

**MINUTES OF THE TRAFFIC COMMISSION MEETING
HELD: APRIL 16, 2015 AT 10:00 A.M.
HENRY HOOVER COMMITTEE ROOM, CITY HALL**

The Chair accepted a motion to accept the minutes of the previous meeting. **Voted to accept the minutes**

1. PETITIONED ITEMS:

A. Lowell Street – No Parking near Pine Street

Councilor Logan is requesting No Parking within 100' of the intersection on Lowell Street. Traffic Engineer Mr. Garvin reported a site review showed that there is no parking 30 feet from the corner, and a fire hydrant located 26 feet from the corner, then a driveway. A restriction of No Parking 36 feet from the corner is needed. This would prevent a vehicle from parking in the area of the fire hydrant and keep the corner clear for turning traffic. Councilor Logan who was present, agreed his request would be satisfied. Voted to amend No Parking as follows:

Add to Schedule 1 the following:

Lowell St., west side from Pine St. to a point 36' south of Pine St. No Parking.

B. Riverfest

Ms. Sarah Hankins with the Downtown Waltham Partnership, Inc. is requesting approval for parking spaces and closing of two easterly lanes on Moody Street Bridge. The event will be June 20th from 11:00 AM – 6:00 PM. **Voted to approve the request for Saturday June 20, 2015 from 11:00 AM to 6:00 PM and close two northbound lanes of Moody Street from approximately #246 north over the Moody Street Bridge.** One of the southbound lanes would be made northbound. In addition, parking spaces from #210 thru #246 (east side of moody St.) will be reserved for event vendors.

C. 275 Wyman Street – Special Permit Requirement Sign Offs

Attorney Robert Connors is required to have Traffic Commission sign off on certain Special Permit mitigation items. At the request of the City Council the following specific items relative to the Special for 275 Wyman Street were voted upon:

1: The petitioner is authorized to make changes to signal timing – revise the signal timing at the following intersections to improve Levels of Service – (a.) Winter St. @ 2nd Ave; (b.) Wyman St. @ 3rd Ave, (c.) Wyman St. @ Rt.128, d Smith St. @ Trapelo Rd., (e.) Wyman St. @ Lincoln/Smith. **Voted as requested**

2: The above signal timings to be at the satisfaction of the City's Traffic Engineer, Mr. Garvin. **Voted as requested**

3: Petitioner to install new traffic signal at intersection of Wyman/Smith/Lincoln replacing existing signal. **Voted as requested**

4: The above signal installation to be at the satisfaction of the City's Traffic Engineer, Mr. Garvin. **Voted as requested**

5: Install bicycle sharrows and corresponding signage on Wyman St

Voted as requested

6: The petitioner is authorized to proceed with installation of the sharrows and corresponding sign

Voted as requested

7: The petition is **not authorized** to synchronize (coordinate) the traffic signals at Trapelo Rd/ Smith Street and @ Wyman St./Lincoln/Smith Sts. due to intersections being over a quarter of mile away. Coordination will not provide the desired effect and they should operate independently

Voted as requested

8: The petitioner is authorized to establish variable timing, based on time of day, at the traffic signals @ Trapelo Rd / Smith St and at Wyman/Smith/Lincoln Sts

Voted as requested

9: The required established variable timing to be at the direction and satisfaction of the City's Traffic Engineer, Mr. Garvin

Voted as requested

10: The petition is authorized to paint (in **THERMOPLASTIC**) "Do Not Block Intersection" pavement markings and corresponding signage, at the intersections of Smith/Loretta (both intersections); Smith/Snow Circle; Smith/Hersum Way; Smith/Wingate Rd. and Smith/Lincoln/Wyman St.

Voted as requested

11. The petitioner is authorized to install speed limit signs on Lincoln Street between Wyman St./Lincoln St./Smith Street and Casey Circle.

Voted as requested

12: **Voted to delete from Schedule 18** (Turns Only As Designated)

Lincoln Street all vehicles traveling westbound approaching Wyman St/Smith St
In the left lane MUST TURN LEFT

13. **Voted to add to Schedule 18** (Turns Only As Designated) the following

Lincoln Street: all vehicles traveling westbound approaching Wyman/Smith St. in the right lane MUST TURN RIGHT

Smith Street: all vehicles traveling in the southbound lane approaching Lincoln Street in the left lane MUST TURN LEFT

Each item, as requested was voted upon individually. All items were recommended by the Traffic Engineer to be approved or denied and were voted as indicated above.

D. 300 College Farm – Special Permit for Expansion

Conley Associates has submitted a traffic study for this project. Traffic Engineer, Mr. Garvin agreed with the conclusions submitted by Conley Associates. The addition of 3 units will not have an effect on traffic in this area. Voted to agree with the Traffic Impact Report and forwarded to the City Council for their deliberations on the issuance of a Special Permit.

E. National Brain Tumor Society “Boston Brain Tumor Ride”

They are seeking permission to hold this event on Sunday, May 17, 2015 at 8:00 AM. Lt. Cavallaro reported no streets will be blocked; 800 participants are anticipated and there will be police presence. **The Commission voted to recommend approval to the mayor for a Permit to issue.**

2. TABLED ITEMS:

- A. Highland St. “Spur” at Curtis St. – Removal of “No Right Turn” Restriction (9/12)(10/12)
- B. Ellison Park traffic issues (9/13)(10/13)
- C. Main Street at Warren Street – Proposed Pedestrian Signal (10/13)
- D. Lake St. at Princeton St. – Pedestrian Flashing Light (11/13)(9/14)
- E. Lowell Street at Washington Avenue – Traffic Study (6/14)(9/14)(10/14)
- F. Appleton Street – Reinstallation of No Parking Except. Sunday & Holiday (6/14)
- G. Villa Street between Summit and Cedarwood Aves. – Speeding Issues (9/14)(11/20)

H. Long Term Parking in City Lots (3/15) Voted off the table.

T.E. Mr. Garvin submitted a report on Long Term parking in City Lots. The report included costs for All time parking in 21 area communities. Mr. Magno expressed concerns relative to subsidized parking. Chief MacPherson had concerns for the Moody Street merchants who experience limited parking in the afternoon/evening diner hours. Mr. Kelly has thoughts of only \$2./day parking fee. Mr. Chiasson felt it may be a good idea the parking demands between Winter and Summer must be considered. With many questions to be answered it was voted to return the item to the table. **Voted to table.**

3. DEPARTMENT REPORTS:

- A. Parking Meter Report . .funds are down approximately 27K
- B. Main St. at Newton St. and Main St. at Lyman./Heard Sts. interconnect is being done and final inspection around April 17
- C. South Street at Highland Street – Daigle Construction awarded contract

- D. Spruce Street and Walnut Street Parking Lot Reconstruction – LoRusso Construction doing Walnut St lot now; Spruce St lot is open
- E. Pay Stations – VenTek to install machines in the next few weeks
- F. River Street at Farwell & Seyon Sts. - Signal Design. Approval to seek funding for design and coordination
- G. Central Square Parking Deck Parking Meter Surplus. . Voted to have removed meter declared as surplus in both Central Square Parking Deck and Spruce Street Parking Lot

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

Adjourned @ 10:54AM

Attendance: All members except Fire Chief Ciccone and Planning Director Ms. Cagle