

**MINUTES OF THE TRAFFIC COMMISSION MEETING  
HELD: OCTOBER 17, 2013 AT 10:00 A.M.  
HENRY HOOVER COMMITTEE ROOM, CITY HALL**

**1. PETITIONED ITEMS:**

**A. Sharon Street – 2 Hr. Parking**

Councilor Logan is requesting 2 Hr. Parking on the south side of Sharon Street from Prospect Street to Curtis Street. Traffic Engineering agreed that there is a problem with continuous all day parking from a near by medical office building. It was **voted to approve this request.**

**Amend Schedule 1 - Parking:**

**Add:**

**Sharon St., south side from Prospect St. to Curtis St. – 2Hr Parking 7am-6pm, Except Sundays and Holidays**

**Delete:**

**Sharon St., south side from Prospect St. to Curtis St. – 2Hr Parking 8pm-6am, Except Sundays and Holidays**

**B. Oak Street near Newton Street – Remove No Parking restriction**

Councilor Logan is requesting that the No Parking restriction on the north side of Oak Street to a point 66' E. of Newton Street be removed. Traffic Engineering agreed that the length of the restriction is no longer needed. The standard no parking 30' from the corner is sufficient. It was **voted to approve this request.**

**Amend Schedule 1 – Parking:**

**Delete: Oak St., north side, from Newton St. to a point 66' East; No Parking**

**C. Oak Street near Newton Street – Add No Standing/No Stopping restriction**

Councilor Logan is requesting that a No Standing / No Stopping regulation be installed on the south side of Oak Street to a point 135' west. Prohibiting stopping along this section would mean a vehicle could not stop to drop off or pick up a passenger. There is no safety reason to add further restrictions. Presently, there is No Parking Allowed. Enforcement of the existing regulation will address these concerns. **Voted to deny this request.**

**D. Oak St. at Newton St. –Parking signs in English/Spanish**

Councilor Logan is requesting that the existing Parking signs be posted in both English and Spanish within 200' of Newton Street, both sides for the Los Latinos Market patrons. Presently, it is our policy to install regulatory signs in English Only. There are International symbols that may be used in lieu of words, that should be understood by licensed drivers who speak any language. The International symbol for No Parking is the letter P with a red slash through it. **Voted to deny this request, but to replace existing No Parking signs on Oak St. within 200 feet of Newton Street with the International No Parking symbol.**

**E. Jennings Road – No Parking Here to Corner**

Councilor Romard is requesting No Parking Here to Corner signs in the Prospect Hill Road area. It was stated that the property owners have had vehicles parked blocking their driveways, walkways, parking on the lawn and sprinkler systems, and making vehicle repairs. During the winter months the street becomes quite narrow due to snow banks and parked vehicles. Six of seven homeowners, signed the petition requesting no parking.

This request was also supported by Mayor McCarthy who was present and stated that she is working with the Waltham Housing Authority (WHA). She has informed the residents to get license plate numbers to her office and she will send them to WHA who in turn will issue the tenants a letter stating they are not to park there. Councillor Romard will also work with Traffic Engineering on locations of no parking signs in this area. **Voted to approve this request.**

#### **Amend Schedule 1 – Parking:**

##### **Add:**

**Prospect Hill Rd., both sides from Lunda Street to a point 160' north No Parking**

**Jennings Rd., both sides from Prospect Hill Rd., to a point 300' north; No Parking**

##### **Delete:**

**Jennings Rd. west side, from Prospect Hill Rd. to Hawthorne Rd. No Parking**

#### **F. Main Street at Warren Street – Proposed Pedestrian Signal**

Councilor Vizard is requesting a pedestrian signal at this intersection for pedestrians crossing Main Street. Upon review Traffic Engineering recommended a study be conducted to determine if a pedestrian signal can be installed and/or if other improvements to the intersections of Main/Warren/Gore and Main/Barbara/Gore can be made. **Voted to table and study.**

#### **G. Main Street between Palmer St. and Prospect Hill Ave. – Increase to 2 Hr. Parking**

Mr. Michael Snedeker, # 967 Main Street is requesting that the north side of Main Street in this area be changed from 1 hour to 2 hour parking. Mr. Andrew Moser was present to discuss their concerns. Upon review, it was determined that the south side of Main Street, in this area has two hour metered parking. This section is outside the area where new sidewalks are to be installed. It was recommended the area be posted for two hour parking 8:00 AM – 6:00 PM Monday to Saturday, except Sundays and Holidays. **Voted to approve this request and amend Article X Parking Meters, Section 3 as follows:**

**Delete in Subsection B: Main St, north side, Wellington St. to Prospect Hill Rd (1Hr.)**

**Add in Subsection C: Main St, north side, Wellington St. to Prospect Hill Rd (2Hr.)**

#### **H. Brandeis University Chabad 5K Road Race**

Ms. Alyssa Bickoff, is seeking approval for this road race to be held on Sunday, October 27, 2013 from 9AM – 11AM. Lt. Cavallaro from Police Department recommended approval of the race on October 27. No streets will be closed, there will be Police presence and it is expected to have about 100 participants. **Voted to approve and forward this recommendation to the Mayor's Office for a permit to issue.**

#### **I. 275 Wyman Street – Special Permit**

Giles Hamm with VAI presented the Traffic Impact Study for this development.

Hobbs Brook Management, LLC made a presentation in February 2013 relative to a Zone Change and Special Permit. The proponents were seeking a change to "limited commercial zone". They have proposed to demolish an existing 81,820 square foot office building and construct a new 315,000 square foot office building. Traffic Impacts are expected at some of the surrounding intersections and the Levels of Service will decline absent mitigation. The proponent had agreed to contribute funding towards roadway improvements along Wyman Street, revise traffic signal timings at Winter and Second Ave; Wyman and Third Ave., Wyman and Rt.128 NB Ramps, Wyman and Smith/Lincoln, and Smith and Trapelo Road. In addition there will be a Traffic Demand Management Plan to encourage public transportation, carpooling, and alternative work schedules. Planning Director, Ms.Cagle asked that use of bicycles be encouraged and a need for bike

accommodations. The roadways may need to be marked for “sharrows”. **Voted to accept the Traffic Impact and Access Study and forward these findings to the City Council for their deliberations for a Special Permit.**

**2. TABLED ITEMS:**

- A. Smith Street at Trapelo Road – Change in Lane Use (9/11)(9/13)
- B. High St. at Newton St. – Traffic Signal Changes (3/12)
- C. Highland St. “Spur” at Curtis St. – Removal of “No Right Turn” Restriction (9/12)(10/12)  
Waiting for Law Dept. opinion
- D. 60 Turner Street – Proposed Pedestrian Crosswalk (11/12)

**E. Ellison Park traffic issues (9/13) Voted to remove from the table**

Councilor Waddick requested continued study for traffic safety improvements in the area. Traffic Engineer, Mr. Garvin stated that he has placed “Do Not Block Intersection” signs on Main Street at Pleasant St. and recommends that appropriate Do Not Block Intersection pavement markings be painted as well. Once painted, enforcement is needed from the Police Department. Traffic Engineer will continue to seek alternatives to help improve conditions. **Voted to re-table.**

- F. Lexington Street from Indian Ridge to Trapelo Road Signal Timing (9/13)

**G. Trapelo Rd – Proposed Pedestrian Signal and Crosswalk (9/13) Voted off the Table**

A review and site visit by the Traffic Engineer, several Commission members, Councilor Darcy, and Mr. Richard Griffin, took place on September 26. As a result it was recommended to have a new crosswalk installed at the east side of the entrance to the James Falzone Memorial Park with one (1) new ADA ramp required on the south side of Trapelo Rd. The Street Department has been asked to trim overhanging branches which are blocking existing street lighting and restricting sight distance. In regards to a new Rectangular Rapid Flashing Beacon (RRFB) Mr. Garvin recommended an overhead mast arm (painted black) with the RRFB attached overhanging Trapelo Road to improve the line of sight. Also voted was to install a new crosswalk on Trapelo Road at the Western Greenway and improving the present School Zone Signs to include speed illumination.

**Voted to approve these recommendations and proceed with funding from the Wellington Crossing Special Permit mitigation as follows:**

- 1. Thermoplastic for two (2) pedestrian crosswalks on Trapelo Road (one at Falzone Memorial Park and one at Western Greenway).
- 2. Install three (3) ADA ramps (one at Falzone Memorial Park and two at Western Greenway).
- 3. Mast arm and base in black.
- 4. Pedestrian pushbutton pole opposite side of Trapelo Rd mast arm.
- 5. Rectangular Rapid Flashing Beacon (2) (RRFB).
- 6. Electronic School Zone Flashers with Speed Display (2).
- 7. Warning Pedestrian Crossing Signs.

**H. Trapelo Rd. near Abbott Rd.–Proposed Traffic Warning Signal (9/13) Voted off the Table**

The traffic counts, and the accident history, collected indicated that the warrants are not met for a traffic signal at this location. It was recommended that an Intersection Warning sign (W2-2) be installed facing westbound traffic. **Voted to deny the request for a traffic light and install a W2-2 Intersection Warning sign with a name plaque stating Clocktower Drive on Trapelo Road 200 feet east of the entrance/exit of Clocktower Drive.**

- I. Warren Street at Beaver Street – Proposed Traffic Signal Study (9/13)

**3. DEPARTMENT REPORTS:**

- A. Parking Meter Report . . collections for September down slightly
- B. Forest Street at Trapelo Road Update – Information Only
- C. Main St. at Newton St. and Main St. at Lyman./Heard Sts. Update– Information Only
- D. Lyman Street at Summer Street – Traffic Signal Study (5/12)(12/12)

- E. Modifications to Schedule 1 - Parking Restrictions in Rules and Regulations . .

There are many restrictions that have daytime 2 hour or no parking, that appear to have been enacted to regulate parking around certain establishments. These establishments no longer exist. Regulations concerning Raytheon (Seyon Street area from Gore/Seyon St. to Willow St., and from Main St. to River St.); the Bright School (Bright & Grove Street) and South Junior High (Moody and High Sts.) have numerous streets with restrictions that appear to have been connected to these closed establishments. **The Commission voted to approve the removal of these regulations in Schedule 1-Parking:**

**RAYTHEON:**

Aberdeen Ave.	Both	Entire Length	---
Allen Rd.	Both	Aberdeen Ave.	65' W
Colonial Ave.	Both	Gore St.	Rangley Rd.
Douglas Rd.	Both	Entire Length	---
Foundry Ave.	N	Willow St.	500' E.
Grosvenor Rd.	Both	Entire Length	---
Lawndale Ave.	Both	Entire Length	---
Richgrain Ave.	Both	Entire Length	---
Seyon St.	E	420' N. of River St.	505' N. of River St.
Winsom Ave.	Both	Entire Length	---

**SCHOOLS:**

Alder St.	S	Moody St.	49' E.
Alder St.	S	49' E. of Moody St.	Beech St.
Beech St.	W	High St.	Alder St.
Bright St.	W	Clark St.	125' N. of Grove St.
Bright St.	Both	100' N. of River St.	Dix St.
Cherry St.	S	50' E. of Crescent St.	70' E.
Cherry St.	S	275' E. of Crescent St.	Adams St.
Hagar St.	W	Entire Length	---
Hastings St.	Both	Bennett St.	Dix St.

**BUSINESS/CHURCH:**

Appleton St.	E	100' S. of Main St.	Central St.
Main St.	N	486' E. of Liberty St.	Liberty St.
Moody St.	W	Ash St.	Brown St.
Orange St.	N	Adams St.	Crescent St.
Stearns St.	E	High St.	232' N.

- F. Removal of Schedule 1A – Overnight Parking in the Rules and Regulations  
**Voted to remove Schedule 1A-Overnight Parking from the Rules and Regulations**
- G. Main St. at Barbara / Gore Streets – Missing Left Turn regulation in Rules and Regulations  
**Voted to approve and add to Schedule 14 – Turns Only As Designated:**
- Main Street: All vehicles travelling westbound on Main Street in the left lane approaching Gore Street MUST TURN LEFT**
- H. Main Street Eastbound at Spring Street – Left Turn restriction  
At the Board of Survey and Planning, and the City Council relative to One Moody Street Development, it was requested that there be a designated left turn lane on Main Street at Spring St. **Voted to approve this request and add to Schedule 14-Turns Only as Designated:**
- Main Street: All vehicles traveling eastbound on Main Street in the left lane approaching Spring Street MUST TURN LEFT.**
- I. Harvard Street from Felton Street to Dead End – Missing No Parking  
It was brought to Traffic Engineering attention to the regulation was missing. **Voted to approve and add to Schedule 1 – Parking:**
- Harvard St., west side, from Felton St. to Dead End, NO PARKING**

**AND ANY LATE FILED ITEM(S) THAT MAY COME BEFORE THE TRAFFIC COMMISSION.**

**4: Late Filed Items**

- A: Metropolitan Park Way (Opposite Forest St North to Town of Lexington) . . . closure for six (6) Months. Planning Director Ms.Cagle will have a report concerning this item**  
Ms. Cagle gave a brief report concerning this project. Under a DCR grant, Onyx Corporation is constructing a new parking lot at the site of the former Met State Hospital. Metropolitan Park Way is under the jurisdiction of DCR and will be closed on October 15, 2013 and all access through the new construction will be prohibited. **Information Only.**

**B: Employee Parking Placard . . Request from IT Services for a placard for Ms. Laura Capello**

At the request of Donald Aucoin, Director of Information Technology, **a vote of approval was given for a parking placard to be issued to Ms.Laura Capello**

**C: Restriction of Work During Certain Hours – Revise**

Traffic Engineering requested an amendment to allow for street painting during the early morning hours on Main Street and Moody Street. The present regulation has an exception, with a permit issued by the Director of C.P.W. for emergency work. The intent of this request is to allow for non-emergency work to be done. **Voted to table and consider language that will allow for this to be accomplished with an approval and/or a permit to issue.**

**Attendance: All members present. Traffic Engineer Mr. Michael Garvin, Asst. to Traffic Engineer Ms. Lisa Gerlach. Mayor McCarthy, Councilors Robert Waddick, Kathleen McMemimen, Robert Logan, George Darcy, Daniel Romard,; resident Mr. Richard Griffin, Mr.Moser, Ms.Bickoff, Attorney Robert Connors and representatives for the 275 Wyman Street Development.**

**Respectfully Submitted**

**Frank S. Lombardo, Clerk**

## Waltham Traffic Commission

**Date of the Meeting:**

**Please Print**

<b>Name of Speaker</b>	<b># Street, City</b>	<b>Affiliation i.e. Attorney - Abutter Interested party - Petitioner</b>	<b>For/Against Item No:</b>
<b>Mayor McCarthy</b>		<b>Mayor of Waltham</b>	<b>Jennings Rd Trapelo Rd</b>
<b>Kathy McMenimen</b>	<b>147 Trapelo Road</b>	<b>City Councilor</b>	<b>Trapelo Rd</b>
<b>George Darcy</b>	<b>93 Hobbs Road</b>	<b>City Councilor</b>	<b>Trapelo Rd</b>
<b>Robert Waddick</b>	<b>129 Church Street</b>	<b>City Councilor</b>	<b>Gardencrest</b>
<b>Daniel Romard</b>	<b>Dale Street</b>	<b>City Councilor</b>	<b>Jennings Rd</b>
<b>Robert G. Logan</b>	<b>109 Taylor St</b>	<b>City Councilor</b>	<b>Oak Street Sharon St.</b>
<b>Richard Griffin</b>	<b>53 Bartlett Way</b>	<b>Resident</b>	<b>Trapelo Rd</b>
<b>Andrew Moser</b>	<b>967 Main St</b>	<b>Petitioner</b>	<b>Main St / Palmer</b>
<b>Giles Ham</b>	<b>Vanasse &amp; Associates</b>	<b>Andover Ma`</b>	<b>275 Wyman St</b>
<b>Kevin Gammons</b>	<b>225 Wyman St</b>	<b>Petitioner</b>	<b>275 Wyman St</b>
<b>Thomas Dusel</b>	<b>225 Wyman St</b>	<b>Petitioner</b>	<b>275 Wyman St</b>
<b>Att. Robert Connors</b>	<b>6 Lexington Street</b>	<b>Attorney</b>	<b>275 Wyman St</b>