

**MINUTES OF THE TRAFFIC COMMISSION MEETING**  
**September 22, 2011 AT 10:00 A.M.**

**1. PETITIONED ITEMS:**

**A. 500 Trapelo Road – Land Taking**

Councilor Curtin request review of taking this property for improving this intersection. The house in question has been listed as “For Sale” with a price set at \$359,000. The Councilor argued that this could be a “friendly” taking. He requested that our consultant be asked to review and make a recommendation concerning the impact of demolishing this property. **Voted to have GPI review the impact of taking this property. Item tabled**

**B. Warren Street – Truck Restriction**

Ms. Ramona D’Andragora, # 164 Warren Street along with others are requesting a truck restriction. Councilor Curtin spoke in favor of this petition. Heavy trucks are using the street at all hours of the day and night. Trucks should be redirected to Rt.60 (Linden Street) on a 24 hour basis. Mr. Charles Frost, son of a resident, stated that he has heard trucks as early as 4:30am and are using the street as a major “cut-through” (Note: This may be a “Noise Ordinance” violation). A speed study had been conducted in January 2004 and sent to MassDOT and the recommended Speed Limit of 35MPH was rejected by the Commission. A Truck Exclusion requires a study and an alternate route must be approved by MassDOT. **Voted to have GPI review and conduct a heavy truck study. The petitioners may request an evening meeting to discuss the results of this review. Item tabled**

**C. Smith Street at Trapelo Road – Change in Lane use**

Councilor Tarallo is requesting that the eastbound right lane of Trapelo Road at Smith Street be restricted to right turns only. Councilor Tarallo appeared on behalf of this request. He cited constant “back-ups” in a lane that previously had a “Right Lane Must Turn Right” restriction. Vehicles in the right lane only have a short distance to merge into the left lane just east of the intersection. Member Mr. Malone request GPI to review this request. **Voted to have GPI review and report to the Commission at a future meeting. Item tabled.**

**D. Friends of Saint Jude – Barnyard Bingo/Fair**

Ms. Shannon Kelleher on behalf of her committee is requesting the closing of Waverley Oaks Road from Beaver Street to Linden Street on October 1, between the hours of 11:00 AM and 5:00 PM. **Voted to approve this request .**

**E. Crescent Street Parking Lot – Dumpster**

Mr. Yousuf Reheem of Waltham Indian Market (315 Moody Street) is requesting permission to place an eight yard dumpster in the grass area of this parking lot. Placement of dumpsters in the alley way has presented problems for the Fire Department and this request is being made to address those concerns with access to the rear of the Moody Street stores. Dep. Fire Chief Richardson was asked if there were any Fire Regulations relative to the placement of a dumpster. In addition, Member Mr. Vokey expressed concerns relative to debris, odors and rodents. Member Mr. Malone expressed concern with possible leaking fluids. They both requested a further review. **Voted to table and request other City Departments for their input to address these concerns. Item tabled**

**F. 17 Ripley Street – Handicap Parking**

Mr. Michele Orsogna is requesting a Handicap space on the opposite side of his street. Overnight parking is approved on the street. Parking is needed to provide space for Ambulatory vehicles used to transport Ms.Orsogna. **Voted to add a HP space opposite #17 Ripley Street**

**G. Lake Street from Kings Way to Pizzi Farms – Curb Cuts and Crosswalk**

Ms. Joann D'Amico Stone is requesting curb cuts and a crosswalk for handicap access. Ms. D'Amico appeared on behalf of this request. She spoke of the difficulties she has crossing the street in the area with her electric scooter. There are no curb cuts or crosswalks in the area of Pizzi Farm. **Voted to request CDPW to install curb cuts on both sides of Lake Street and paint a crosswalk on Lake Street in the vicinity of the Farm Stand**

**H. Beaver Street between 784 and 796 – Left Turn Restriction**

Mr. John Dunton, 796 Beaver Street is requesting a Left Turn Prohibited from 4:00 – 6:30 PM. Mr. Dunton appeared before the Commission and spoke of the many accidents that occur in front of his home, with vehicles entering Beaver Street from Lexington Street, rear ending vehicles that have stopped for a left turn into Chapel Hill School. He suggests that vehicles go to the rotary, turn around and take a right turn into the driveway. **Voted to have GPI review the request and to notify Chapel Hill. Item tabled**

**I. Watch Factory Phase 3 – Change in original proposal**

Mr. Eric Ekman, with Berkeley Investments, Inc. along with BSC Group is requesting to inform the commission of these changes. Originally, Phase 3 was approved for 85,717 SF of office space. The current proposed program for Phase 3 of this project involves the construction of 67 units of apartments and 6,017 SF of office space. Compared to the previously approved program, the proposed Phase 3 development would generate 89 fewer total trips during the morning peak hour and 74 fewer trips during the afternoon peak hour. On a daily basis, it is expected that the new Phase 3 program will generate 422 fewer trips than the original building program proposed in 2007. G.P.I. informed the Commission that the updated memo addresses their concerns and agrees with the overall reduction in site generated traffic. Therefore the mitigation the proponent has previously committed to are sufficient to address the proposed changes to the Phase 3 development. **Voted to forward our recommendations to the City Council for deliberations.**

**J. Trapelo Road near Waverley Oaks Road – Speed and Curve Signs**

Ms. Cara Armour, 80 Trapelo Road is requesting the installation of these signs due to the amount of accidents and speeding in this area. Ms. Armour appeared on behalf of this request. She cited many accidents and speeding as the problem in this area. Replacement of a Speed Limit Sign has been helpful but there is still a problem with the downhill curve in the roadway. Councilor Curtin asked the Commission to consider recommending the sidewalk width in this area be reduced and a parking inlet lane be installed. **Voted to have GPI review advance warning signage and consider reducing the sidewalk width in the area. Item Tabled**

**K. Plympton Street at Hammond Street – Four Way Stop**

Ms. Karen O'Brien, # 50 Brightwood Rd. is requesting a Four Way Stop at this location. Ms. O'Brien attended the meeting. Her request states that vehicles do not stop at the present east/west Stop signs and a four-way stop should be installed. A traffic study is required to determine if the warrants can be met. **Voted to have GPI conduct a study to determine if 4-way Stops can be installed. Item Tabled**

**L. 1265 Main Street – Redevelopment of Polaroid Site**

Mr. Kevin Dandrade with TEC is requesting approval to meet with our traffic consultant regarding this project. Mr. Dandrade, Senior Project Manager for TEC attended the meeting. He stated that the redevelopment of the former Polaroid Site would be a "Phase Approach". The project is a "by right development" and TEC is currently advancing the design of off-site improvements along Route 117(Main Street) from 300'west of Jones Road to Sheridan Road.. The proposal includes resurfacing and minor widening, sidewalk reconstruction, restriping, signal coordination, and a new signal at the main site access driveway. **Voted to have GPI meet with TEC and report his findings at the next meeting of the Commission. Item tabled**

**M. 71 South Street – South Street Village Condominium**

Review requested by Board of Survey and Planning – Information Only (GPI reported that the proposal does not appear to create any significant impacts on the traffic operations along South Street. The current site configuration provides two (2) driveways. The proposed configuration reduces the number of curb cuts and provides a single multi-use driveway. The driveway would be located 25' further north of the Charles Street, increasing the distance between the nearest intersection. GPI recommended approval of the modifications.)

**N. City Employee Parking Placard – Various Departments**

Wires Dept. and the School Superintendent's Office are request placards. **Voted to approve these two placards**

**O. Block Party Permits Approved – Information Only**

These permits were issued over the summer for closing of the street. Florence Road, Whitney Avenue, Pine Hill Circle and Moody Street (Doo Wop concert).

**P. 609-709 Moody Street – Wireless Communication**

Verizon Wireless installing equipment on roof. Information Only.

**Q. Ticket Complaint**

Mr. Kenneth Spitzer, 29 Plain Road, Weston, MA voiced concern regarding our parking ticket fee. **The item was Placed on File without comment**

**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. Connors Pool # 148 Newton St. – Proposed revision to vehicle access to site (6/10)
- F. Zone Change Request – Change in Policy (6/10)
- G. Traffic Commission Policies (9/10)
- H. 110 Bear Hill Road – Proposed Development (11/10)
- I. **Traffic Commission Policy – Revised Petition Policy (11/10)**
- J. **Four-Way Stop Review (11/10) - Update**
- K. Review of Overnight Parking Enforcement Procedure – (2/11)
- L. Required Parking Spaces (2/11) – Review of Law Dept. Opinion Received
- M. **South Street at Highland Street – Proposed Traffic Signal (3/11) - Update**
- N. **Ellison Park & Summer Street Area – Traffic Calming (Sp. 3/11)**
- O. Albemarle Road – Pedestrian Safety (4/11)
- P. 468 Main Street – Proposed Development (5/11)
- Q. **110 Lexington Street – Wings Over Waltham Proposed Development (5/11)**
- R. 831 Main Street – Proposed Development (6/11)
- S. 850 & 920 Winter Street – Proposed Development (6/11)

**3. DEPARTMENT REPORTS:**

- A. Parking Meter Report .. noted that revenues are down
- B. Forest Street at Trapelo Road – Update . . .In July, after a meeting with the Purchasing Agent, City engineer, Tibbett's engineering, our designer (VAI) and our consultant (GPI) the decision was made to re-build the intersection entirely within the City's "right-of-way". The changes no longer request land taking on the north side of Trapelo Road which would require State

Legislation for approval. Such a change, requires a new "R.F.P." to be submitted for the City's review.

- C. Traffic Engineer - advertising position. Provisions are being made to move forward with this item
- D. Part-Time cleaning position for two parking garages. . . recommendations have been made and awaiting final approval
- E. Office name changed back to Traffic Engineering . .
- F. Lowell Street – Missing No Parking regulation. No parking on the west side of Lowell Street in the area of Gilmore Playground has been established and reviewing the regulations there was an error. **Voted to approve No Parking, Lowell Street, west side, from Chestnut Street to High Street.**
- G. Ice Rink Pedestrian Signal – Update . . Traffic Engineering reported that Boston Properties has not started installation of the Totten Pond Road Pedestrian Signal. Voted to have a letter sent to them requesting installation for this hockey season, as was promised.
- H. Graverson Playground Pedestrian Signal – Update . . . handicapped ramps and signal pedestals to be installed shortly.
- I. Winter Street Bridge – Update . . completion of the Bridge is expected to be October 2011
- J. Relocation of Sign and Paint Division - Traffic Engineering is requesting that the Sign and Paint Division be relocation back into Consolidated Public Works. Chief LaCroix asked to go into Executive Session to discuss this item which could have implications concerning collective bargaining matters. A roll call vote was taken and an Executive Session was voted @ 11:50 am.

**Upon reconvening @ 12:05 PM the item tabled by roll call vote.**

Attendance: Mr. Michael Chiasson, was introduced as the new C.P.W. Director. Fire Chief Cardillo announced his retirement in July. All other members present. Mr. James Noyes represented GPI. Councilors Curtin, Tarallo and LeBlanc. Ms. Armour (1J); Ms.D'Amico (1G); Mr. Reheem (1E); Mr.Dunton (1H); representatives Watch Factory (1I); representatives for Polaroid Property (1L).  
Adjourned @ 12:07 PM

Respectfully Submitted

Frank S. Lombardo  
Clerk

# Waltham Traffic Commission

**Date of the Meeting:** September 22, 2011

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