

**MINUTES OF THE TRAFFIC COMMISSION MEETING
HELD: DECEMBER 15, 2016 AT 10:00 A.M.**

Voted to accept the minutes of the November meeting.

A. Grove Street – Speed Study

Councillor Marchese is requesting a Speed Study be conducted on Grove Street from Willow Street to Watertown Line. He was unable to attend, but sent a letter of support. Mayor McCarthy stated that she supports the Ward Councillor for a Speed Study on Grove Street. Traffic Engineer, Mr. Garvin reported that a Speed Study will be needed for the entire length of Grove Street. He requested that Police Department place the electronic speed signs to gather the information. (1 between Newton & Bright; 1 between Bright & Willow; 1 between Willow and Seyon; both ways). The Mayor mentioned possible use of any mitigation funds from the condo development be used if necessary. **Voted to conduct a Speed Study and table this item.**

B. John, Moore, Oak, Flood and Friend Streets – Parking Issues

Councillor Logan has submitted a request after attending a neighborhood meeting for resident parking issues due to Veterans Taxi and The Ride employees. Mayor McCarthy spoke of the limited parking in the area, creating an undue hardship on the residents. Councillor Logan spoke of a neighborhood meeting where the consensus was for a “residential parking sticker program”. The parkers are noisy, littering the area and this is an area wide problem. Residents Tom and Eleanor Coxall spoke of the lack of cooperation, intimidation by the parkers, and with the winter snow coming difficulties with plowing operations. Traffic Engineer, Mr. Garvin recommended to table the item and approve a study of the surrounding communities prior to implementation of a “residential parking program”. Chief Ciccone motioned for a 6 month “pilot program”. **This motion received a tie vote** (Chief Ciccone, Mr. Kelly & Mr. Chiasson in favor; Chief MacPherson, Mr. Magno & Ms. Cagle opposed). Chief Ciccone requested some relief is needed immediately particularly with the winter snow fall. Mr. Kelly asked if temporary Resident Parking signs can go up. Chief MacPherson he would rather not do that since it will only displace parking to other neighborhoods. The Mayor stated she would still like temporary signage in the meantime for No Parking During Snow Emergency. The CPW Department agreed to post signage supplied by Traffic Engineering. The Traffic Engineer will review other communities that have residential parking sticker programs and make a recommendation at the next Traffic Commission meeting (January 2017). Chief MacPherson would like to speak again with the Taxi company owner causing the problem. **Voted to table this item. (Chief Ciccone & Mr. Kelly opposed to table)**

C. Elson Road at Prentice Street – Traffic Study

Councillor Waddick is supporting a request from Ms. Beth MacBlane, # 8 Elson Rd. to have something done for this intersection. The steep grade of the street is problematic along with sight restrictions. Mayor McCarthy is in support of this study, but she sees the concerns extending as well to the intersection at Prentice, Plympton and Irving. The Mayor would like both intersections considered for redesign with CIP money. **Voted to have the Traffic Engineer, Mr. Garvin, conduct a traffic study for possible improvements at both locations.** There is also continual commercial vehicle parking on Elson Road for long periods of time which Capt. Russo of the Police Dept. is working on resolving. **Voted to table**

D. 15 Malvern Street – Blind Driveway

Councillor Vizard is requesting a Blind Driveway for the residents in the area. Traffic Engineering recommended this be denied. The use of Blind Driveway Signs is intended to be used in an area where a curve or other geographic limitations reduce the drivers’ ability to see a driveway. The area of Malvern Street is a straight, flat residential street. **Voted to deny this request.**

E. Main Street at Gore Street – No Turn on Red

Mr. Mark Johnson, Chairperson for Disability Services Commission is requesting a No Turn on Red sign at this location. Traffic Engineer, Mr. Garvin agreed that this restriction should be implemented as soon as possible. **Voted to approve No Turn on Red**

Add to Schedule 20 No Turn on Red:

Gore Street at Main Street (right turn channel) facing Northeast bound traffic

F. 268 Brown Street – Proposed Disabled Parking Space

Ms. Rosemarie Mele is requesting a Disabled Parking space in front of her residence. All the requirements were met and the Disabilities Service Commission recommended this space be approved. **Voted to accept this recommendation and add a space at 268 Brown Street.**

Add to schedule 6 – Disabled Parking

Brown Street, north side, 1 space, in front of #268

G. Beaver St. between Lexington Street and Rotary – Proposed Crosswalk

Ms. Marisa Cacciatore, # 653 Beaver St., along with numerous residents in the area are requesting a pedestrian crosswalk in the area. Mayor McCarthy spoke in favor of this request along with Councillors Waddick and Romard. The existing sidewalk is from Lexington Street east to Chapel Hill Chaucy Hall School driveway. From the driveway east toward the Rotary there is no sidewalk on the north side. With the lack of a sidewalk or ADA ramp, Traffic Engineer Mr. Garvin recommended this be denied. **Voted to deny. Additionally, the Commission will support CPW in future installation of sidewalk that will connect Gentlemen's Way to the Chapel Hill Chaucy Hall School on the north side of Beaver Street.**

H. 124 – 132 West Street – Special Permit

Rob Nagi with VHB presented the traffic study for this proposed development. The Traffic Commission had previously approved a Traffic Impact Study relative to National Grid facility at 124-132 West Street. Part of the operations of this facility will be the storing and parking of up to six heavy vehicles (single-unit box trucks) which requires a Special Permit. These vehicles were considered as part of the Traffic Impact report previously submitted. **Voted to accept this impact report and forward it to the City Council for their deliberations on the issuance of a Special Permit.**

I. 1025-1075 Main Street – Special Permit

Attorney Michael Connors discussed why this request needs to be removed at this time. At the request of Attorney Connors this item was withdrawn. **Voted to place on file**

J. 746 South Street – Special Permit

Ms. Jennifer Conley with WSP/Parson Brinckerhoff, along with Paul Finger presented the traffic study for this proposed development. Proposed is a new office building with 25,800 square feet of office space to be located inside the existing Water Mill Complex. The AM peak hour trips are expected to be 40; and PM peak hour will be 39. Most of these trips (75%) will be oriented to and from the south (I-90 & I-95). Traffic Engineer Mr. Garvin reviewed the impact report and recommended that it be accepted and forwarded to the City Council for their deliberations on the issuance of a Special Permit. Mitigation will include approximately \$27,000 in pedestrian improvements. Commission member Ms. Cagle noted that the bicycle parking is not covered and would like reviewed again and to comply with our Bicycle Parking Standards. **Voted to accept the recommendation.**

2. TABLED ITEMS:

- A. Highland St. "Spur" at Curtis St. – Removal of "No Right Turn" Restriction (9/12)(10/12)(5/16)(6/16)
- B. Main Street at Warren Street – Proposed Pedestrian Signal (10/13)
- C. Valet Parking in Downtown Area (11/15)
- D. Forest Street – Crosswalks and Bicycle Markings (11/15)(5/16)
- E. Amend Art. 5, Sec. 18 GVW (3/16)
- F. Parking Near Driveways (4/16)
- G. Massasoit Street – Proposed Truck Restriction (9/16)
- H. Winter St. & Wyman St. area – Traffic Improvements (9/16)
- I. Whittemore Elementary School – Student Drop-off and Pick-up (9/16)

Voted to remove item 2J off the Table.

J. Lowell St. at Ash St. – Traffic Study for All-Way STOP (10/16)

Traffic Engineer Mr. Garvin reported that the required warrants for a four-way stop were not met at this location. The intersection does not qualify for a traffic signal, the accident history of 5 or more accidents' per year were not met, and a four way stop would not have prevented the reported violation (failure to stop at a stop sign). The minimum traffic volumes could not be met and the site distances are adequate but an increase might be in order. Mr. Garvin recommended

increasing the site distances on Lowell Street from the present 30 feet to 50 feet. The members were

reluctant to remove on street parking when the minimum standard for site distance has been met.

Voted to deny a four-way stop at this location.

3. DEPARTMENT REPORTS:

- A. Parking Meter Report – meter funds are up \$8K over last year's collections
- B. Transportation Master Plan – Update – many responses have been received since the Draft has been published. McMahan Associates did a great job gathering data. The final document will be presented to the City Council beginning of 2017.
- C. Main St. and Moody St. Sidewalk Project – Update – incomplete at this time. The sign inventory has not yet been received by the Mayor's office. Once the Mayor submits her sign inventory, Traffic Engineering can resume installing the missing signs.
- D. Speed Limit Resolution – Information Only – Chief MacPherson suggested standards should be developed and a policy established on what streets should have a reduced Speed Limit. Voted to have Traffic Engineering suggest a policy. **Tabled**
- E. CIP Request -- Traffic Engineering submitted a draft for the FY22 C.I.P. The request is for a total of \$899,000. (Transportation Master Plan \$400,000.; Parking Lot Reconstruction \$400,000.; Parking Ticket machines (7 @ \$10K each) \$70,000.; Linelazer \$22,000.; Line Driver \$ 7,000.) **Voted to submit these items on the FY22 CIP request.**
- F. Revisions to Rules and Regulations . Voted to accept the Traffic Engineer's recommendations and amend parking in Schedule 1 as follows:

Delete the following:

LOCATION	SIDE	FROM	TO	RESTRICTION
Eddy St.	E	100' N. of Weston St.	100' S. of Weston St.	2 Hr. Parking (9/90)
Parsons Ave.	S	175' W. of Beaver St.	Beaver St.	No Parking 7am-6pm, Exc. Sat, Sun & Holi (6/84)
Upton Rd.	Both	Trapelo Rd.	Brookfield Rd.	No Parking 7am-6pm
Warren St.	W	Bruce Rd.	110' N. of Main St.	2 Hr. Parking 7am-6pm, Exc. Sun & Holi (3/90)
Bennett St.	N	Willow St.	Bright St.	2 Hr. Parking 7am-6pm, Exc. Sun & Holi (5/69)
Bennett St.	S	Bright St.	Willow St.	2 Hr. Parking 7am-6pm, Exc. Sun & Holi (5/92)
Dix St.	S	Bright St.	50' W. of Hagar St.	2 Hr. Parking 7am-6pm, Exc. Sun & Holi
Dix St.	S	Hagar St.	Willow St.	2 Hr. Parking 7am-6pm, Exc. Sun & Holi (9/03)
Floyd St.	Both	Entire Length		2 Hr. Parking 7am-6pm, Exc. Sun & Holi (5/69)
Hardy St.	Both	Entire Length		2 Hr. Parking 7am-6pm, Exc. Sun & Holi (5/69)
Ripley St.	Both	50' N. of River St.	Clark St.	2 Hr. Parking 7am-6pm, Exc. Sun & Holi
School Ave.	W	380' N. of River St.	50' N. of River St.	2 Hr. Parking 7am-6pm, Exc. Sun & Holi (6/82)
Weston St.	N	110' W. of South St.	Elm Ave.	2 Hr. Parking 7am-6pm, Exc. Sun & Holi (5/96)
Williams St.	W	Charles St.	Felton St.	2 Hr. Parking 7am-6pm, Exc. Sun & Holi (5/69)
Castle St.	E	Entire Length		2 Hr. Parking 7am-6pm, Exc. Sun & Holi (5/69)
Castle St.	W	Dead End	Emery St.	2 Hr. Parking 7am-6pm, Exc. Sun & Holi
Church St.	W	Summer St.	360' N. of School St.	2 Hr. Parking 7am-6pm, Exc. Sun & Holi (9/03)
Exchange St.	W	School St.	44' S. of School St.	15 Min. Parking 9am-9pm, Exc. Sun & Holi (5/69)
Guinan St.	S	100' W. of Bacon St.	Bacon St.	2 Hr. Parking 7am-6pm, Exc. Sun & Holi (5/69)
Green St.	Both	Entire Length		2 Hr. Parking 7am-10pm, Exc. Sun & Holi (5/69)
Bedford St.	N	75' W. of South St.	Pearl St.	2 Hr. Parking 7am-6pm, Exc. Sun & Holi
Derby St.	S	100' E. of Moody St.	Dexter St.	2 Hr. Parking 7am-6pm, Exc. Sun & Holi
Newton St.	E	Fuller St.	Robbins St.	2 Hr. Parking 7am-6pm, Exc. Sun & Holi (1/92)
Newton St.	E	Robbins St.	60' N. of Robbins St.	15 Min. Parking (1/92)
Newton St.	E	60' N. of Robbins St.	50' S. of Myrtle St.	2 Hr. Parking 7am-6pm, Exc. Sun & Holi (1/92)
Newton St.	E	Myrtle St.	Alder St.	2 Hr. Parking 7am-6pm, Exc. Sun & Holi (1/91)

- G. Remove HP space at # 262 Brown Street - - This HP parking spot is no longer needed due to the passing of the approved user. **Voted to remove this on-street HP space.**

**Deleted: schedule 6 Disabled Parking Space
Brown Street, north side, 1 space in front of #262**

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

4: A Hope Avenue Jurisdictional Issues

Mr. Steven Zieff 80 Hope Ave #517 requested information concerning issues on the "Private Way". Most of the issues mentioned are not under the authority of the Traffic Commission; however, some should be directed to some members as the Department Head. Recommended to Mr. Zieff to initiate a petition for the Traffic Commission to review. Information only

Adjourned @ 11:46 am

Attendance: All members except Mr. Malone. Mayor McCarthy, Councillors Robert Waddick, and Robert Logan. Ms. Jennifer Conley; Mr. Paul Finger; Mr. & Mrs. Thomas Coxall; Mr. Robert Nagi; Attorney Michael Connors; Mr. Steven Zieff; Mr. John Allen.

Respectfully Submitted,

Frank S. Lombardo
Clerk

Waltham Traffic Commission

Date of the Meeting: December 15, 2016

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Name of Speaker	Address # Street, City	Item of Interest	Affiliation i.e. Attorney Abutter Interested party – Traffic Engineer Petitioner
Robert Waddick	129 Church St	1C - Elson Rd. 1G – Beaver Street	Ward Councillor
Jennifer Conley	WSP/Parsons Brinckerhoff	1J - 746 South Street	Petitioner Team
Paul Finger	14 spring St Waltham	1J - 746 South Street	Petitioner Team
Robert Logan	109 Taylor Street	1B - Resident Parking Stickers	Ward Councillor
Thomas Coxall	21 John Street	1B - Resident Parking Stickers	Petitioner
Eleanor Coxall	21 John Street	1B - Resident Parking Stickers	Petitioner
Jeannette A. McCarthy	Waltham City Hall	1A-Grove St – 1B Resident Parking Stickers – 1C-Elson Road – 1G-Beaver Street – 3F - Parking Amendments	Mayor of Waltham
Robert Nagi (VHB)	101 Walnut St Watertown, MA	1H - West Street & 1I – Main Street	Traffic Engineer
Michael Connors	6 Lexington St	1I - 1025 Main St	Attorney
Steven N Zieff	80 Hope Avenue #512	4A - Hope Avenue	Petitioner
John S Allen	7 University Park	1A – Grove St 1G Beave Street 1H – West St 2D Forest St 3B – Main @ Warren	Interested Party

