

MINUTES OF THE TRAFFIC COMMISSION MEETING
January 20, 2011 AT 10:00 A.M.

1. PETITIONED ITEMS:

A. 455 Totten Pond Road – Proposed Rezoning and Redevelopment

Attorney Dacey is seeking approval to have our traffic consultant review the proposed Traffic Study. A previous proposal had been presented to the Commission and accepted. (July 2008). This proposal is to change the present “zone” from Limited Commercial to Business B, which permits residential uses with a Special Permit. Mr. Matt Kealey, VHB, gave a short introduction stating the project has a similar “footprint” and the traffic impact is almost the same as the previous project. The proposed mitigation of \$40,000 - \$50,000 along with other measures will be the same. **Voted to have GPI review the proposed project and forward a recommendation to the Commission.**

B. 60 Hickory Drive – Proposed Wireless Antenna

T-Mobile is requesting approval for twelve (12) panel antennas on the rooftop.
Voted to accept the proposal as no impact on traffic.

2. TABLED ITEMS:

- A. Barbara Rd. / Chaffee Ave. – Proposed Pedestrian Crosswalk (11/09)
- B. Brookfield Rd. at Upton Rd. – Stop Sign (2/10)
- C. #306 Lexington St. – Driveway Opening (4/10)
- D. Lincoln St. at Sanderson Rd. /Curve St. – Traffic Improvements (6/10)
- E. Spruce St. Parking Lot – Stone Wall (6/10)
- F. Connors Pool # 148 Newton St. – Proposed revision to vehicle access to site (6/10)
- G. Main St. at Heard St. – Relocation of MBTA bus stop (6/10)
- H. Zone Change Request – Change in Policy (6/10)
- I. 200 Moody Street – Proposed Development (9/10)
- J. Traffic Commission Policies (9/10)
- K. Highland St. “Spur” between Hope Ave. & Curtis St. – Review traffic (10/10)
- L. Moody St. / Crescent St. / Pine St. – Delayed Green Signage (10/10)
- M. Lexington St. at Glenmeadow Condominiums – Proposed Traffic Signal (10/10)
- N. 110 Bear Hill Road – Proposed Development (11/10)

O. 36 River Street – Proposed Development (11/10)

Removed from Table. Att. McCourt is seeking a Special Permit for a proposed 200 unit residential project at this location. Connolly Associates, Mr. Brian Beisel, attended the meeting to answer concerns from GPI. In general the documents presented adequately describe the existing and future conditions related to the site and the study area. The minor issues were clarified. GPI requested a conceptual plan for the River Street, Farwell Street intersection, plans illustrating the wheelchair ramp construction, restriping of Farwell Street and full topographic survey plans need to be submitted to the City as soon as possible to facilitate the design of the traffic signal improvements that are critically needed prior to the opening of the development. The Wheel Chair Ramps (WCR) will be constructed to the latest ADA ramp construction details and will be located within the Right of Way (ROW). Coordination with the City will insure each WCR will conform to City standards. Farwell Street will not be resurfaced, but will be restriped. A revised pavement marking plan Crowe’s Plan TR-1 will be submitted. The mitigation offer of \$200,000. (\$184,000, for signals and \$16,000. for sidewalks) for traffic improvements was restated. **Voted to accept the Traffic Impact Study and forward the Commission’s findings to the City Council for their use in deliberations for a Special Permit**

- P. Trapelo Road at Pine Vale Road – Full Traffic Signal (11/10)
- Q. Ellison Park – Posted Speed Limit (12/10)
- R. Ellison Park near # 115 - Speed Hump (12/10)

3. DEPARTMENT REPORTS:

- A. Parking Meter Report – Annual revenues for 2010 were up approximately \$55,000.
- B. Waltham Indian Market - 315 Moody Street – Issues with parking and carts.
Lisa Gerlach spoke with the owner of the market on Jan. 4th about his customers parking illegally on Spruce Street and also not removing the grocery carts from the Crescent Street Parking Lot. Ms. Gerlach informed the owner that she would give him one month to correct the issues, if he still does not comply we will have the owner come before the Traffic Commission to rectify the problem.
- C. Handicap Ramp funding approved by Disability Services Commission for Prospect Street at Riverwalk and Trapelo Road at Pine Vale Road for new pedestrian crossing signal. The Disability Services Commission voted and approved our funding request. The request will now be forwarded to City Council for release of funds. Both of these project should be able to be completed by this Summer.
- D. Traffic Consultant Project Updates
 - 1: Totten Pond Road Pedestrian Signal - - GPI submitted the RDA to the Conservation Commission and a meeting January 20 is scheduled; final plans have been submitted
 - 2: Appleton/Main Street Signal - - signal is on intermittent flash due to a wiring issue; Voted to have GPI conduct a Warrant Analysis (Spring 2011) to determine if the signal should be removed
 - 3: Signal Coordination - - Program is continuing west on Main Street from Lexington;
 - 4: Trapelo Road/Pine Vale - - funding for new Wheel Chair Ramps have been approved and will be constructed in the Spring; at that time the signal equipment and development will be constructed.
 - 5: Highland Street Neighborhood Traffic Counts - - 5 ATR's will be located in the area as soon as the weather permits
 - 6: Ellison Park - - weather permitting ATR's will be located to obtain speed data and explore various traffic calming measures
 - 7: Banks Sq. (Weston/Main/South) - - GPI is developing sign recommendations
 - 8: Forest @ Trapelo – Reconstruction - - awaiting a determination from the Law Department concerning the "Release Deed" on widening Trapelo Road in this area (Met State Property); in addition the Purchasing Agent has determined that the project should be "re-bid" due to the extended time (9 years) that the present purchase order was given to Vanasse & Associates, Inc. (VAI).

Additional Items:

South Street @ Wheelock Road - Due to the narrowing of South Street there is a problem with the left turn signal entering the Stanly School. Vehicles are constantly "clipping" the signal calling for the left turn signal to activate when there are no cars waiting to make a left turn.

Voted to turn off the Exclusive Left Turn operation, except for school hours (7:00am to 9:00am) & (2:00pm to 4:00pm) for a 90 day trial period starting Feb 1.

Fire Lane – Whitney Ave. – Deputy Chief Cliff Richardson is requesting that Whitney Avenue be included in the Rules and Regulations.

**Vote to approve and add to Schedule 21 – Parking in Fire Lanes
Whitney Avenue – As marked**

Adjourned @ 11:04AM

Attendance: Mr. Tashjian and Chief Cardillo absent. All other members present including Mr. Diaz (GPI). Mr. Matt Kealey VHB & Att. Richard Dacey for 1A (455 Totten Pond Rd); Att. Phil McCourt, Mr. Henry St.Hilaire, Mr. Donald Richard, and Mr. Brian Beisel (Connolly Assoc) for item 2O (36 River Street)

Respectfully Submitted

Frank S. Lombardo, Clerk

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