

**MINUTES OF THE TRAFFIC COMMISSION MEETING
HELD: JANUARY 21, 2016 AT 10:00 A.M.
HENRY HOOVER COMMITTEE ROOM, CITY HALL**

Voted to accept the minutes of the previous meeting.

1. PETITIONED ITEMS:

A. Lowell St. and Adams St. Intersections – No Parking Here To Corner

Councillor Rourke is requesting inventory and review of all intersections on Lowell St. and Adams St. In addition, the Councilor asked for a study to review if the accident history has been improved (before/after) since implementing recent improvements. Traffic Engineer, Mr. Garvin agreed that a study is warranted. Chief Ciccone again expressed his concern with the possibility of “bump outs” that would make turning radius very difficult for fire apparatus. Member Mr. Kelly had concerns that some intersections may need increased distances of No Parking Here to Corner (increased footage) and Councilor Rourke agreed that should be reviewed. **Voted to direct the Traffic Engineer to conduct a study and report his findings at a future meeting.**

B. Beaver Street at Parsons Avenue – Proposed Pedestrian Crosswalk

Ms. Maria Rosat, 43 Clematis Ave. is requesting a pedestrian crosswalk across Beaver St. for her children and others to reach Fitzgerald Elementary School. Upon a discussion with the School Safety Officer, Ann Frassica, there is a group of children that walk to the Fitzgerald School via Parsons Ave. Traffic Engineer, Mr. Garvin reported that a street light and an ADA access ramp must be installed before a crosswalk can be painted. He also recommended that School Crossing Guard may be appropriate for this location. **Voted to have a crosswalk painted after the street light and ADA ramp have been installed.**

C. 14 McKenn Street #1F – Proposed Disabled Parking Space

Mr. Enrique Santana, # 14–1F McKenn St., is requesting a Disabled Parking space in front of his residence. Mr. Santana has met all the requirements for this request. Mr. Johnson Chair of the Disability Services recommended this parking space. Voted to install one Disabled Parking space as follows to Schedule 6 Handicap Parking in the Rules and Regulations.

McKenn St. South side, 1 space in front of #14

D. 830 Winter Street – Proposed Special Permit

Mr. Rob Nagi, VHB was present to discuss the Traffic Study for this project. Attorney Phillip McCourt, and Mr. Thomas Ragno all appeared on behalf of this proposal. The Special Permit is for a proposed 150,000 square foot, three story building on the site at 830 Winter Street. The traffic study included Winter Street, Totten Pond Road and Piety Corner (Totten Pond Road at Lexington Street) The proposal is expected to have 100 to 150 new trips during the peak AM and PM hours. Winter Street is presently near capacity. Traffic Engineer Mr. Garvin stated the traffic report is acceptable, but it is conservative. Heavy congestion exists and the sum of these projects will significantly impact traffic along the Winter Street corridor. There is a need for a comprehensive traffic study for the entire area.

Mitigation: The proponent will contribute approximately \$450,000. to the City's Transportation Infrastructure Fund. The use of bicycles and other sources of transportation will be encouraged to limit vehicular impacts on the roadway system and will support the City's initiatives to upgrade the transportation environment. The proponent will seek membership in the Rt.128 Business Council Members Chief Ciccone, Mr. Kelly and Mr. Magno all expressed concerns that short term solutions should be discussed but a long term plan must be considered to alleviate the congestion and

difficulties negotiating passage through this area. Mr. Nagi concurred and stated there is a spirit of cooperation but the costs would be high. The Traffic Engineer, Mr. Garvin, was asked to keep these comments in mind when speaking with the consultants on the City's Master Traffic plan.

The Commission voted to accept the Traffic Report and forward it to the City Council for its deliberations on the issuance of a Special Permit. In addition, the Traffic Commission asked Mr. Garvin, to include a narrative that will summarize the Commission's concerns with the traffic in the entire area that is expected in the near future when all the anticipated projects become activated.

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) All street paintings and crosswalks have been installed. When Main Street is repaved, the Do Not Block Intersection box at Pleasant St. will be applied in Thermoplastic. No further action at this time. Voted to Place on File**
- C. Main Street at Warren Street – Proposed Pedestrian Signal (10/13)
- D. Lowell Street at Washington Avenue – Traffic Study (6/14)(9/14)(10/14)
- E. Prentice/Plympton/Tomlin/Irving – Traffic Calming (6/15)(9/15)(11/15)(12/15)
- F. 475 Winter St. Service Rd. – Parking Improvements (9/15)
- G. Lake Street - Traffic Study (11/15)**
The most recent study (December 2015) showed the 85% speed to be 29 mph for westbound traffic. In June 2015 the speed was 33mph and August was 32mph. In 2015 there is a record of seven (7) accidents; however, none indicated that speed was a problem. The present speed limit is 30 mph, on this "Thickly Settled" street, unposted.
Voted to deny a Posted Speed Limit.
- H. Valet Parking in Downtown Area (11/15)
- I. Trapelo Road and Forest Street – Crosswalks and Bicycle Markings (11/15)

3. DEPARTMENT REPORTS:

- A. Parking Meter Report – Revenue collections are up around \$31,000 from this time last year.
- B. South Street at Highland Street – Update. Signal will be on flash for 30 days, then turned on for an additional 30 days before the final sign off.
- C. CIP – Update. Listed below is the list of our CIP request and what the Mayor approved.

Item	FY2017	FY2018	FY2019	FY2020	FY2021	
Construction Beaver @ Warren St				\$550,000		
Design City Wide Signal Coordination		\$100,000				\$100,000
Engineering Main St @ Barbara/Gore/Warren Sts		\$200,000				\$200,000
Construction Main St @ Barbara/Gore/Warren Sts.			\$500,000			\$500,000
Main Street Corridor re-design						
Engineering River @ Newton Sts		\$100,000				\$100,000
Construction River @ Newton Sts			\$500,000			\$500,000
Equipment Atlas Copco BBD 15set Rock Drill			\$ 2200			\$2,200
Equipment Geraco Linedriver w/HD attachment			\$6,000			\$6,000
Improvements ADA accessible ramps				\$100,000		\$100,000
Truck Ford F550 crew cab w/air compressor & Lift Gate			\$78,000			\$78,000
Vehicle Ford F150 pick-up	\$35,000					
Improvements Design/Eng/parking lot reconstruction & machines	\$200,000	\$400,000	\$400,000			\$1,000,000
Transportation master plan implementation	\$200,000	\$200,000	\$200,000	\$200,000	\$200,000	\$1,000,000
Design/Construct High St @ Hamblin/Joyce Rd					\$300,000	\$300,000
Equipment pay Station Upgrade 9 machines			\$100,000			\$100,000
City Wide Traffic Counts			\$40,000			\$40,000
	\$435,000	\$1,000,000	\$1,826,200	\$850,000	\$500,000	\$4,611,200

FY2017 - FY2021 Mayor Recommendations

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Transportation master plan implementation	\$200,000	\$200,000	\$200,000	\$200,000	\$200,000	\$1,000,000
	\$400,000	\$600,000	\$600,000	\$200,000	\$200,000	\$2,000,000

Adjourned @ 11:15 am

Attendance: All members. Councilor Rourke Ward 8; Mr. Rob Nagi VHB; Att. Phil McCourt, and Mr. Thomas Ragno King Street Properties.

Respectfully Submitted

Frank S. Lombardo
Clerk

off Committee Speakers

Waltham Traffic Commission

Date of the Meeting: January 21, 2016

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Speaker	Address # Street, City	Item of Interest	Affiliation i.e. Attorney Abutter Interested party – Traffic Engineer Petitioner
i (VHB)	101 Walnut Street Watertown, MA	830 Winter St 1D	Traffic Engineer
cCourt	15 Church Street Waltham, MA	830 Winter St 1D	Attorney
Ragno	Kings Street Properties 200 Cambridge Park Drive Cambridge, MA	830 Winter St 1D	Petitioner
Rourke	36 Riverview Ave Waltham, MA	Adams & Lowell Street Intersections	Ward Councilor