it was worth the commission noting the difference. They did a lot of work on improving the bike lanes and transit improvements and this has to be voted on tonight because the project is already funded with the vendor identified. He further stated that it was going to save this commission a lot of money for what they (the City) were going to do anyway with it being paid for by someone else. DPW Commissioner Larry Rowley stated that we would have an 8’ both sides for parking and then we have a 6’ bike lane.

Upon motion duly made by Craig Pina, on the motion, Councilor Shirley Asack wanted to thank Deputy Fire Chief Galligan and Mr. Ledoux for all the time and hard work put into this as she heard about the previous plans that sounded like a nightmare. Ken Galligan also spoke on the motion and wanted to say that the Traffic Commission walked all of Main Street and put a lot of work into it but not so much as to who has already been recognized here and deserves the credit however, he wanted to make sure everyone was aware that when this gets done and gets painted that there’s probably going to be an awful lot of comment about what has happened to Main Street and the major changes that have been created by this project and whether somebody likes it or dislikes it federal funding apparently put this all together and an engineer laid this out. The Traffic Commission didn’t do it and it is being done to federal/state standards.

Motion was made by Craig Pina, seconded by Councilor Shirley Asack and a unanimous vote of the members present, it was

VOTED: TO APPROVE THE MAIN STREET BIKE LANE AND TRANSIT IMPROVEMENTS.

20. INTERSECTION OF SPRING STREET AND PLEASANT STREET
Request received from Councilor Tom Monahan for new signage or flashing light at this intersection due to constituent complaints on the high number of accidents.

Discussion: Councilor Monahan stated that it is a horror show trying to get across Pleasant Street from Spring Street. Mort Schleffer asked if there was a crosswalk at the location and was informed that there was and that the issue wasn't with pedestrians but motorists trying to cross Pleasant Street from Spring Street. Ken Galligan stated that this intersection is similar to the one at North Cary and North Quincy Street where you come out on an angle. What we wanted to do was take North Cary Street and paint at a 90° angle. Commissioner DiBari suggested putting up a "Right Turn Only" sign and then motorists can turn onto Glenwood Street to get back onto Spring Street.

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.

21. NORWICH ROAD
Request received from Councilor Jack Lally for posted speed limit signs and “Slow Children” signs on both ends of Norwich Road.
Discussion: Norwich is being done over and there are a lot of kids on the street and the parents want to make sure that people go slow especially now before the road is repaved.

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

VOTED: TO REFER TO SUBCOMMITTEE.

22. CLAREMOUNT AVENUE
Request received from Councilor Jack Lally for “Caution Handicapped Child” signs on both ends of Claremount Avenue.

Discussion: Councilor Lally stated that this request was made by a constituent who has two daughters who are in wheelchairs.

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.

Ken Galligan requested that people notify the Traffic Commission when signs (Handicapped, Blind, Autistic Child, etc.) are no longer needed and suggested that the secretary draft a form letter. Councilor Shirley Asack also recommended that requests for these types of signs not be put on the agenda until the medical documentation is submitted.

23. Request received from Councilor Anne Beauregard for the following:

1) For stop signs at Bradley Ave and Algonquin Street.

2) To address cars speeding at Bradley Ave, Algonquin Street to Moncrief Street.

3) To address the situation of tractor trailers, dumpster trucks and other large commercial vehicles using Court Street and East Ashland Street instead of Centre Street (a state road) as these streets are more residential.

Discussion: Bradley Avenue and Algonquin Street is a cut through from East Ashland Street and cars do not slow down entering Moncrief Street. There are kids in the neighborhood and parents are concerned about children's safety. As far as Court Street, there has been an increase in commercial vehicles (tractor trailers, dumpster trucks, trucks hauling heavy equipment, etc.).

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

VOTED: TO REFER TO SUBCOMMITTEE.
24. **CAMBO STREET**

Request received from Commissioner DiBari on behalf of Teresa McIntosh to place an “Autistic Child” sign on Cambo Street. Ms. McIntosh had signs installed on Aberdeen Street but is now relocating to Cambo Street.

Discussion: Commissioner DiBari was asked to obtain the address on Cambo Street prior to the subcommittee meeting on September 19th. Signs previously installed will be removed and reinstalled at new location on Cambo Street.

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

**VOTED: TO REFER TO SUBCOMMITTEE.**

25. **MCKINLEY PARK**

Request received from Councilor Jack Lalley on behalf of parents concerned about the public safety issue at McKinley Park. Parents are concerned for the children’s safety and would like fencing put around the park on Winter Street, Hovendon Avenue and Sheldon Street.

Discussion: DPW Commissioner Larry Rowley stated that this request should've been made to the Park Department. The City will be receiving a donation for a lot of stuff in the park so that there is a large effort to improve the park. DPW Commissioner Larry Rowley suggested using 6x6's and run a cable all the way around so it will look nice.

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.**

26. **22 PLEASANTVIEW AVENUE**

Request received from Councilor Shirley Asack on behalf of Mr. William Godinho to have a “NO PARKING – VEHICLES TOWED AT OWNERS EXPENSE” installed.

Discussion: Councilor Shirley Asack received a letter from Mr. Godinho and read into the record while Mr. Godinho made a diagram of the parking situation that makes it impossible to park his Chevy Express utility van because the parked cars block his access to get into his driveway. Mr. Godinho stated that in the past, the late Councilor Louis Angelo assisted him with this problem by having a "No Parking" sign put up across the street that wouldn't allow parking beyond a certain point on Pleasantview that would leave room for him to access his driveway and the Brockton police would be called and the vehicles would be ticketed. Mr. Godinho is now parking at his daughters' house on Howard Street because he can't take the risk of parking at his house and getting blocked in. There are three vehicles parked to the side of his property and he does not have the room to maneuver his truck to back into his driveway. Mr. Godinho stated that he was told by the police that they couldn't tow the vehicle, just ticket and if there was a tow sign there, they would be able to do it. Commissioner DiBari stated that normally the police do not tow cars that are illegally parked and his situation is that the car is not blocking the driveway but his access to it. So it is a Catch 22 situation. Ken Galligan asked if
the "No Parking On Either Side" sign was located across the street from Mr. Godinho and was told it was. Is your answer to this problem to eliminate the parking at the end of the street? Mr. Godinho responded yes because there is a sign there that says "No Parking On Either Side". Mr. Godinho attempted to talk to the neighbors to resolve the problem and they don't care. Ken Galligan stated that if there was parking on both sides of the street then the street becomes one lane of travel. Ken Galligan asked if there was off street parking across the street and if so, do the tenants park there? Because some landlords charge a fee to their tenants for off-street parking. Mr. Godinho said they do park in the driveway but there are a lot of cars. DPW Commissioner Larry Rowley brought up the problem with snow removal and access for emergency vehicles if cars are parked there. He suggested reflectors put up on fence for snow plows and additional signage. Commissioner DiBari will look into the technicalities of blocking a driveway and if vehicles can be towed, it would give Mr. Godinho immediate relief. Mrs. Godinho stated that is why they requested the additional sign "Vehicles Towed At Owner's Expense" be added to the sign currently there.

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

VOTED TO: REFER TO SUBCOMMITTEE.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary Milligan
Secretary, Traffic Commission