

**MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL TRAFFIC COMMISSION MEETING
HELD: JULY 30, 2019 AT 10:00 A.M.
HENRY HOOVER COMMITTEE ROOM, CITY HALL**

1. PETITIONED ITEMS:

A. Shoppers 5K Road Race – Change in Route

A new route needs approval due to Woerd Ave. bridge closure. A new route was submitted and approved by the Police Dept. **Voted to recommend a permit to issue with the amended route that avoids Woerd Avenue Bridge.**

B. Waltham 135th Anniversary Parade – Street Closures

Parade Chair Randy LeBlanc was present and is requesting permission to close streets along the route on Main St. and Moody St. Councillors LeBlanc, Harris and Logan all spoke in favor of this request. The event will start at 11:00 AM at the PetCo / CVS parking lot at Main and Linden Streets. The parade will travel west on Main Street then turning south onto Moody Street, and will terminate at Derby Street. A “rolling roadblock” of 15 -20 motorcycles, will be utilized along the route up to the intersection of Moody and High Streets. All the streets entering Main Street will be temporarily closed as the parade passes. All the side street entering Moody Street from Central Square to Maple/High will be temporarily closed as the parade passes. The side streets entering Moody Street from Maple/High south to Derby/Crescent Street will be closed from 12:00 PM to 4:00 PM. The entire route is approximately 1 ¾ miles long and it is expected to take from 60 to 90 minutes for the participants to complete the route. The parade will terminate and a “Block Party” is scheduled for lower Moody Street in this area. Venders will be restricted to one side of the street so emergency vehicles will have access. Mr. Garvin had questions concerning the railroad crossing on Moody Street and the ease of eastbound traffic on Main Street. The Police Department will have officers at these locations to assist traffic. Member Mr. Kelly had questions concerning side street parking. There is no intent at this time to amend parking regulations and all residents will be allowed access/egress to their homes. Fire Chief McInnis had concerns with the safety measures for children; there will be a shuttle bus service back to the start of the parade. All the churches along the route have been notified, rules have been established to have guardians of young children; and 5 assorted vehicles will be utilized to shuttle marchers back to the parade staging area. Member Ms. Cagle suggested a “bike parking valet” service. The Parade Committee agreed to review this idea and incorporate a bike valet service.

Voted to recommend a Permit to Issue for the parade and a “Block Party” permit for Moody Street.

C. Main St. - Marking Plan Changes

Traffic Engineering is requesting approval of minor changes to the current pavement marking plan.

Voted to approve the recommended pavement marking changes that will add three parking spaces on Main street south side across from Harris Street. Member Ms. Cagle asked for painted “sharrows” if possible, on the Moody St. to Linden St. section.

Schedule 1 Parking

Delete: Main St. south side, from 50’ west of Heard St. to Massasoit St. No Parking

Add: Main St. south side, from 50 west of Heard St. to Newton St. No Parking

Add: Main St. south side from 140’ east of Newton St., to Massasoit St. No Parking

D. 380 Lexington St. Fence Installation – Funding Request

Traffic Engineering is requesting approval to seek funding in the amount of \$11,480 for the installation of a fence. Patriot Fence Crafters submitted the low quote. **Voted to recommend an appropriation request to the Mayor.**

E. 380 Lexington St. Demo of House – Funding Request

Traffic Engineering is requesting approval to seek funding in the amount of \$ 84,500 to demolish the house. The low bidder was A & S Corporation for the demolition. **Voted to recommend an appropriation request to the Mayor.**

F. High St./Joyce Rd./Hamblin Rd. New Signalized Intersection – Funding Request

Traffic Engineering is requesting approval to seek funding in the amount of \$266,000 to construct this new signalized intersection, which includes a 5% contingency. The low bidder was Dagle Electrical Construction. **Voted to recommend an appropriation request to the Mayor.**

G. RRFB Locations – Funding Request

Traffic Engineering is requesting approval to seek funding in the amount of \$27,000 to install new RRFB at South St./Turner St. (\$10,000.), Waverley Oaks Rd./Wilson Rd (\$10,000.) and to replace the damaged RRFB on Bacon St. at Drake Playground/Leary Field (\$7,000.). Equipment and concrete base foundations is included. The Wires Department will install the equipment and the CPW will assist with the base foundations and ADA compliant ramp (South St./Turner St.). **Voted to recommend an appropriation request to the Mayor.**

Adjourned @ 10:55AM

Attendance: Absent Chief Macpherson, CPW Director Mr. Chiasson, and City Clerk Mr. Waddick. All other members present.

Respectfully Submitted:

Frank S. Lombardo,
Clerk

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