

**MINUTES OF THE TRAFFIC COMMISSION MEETING  
HELD: MAY 21, 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.** It was voted to accept the minutes of the April meeting

**1. PETITIONED ITEMS:**

**A. Pleasant St. at Summer St. – Proposed Crosswalk**

Councillor Waddick is requesting a crosswalk on Pleasant Street at the intersection of Summer Street. Councilor Waddick appeared on behalf of this request. In September 2013 the Commission approved a crosswalk on the northeast corner of this intersection. Summer Street has recently been reconstructed and a crosswalk would be better located on Summer Street just east of Garden Circle. A second crosswalk crossing Pleasant Street is also appropriate. T.E. Mr. Garvin recommended these crosswalks. In addition, he recommended a Yield Sign for southbound traffic of Ellison Park onto Summer Street and a Left Lane Must Turn Left on Ellison Park approaching Main Street.

**Voted to accept this recommendation as follows:**

**a: move the crosswalk crossing Summer Street from the northeast corner of Summer St. @ Pleasant Street to a point just east of Garden Circle;**

**b: Add a crosswalk on Pleasant St. @ Summer Street**

**c: Add to Schedule 12 a Yield sign on the north island in Ellison Park, facing southbound traffic turning right onto Summer Street**

**d: Add to Schedule 18 Left Lane Must Turn Left on Ellison Park southbound approaching Main Street**

**B. # 77 Lunda St. to # 103 Lunda St. – No Parking Both Sides**

Councillor Romard is requesting along with numerous residents No Parking on both sides of Lunda Street. Councilor Romard appeared on behalf of this petition. He cited safety issues and illegal activity particularly in the evening hours. The Councilor asked for prohibited parking on both sides as a solution. Councilor Waddick had concerns that the problem was being re-located to other neighborhoods. Councilor Romard agreed but felt something had to be done. T.E. Mr. Garvin agreed that there is a sight distance problem due to parked vehicle around the curve. He recommended a one side restriction along the inside of the curve.

**Voted to accept the Traffic Engineer's recommendation for No Parking one side only as follows:**

**Add to Schedule #1**

**Lunda Street. East/south side, from #77 Lunda to #103 Lunda No Parking**

**C. 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Melanoma 5K Run/Walk for Hope**

J. Alain Ferry is requesting permission to hold this race on Saturday, September 19, 2015 at 10:00 AM. Lt. Cavallaro reported no streets to be closed, approximately 500 participants and there will be police presence.

**Voted to forward a recommendation to the Mayor, for a permit to issue.**

#### **D. # 99 Third Ave. – Revised Special Permit**

VHB presented the traffic study for this project.

Boston Properties was granted a Special Permit for construction at 99 Third Avenue for two restaurants and a 2,700 sf retail space. The proponent is seeking to amend the permit by replacing the retail space (2,700sf) with a coffee shop. The change in use is expected to generate more traffic than the original proposal, especially in the morning. The coffee shop is expected to serve the office park population and it is unlikely to add many new vehicle trips to the existing volumes that already exist.

**It was voted to accept VHB Traffic Study and forward it the City Council for their deliberations on amending the Special Permit**

## **2. TABLED ITEMS:**

**Item D (Lake St. ) and item G (Villa St) voted to remove from the table.**

- 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 Ave. – Pedestrian Flashing Light (11/13)(9/14)**

In November 2013 Councilor Fowler requested the Commission consider a “Flashing Signal” on Lake Street at Princeton St. The Traffic Engineer was asked to review the conditions and conduct pedestrian counts. On Saturday, July 26, 2014 from 1:00 PM to 4:00 PM a review was conducted. Children were driven to the park by parents and during the hour of 1:00 to 2:00PM, 427 vehicles passed and seven (7) pedestrians crossed the street. A second review was conducted on Saturday May 9, 2015 11: AM to 1:00 PM. There were a total of 541 vehicles passing by the playground and six (6) pedestrians crossed the street at the crosswalk. (Note: Trapelo Road at Graverson Playground, 1,134 vehicles & nine (9) pedestrians). Lake Street does not have the traffic volume nor pedestrian numbers to warrant an enhanced pedestrian crossing signal.

**Voted to deny the request.**

- 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)(11/14)**

Based on the data submitted to Massachusetts Department of Transportation (MassDOT), a Special Speed Regulation was recommended for the entire length of Villa Street. **The Commission voted to accept this recommendation and approved a Speed Limit of 25 MPH for Villa Street**

- H. Long Term Parking in City Lots (3/15)(4/15)

## **3. DEPARTMENT REPORTS:**

- A. Parking Meter Report - - collected funds are \$28,000. less than last year
- B. Main St. at Newton St. and Main St. at Lyman./Heard Sts. – Update **Work has been completed**
- C. South Street at Highland Street – Update – **request for funding has been made**

- D. Spruce Street and Walnut Street Parking Lot Reconstruction – Update – **under construction**
- E. Pay Stations – Update – **on order**
- F. Master Plan – Update – **begun data collection and review of studies**
- G. Bike Week May 9<sup>th</sup> – 17<sup>th</sup> – Update – Member Ms. Cagle submitted **a report** to the Commission on the City's commitment to Bicycle Transportation

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

**No Late Items Submitted**

**Adjourned @ 10:43 AM**

**Attendance: Mr. Chiasson & Mr. Kelly absent; all other members present.**

**Councilors Waddick (Summer St.), and Romard (Lunda St.). Mr. Robert Nagi (99 Third Ave)**

**Mr. Kevin Delaney (Villa St). Mr. Michael Fullerton (Lunda St.)**

**Respectfully Submitted:**

**Frank S. Lombardo  
Clerk**