

**MINUTES OF THE TRAFFIC COMMISSION MEETING
FEBRUARY 16, 2012 AT 10:00 A.M.**

1. PETITIONED ITEMS:

A. Fairmont Avenue – No Parking

Councilor Giordano is requesting No Parking on both sides of Fairmont Ave. near Weston St. due to problems with school buses turning. The Councilor states that due to parking on both sides of the street school buses have a difficult time making the corner. A site visit showed moving the corner restriction will solve the problem. **Voted to approve this request and add the following to Schedule #1**

Fairmont Ave.: west side from Weston St. to a point 50' south No Parking

Fairmont Ave.: east side from Weston St. to a point 65' south No Parking

Schedule #1A Overnight Parking Approved

Delete Fairmont Ave. east side entire length

Add: Fairmont Ave. east side, from a point 65' south of Weston St. to Villa Street

B. Maple St. at Prospect St./Crescent St. – Revised Signal Timings

Signal Timings have been revised per Watch Factory's Special Permit. Our consultant GPI & Mr. Kelly Wires Inspector completed their final inspection (Jan.26, 2012) and recommended the revised signal timing be accepted and the Signal Permit to be amended. **Voted to accept their recommendation.**

C. Boston 3 – Day for the Cure Walk July 27-29, 2012

This walk benefits the Susan G. Komen Breast Cancer Walk. Councilor Curtin spoke in favor of this request and Sgt. Devenay WPD recommended approval. The walkers will enter Waltham on Friday July 27, from Newton and use Moody St - Main St. – Linden St. – Beaver St. – Forest St. They will rest at the Gann Academy on Forest St. They will leave at 6:30am on Saturday July 28 using Forest St and Trapelo Road to enter into Belmont. **Voted to approve this walk-a-thon**

D. 1006-1022 Main Street – Special Permit proposal for Chipotle Mexican Grill, Inc.

Kevin Dandrade from TEC, Inc. has submitted a letter on this proposed restaurant. Attorney Joseph Connors appeared on behalf of Chipotle Grill. The proposal is consistent with prior reviews relative to traffic impacts. The impact is still accurate and acceptable as stated in the trip generation analysis. The use does not require additional mitigation. **The Commission voted to accept this report and forward this information to the City Council for their deliberations relative to a Special Permit.**

E. Riverfest – June 15-17, 2012

Ms. Peggi Iebba is requesting permission to hold this event on Moody Street. The request is to close two lanes of the Moody Street Bridge from 10AM to 8PM on Saturday June 16. A regatta will take place from the Prospect Street Bridge to the Moody Street Bridge (a Sprint Race) from 8Am to 3PM. The boaters will stage at the Woerd Ave. boat loading area. The Police Department, Lt. Brooks Community Services Division, has recommended approval for this event and the adequate police protection is provided. **Voted to approve this request.**

F. 18th Annual Boston Brain Tumor Ride – Sunday, May 20, 2012

This ride will benefit the National Brain Tumor Society. The event consist of a 10mile, 25mile and 50mile bike ride will start and finish at 920 Winter Street. The Police Department has recommended this event be approved. **Voted to approve this request.**

2. TABLED ITEMS:

- A. Barbara Rd./ Chaffee Ave. – Proposed Pedestrian Crosswalk (11/09)
- B. #306 Lexington St. – Driveway Opening (4/10)
- C. Lincoln St. at Sanderson Rd./Curve St. – Traffic Improvements (6/10)
- D. Connors Pool # 148 Newton St. – Proposed revision to vehicle access to site (6/10)
- E. 110 Bear Hill Road – Proposed Development (11/10)
- F. Traffic Commission Policy – Revised Petition Policy (11/10) Law Dept. Opinion Received
- G. Four-Way Stop Review (11/10) – Law Dept. Opinion Received
- H. Review of Overnight Parking Enforcement Procedure – (2/11)
- I. Required Parking Spaces (2/11) – Review of Law Dept. Opinion Received
- J. South Street at Highland Street – Proposed Traffic Signal (3/11)
- K. Ellison Park & Summer Street Area – Traffic Calming (Sp. 3/11)
- L. Albemarle Road – Pedestrian Safety (4/11)
- M. 831 Main Street – Proposed Development (6/11)

N. Warren Street – Truck Restriction (9/11) Voted to remove from the Table

GPI, Mr. Diaz, gave a preliminary report relative to the turning radius for the intersection of Linden and Main Street. This turn may be to difficult for westbound trucks to turn right onto Linden Street. **Voted to return this item to the table.**

- O. Smith Street at Trapelo Road – Change in Lane Use (9/11)
- P. Relocation of Sign and Paint Division (9/11)
- Q. Plympton St. at Hammond St. – Four Way STOP (9/11) (12/11) Need response from Building Dept.
- R. Princeton Ave. – Speed Limit/Speed Hump (12/11)
- S. 275 Wyman Street – Proposed Development (1/12)
- T. Forest Street at Harrington Road – Proposed Pedestrian Crossing Signal (1/12) Write letter to Bentley University.
- U. **Shifter's 5K Road Race – Saturday, March 31, 2012 (1/12) – Voted to approve**
- V. **5th Annual Tailgate Trot – Saturday, June 16, 2012 (1/12) – Voted to approve**
- W. **JB 5K Blastoff for Brain Tumors Memory of Joseph Basile – Saturday, Sept. 8, 2012 (1/12) – Voted to approve**
- X. St. Jude School 5K Road Race – Saturday, June 2, 2012 (1/12)
- Y. Piggy's Run 5K Road Race – Saturday, Nov. 17, 2012 (1/12)

3. DEPARTMENT REPORTS:

- A. Parking Meter Report . . receipts for January are higher than last year due to the bad winter we had last year.
- B. Part-Time cleaning position for two parking garages - Update
New employee has been hired
- C. Full-Time MEO position – Update
The position has been posted, additionally a posting has been made for a PCO
- D. Traffic Engineer position - Update

The Commission is reviewing resumes and conducting interviews

- E. Traffic Consultant funding - Update
The request for a transfer of funding has been approved; Forest & Trapelo Road project to be funded separately
- F. Ice Rink Pedestrian Signal - Update
Mr. Kelly reports the signal has been completed and is operational
- G. Winter Street Bridge - Update
GPI is continuing to tweak the signals
- H. Forest Street at Trapelo Road – Update
Contracts have been approved and awarded; GPI to complete some work in April and possible contract bid ready by May/June
- I. Building Dept. letter to 37 Autumn Lane re: unauthorized signs – info. only
The owners have been notified to seek HP parking approved by the Commission
- J. Council approval of title change in ordinance for Assistant to Traffic Engineer – info. only
- K. 1265 Main Street Driveway Opening – Letter to Board of Survey & Planning – info. only

4: Added Items

Antenna Installations

- A: 391 Totten Pond Road
- B: 15 Church Street
- C: 144 Moody Street
- D: 39 Sachem

All the above requests were made by Sprint Spectrum L.P. and consist of rooftop installation and/or modification to a current wireless service facility. There is no impact to traffic. **Voted to forward this recommendation to the City Council for their deliberations.**

Adjourned @ 11:06 AM

Attendance: All members except Mr. Kelly; Off committee speakers list attached

Respectfully Submitted

**Off. Frank S. Lombardo (Ret.)
Clerk**

Waltham Traffic Commission

Date of the Meeting: Thursday February 16, 2012

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Name of Speaker	# Street, City	Affiliation i.e. Attorney - Abutter Interested party - Petitioner	For/Against Item No:
Cancer walk	Ward 4	Councilor Tom Curtin	1-C
Chipotle Mexican Grill	1006-1022 Main Street	Att. Joseph Connors	1-D
Peggi Lebba	Moody St Riverfest	Petitioner	1-E
Jennifer Rich	Cancer Walk		1 C