

**MINUTES OF THE TRAFFIC COMMISSION MEETING  
HELD: OCTOBER 17, 2012 AT 10:00 A.M.  
HENRY HOOVER COMMITTEE ROOM, CITY HALL**

**1. PETITIONED ITEMS:**

**A. Dix Street at Bright Street – STOP sign**

Councilor Marchese is requesting a STOP sign at this location. The Councilor stated that Dix Street is used as “cut-through” with large amount of traffic. T.E. Mr. Garvin reported that under the MUTCD code “if a restricted view exists that requires road users to stop in order to adequately observe conflicting traffic on the through street” than a Stop Sign is warranted. A site visit showed that Bright Street is the main thoroughway, and approaching vehicles on Dix Street have limited sight distance to the north and the south. A STOP sign is justified at this location. **Voted to approve this request and add the following to Schedule 3 – Stop Signs.**

**Dix Street at Bright Street facing westbound traffic.**

**B. Overnight Parking Policy & Procedures**

Councilor Logan is requesting a reconsideration of the vote of January 21, 2003. It was brought to the Councilor’s attention that a petition requesting All Night Parking (ANP) for Lowell Street was rejected because it did not meet the minimum criteria for consideration. He cited that Lowell Street is two-way, ANP does in fact slow vehicle speed; and with the “modern” day methods of snow emergency notification changes should be made so that at minimum, petitions should be heard on a case by case basis. Member Mr. Chiasson agreed that all petitions should be brought before the Commission and discussed. Chief Ciccone agreed that all petitions should be reviewed, even with his concerns for fire fighting capabilities. Councilor Logan requested that communication with the Ward Councillors be included before initiating a new policy, especially on the south side. **The Commission voted to have all petitions requesting All Night Parking be reviewed and voted upon by the Commission on a case-by-case basis. Additionally, it was voted to have the Traffic Engineer review the present policy and the overnight parking enforcement with the CPW, Fire and Police Departments. This part was tabled.**

**C. Totten Pond Road at Winter Street – Right Turn Lane**

Mr. Gerald Goolkasian, # 51 Albemarle Rd, Newtonville, MA is requesting a review of the westbound approach taking right towards I-95 NB. Presently, the three lane approaches are marked with the left must turn left and the center lane for straight and the right lane for straight and right turns. To make the right turn lane a restricted “Right Turn Only” lane would cause extensive queuing in the center lane. Due to the amount of traffic two lanes are needed for capacity reasons. **Voted to deny this request.**

**D. Carter Street – Handicap Ramps**

Mr. Gerald LeBlanc, # 9 Murray St., is requesting Handicap Ramps at the existing mid-block crosswalk on Carter Street. **Voted to approve this request and have Traffic Engineering seek funding from the Disability Services Commission for the installation of the ramps. Upon funding approval request the CPW hire the contractor and oversee the work. Some adjustment to location of the crosswalk may be necessary due to the location of a fire hydrant.**

**E. 118 Massasoit Street – Handicap Parking Space**

Ms. Peggi Sue Iebba, # 118 Massasoit St., is requesting a Handicap Parking Space in front of her residence. All the required forms have been submitted and a review was conducted by the

Disability Services Commission. Daytime and Overnight parking is allowed on her side of the street. Councilor Marchese spoke in favor of this request. **Voted to approve this request and add the following to Schedule 15- Handicap Parking.**

**Massasoit St, east side, in front of # 118.**

**F. 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual Moody Street 5K Road Race**

Ms. Colette Casey-Brenner, Co-Chair is requesting approval of this event to be held on Sunday, May 5, 2013. The Police Dept. Lt. Cavallaro, reported minor street blockage (passing runners) and coordination with CPW. There will be police presence. It is anticipated that there will be 1200 – 1500 runners. Participant parking will be located at the Embassy Parking lot. **Voted to recommend a permit be issued by the Mayor**

**G. Police Auxiliary**

Discussion of alternate plan is requested on this issue. Chief MacPherson gave a brief history and use of the Auxiliary Police. It has been suggested (Law Department) that the Auxiliary Force be placed under the authority of the Traffic Commission, which has enforcement powers granted by State statute. A sub-committee was formed, consisting of Commission Member Mr. Rosario Malone (Chairman), T.E. Mr. Garvin, Assistant to the T.E. Ms. Gerlach. and Lt. Robert Robillard (WPD). **Item was tabled.**

**2. TABLED ITEMS:**

A. Traffic Commission Policy – Revised Petition Policy (11/10)

**B. Four-Way Stop Review (11/10)**

Traffic Engineering reviewed 18 locations that have multi-way Stops. The decision to install multi-way stop control should be based on engineering study and the following criteria should be considered:

**Criteria A** Where traffic control signals are justified

**Criteria B.** Five or more reported crashes in a 12 month period may be corrected by installation of multi-stop control

**Criteria C.** 1. volumes on the major street are at least 300 vehicles / hour, for 8 hours and

C. 2. volumes of minor street (vehicles/pedestrians/bicycles) average at least 200 vehicles / hour, for same 8 hours

**Option:**

C: Locations where a road user, after stopping cannot see conflicting traffic and is not able to negotiate the intersection unless conflicting cross traffic is also required to stop and

D: where multi-way stop control would improve traffic operational characteristics of the intersection (Limited sight distance and accident reduction is possible)

(Note: limited sight distances 200 ft. @ 30 MPH; 250 ft. @ 35 MPH; and 305 ft. @ 40 MPH)

Location

Result

1: Gore St./Grove St./Seyon - Traffic volumes meet Criteria C1 & C2

2: Church St./Summer St	Traffic volumes meet Criteria C1 & C2
3: Bright St/Grove St	Limited sight distance and stop control is warranted
4: Fairfax Rd/Longfellow Road	<b>Tabled for further study</b>
5: Harvard St./Russell St	Limited sight distance, accident reduction; stop control is warranted
6: Bedford St./Boynton St.	Limited sight distance and stop control is warranted
7: Hardy St./Parkers Ln./School Ave.	Low accident rate; low traffic volumes; good sight distances Stop sign on School Ave approach is not warranted
8: Abbott Rd./Warwick Ave.	<b>Tabled for further study</b>
9: Church St./School St	Dramatic Accident reduction and Limited sight distance; Stop control is warranted
10: Bershire Rd./Brown St./Parmenter Road	High pedestrian volumes & limited sight distances; stop control is warranted
11: Cabot St/Winthrop	Limited sight distance and stop control is warranted
12: Beal Rd./Candace Ave.	Limited sight distance and stop control is warranted
13: Candace Ave/Mayall Rd	Limited sight distance and stop control is warranted
14: Riverview Ave./Rumford Ave/Woerd Ave	Limited sight distance and stop control is warranted
15: Beal Rd./Chaffee	Limited sight distance and stop control is warranted
16: Adams St./Brown St.	Limited sight distance and stop control is warranted
17: Curtis St./Sharon	Traffic volumes and accident history meet Criteria D; stop control is warranted
18: Hammond St./Plympton	Limited sight distance and stop control is warranted

**The Commission voted to remove the stop sign on School Ave (#7) from Schedule 3, and reaffirmed the vote for the remaining 15 locations. Two locations (#4 & #8) were tabled for additional study.**

**Delete:** Schedule 3 Stop Signs  
School Ave. (2) @ Hardy Street / Parkers Lane - facing northbound traffic

- C. Review of Overnight Parking Enforcement Procedure – (2/11)
- D. Smith Street at Trapelo Road – Change in Lane Use (9/11)
- E. High St. at Newton St. – Traffic Signal Changes (3/12)
- F. Yearly Merchant Sticker (3/12)
- G. Boston Children Hospital – Proposed Special Permit (5/12)
- H. Lyman Street at Summer Street – Traffic Signal Study (5/12)

**I. Highland St. “Spur” at Curtis St. – Removal of “No Right Turn” Restriction (9/12)**

Councilor Logan and several area residents appeared and spoke of the need to retain this restriction. The restriction is not a burden on the motorist and it is a means of increasing safety for the residents by reducing vehicle speed and accidents. Non compliance should not be a legitimate reason for removal. T.E. Mr. Garvin reported the corner radius at Curtis Street reduces vehicle speed, it does not address specific problems. Possible redesign of the street, may be a viable solution. Mr. Kelly spoke of the possible installation of the traffic signal at Highland & South Streets having an effect on this “spur”. Fire Chief Ciccone stated that he would like information about possible alternatives, before making a decision. Mr. Malone agreed that more research should be done. **Voted to table and have the T.E. recommend possible alternatives.**

### 3. DEPARTMENT REPORTS:

- A. Parking Meter Report . . revenues continue to increase
- B. Forest Street at Trapelo Road Update – Information Only . Awaiting a legal report
- C. Main Street at Lyman./Heard Sts. Signal Issues – New Signal Timing . . adjustments to be made shortly on a trial basis
- D. South Street at Highland Street – Proposed Traffic Signal (3/11) – No update
- E. Main St. at Newton St. – Right Turn Lane Design (9/12) - No update
- F. Thermoplastic Bid Update – Information Only. Will be bid out in Spring 2012
- G. CIP Request Update – Information Only. Submissions have been made to Mayor.
- H. Lexington Street School Zone – City Council Request . .A review of the record has showed that the Commission approved a School Zone on Lexington Street, vicinity of the Kennedy Middle School in 2008. T.E. will seek funding for installation and report its findings at a future meeting
- I. Review of all School Zones – City Council Request . . Traffic Engineering is reviewing all School Zones and will report at future meeting.
- J. Review of Traffic Impact Funds and Uses – City Council Requested. Description of use is based on meeting with CPW and Wires Dept. for possible uses.

Name	Council Order Date	Description of Use
Walgreens	8/6/97	Sidewalk on Gore Place (south side) Watertown Line to Gore Street
Russell @ Harvard	6/25/02	2 Video Detection Cameras for Bacon Street
Walnut St	6/25/02	repairs to sidewalk north side Moody St to Adams St
CVS/Staples	12/12/02	Future redesign cost for Lexington Street corridor
Main St.@ 426	2/28/05	design right turn lane on Newton St @ Main; video detection on Ellison Park @ Main/Linden
Jefferson	12/3/03	closing of 2 existing driveways along Veterans Memorial Field and Gann Academy
Subway	5/23/05	pedestrian improvements River Street @ Farwell Street / Seyon Street
Dunkin Donuts	6/11/07	Drainage in front of site on Lexington Street
3 <sup>rd</sup> Ave./Prospect		
Hill Road/Fourth Ave	5/9/00	close western most driveway to Prospect Hill park
255 Winter St.	6/21/06	longer mast arm @ Winter/Wyman/Third. West bound traffic
285-289 Crescent	5/29/07	area signal improvements
Hickory Dr.	5/12/08	combine two traffic controllers @ Winter/Second
945 Moody St	6/22/09	Moody/Maple/High loop detection; new mast arms & signal heads Moody/pine/Crescent

Watch Factory 5/26/09

Main St. Marketplace 11/14/11

Comprehensive Master Plan  
Winter St Corridor  
Winter St. Bridge  
Traffic Signal Smith/Trapelo Rd  
Winter St. Lighting  
CVS/Staples/Lexington/Lake  
Vets Rink Signal  
Graverson Park Signal

Traffic Engineering for installation of traffic signals at South/Highland  
Eddy Street sidewalks; Traffic engineering for possible redesign of Main/Weston/South  
Project has been idle. Can be restarted.

Other projects for Special Permit consideration  
School Zone Signals to be updated  
Felton @ Prospect St – redesign intersection  
Main St. @ Prospect St. westbound lane left arrow signal  
Elm Street northbound @ Carter St – left arrow cable & conduit  
Restriping Main Street South St./Weston St to Linden St  
Bike Lanes  
Lexington/Bacon/Totten Pond Rd. need for possible redesign  
River St. @ Newton St. – need redesign of intersection'

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

**4: Latinos En Accion – Walk**

Ms. Neida Ortiz is requesting permission to conduct a “walk” on Saturday November 3, 2012. The staging area would be the Common at 12:30 p.m. and the “walk” would proceed south to Moody Street, enter the River Walk and walk for 1 mile, turn around walking back to the Common. It is estimated that between 75 – 100 individuals would be involved. The “walk” is entirely on the sidewalk, no intersections would be blocked and there is no need for police assistance. **Voted to recommend approval.**

## Waltham Traffic Commission

**Date of the Meeting:**

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<b>Name of Speaker</b>	<b># Street, City</b>	<b>Affiliation i.e. Attorney - Abutter Interested party - Petitioner</b>	<b>For/Against Item No:</b>
Collette Casey-Brenner	89 Florence Rd	Petitioner	1 F
Peggy Iebba	118 Massasoit St	Petitioner	1 E
Gary Marchese	79 Bright St	Ward Councilor	1A & 1E
Robert G Logan	109 Taylor St	Ward Councilor	1B & 2I
Jason Kaczmarczyk	51 Highland St	Petitioner	2I
Paula Rotenberg	41 Curtis St	Petitioner	2I
Aaron Muliver	41 Curtis St	Petitioner	2I

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Public Meeting regarding:      **Written material submitted by:**  
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<b>Submitted by and for what meeting / hearing</b>	<b># Street, City</b>	<b>Affiliation ie Attorney Abutter Interested party</b>	<b>For or Against</b>
Aaron Muliver	41 Curtis St	Abutter	For Highland St Restriction
Paula Rotenberg	41 Curtis St	Abutter	For Highland St Restriction
Christopher Abrams Dawn Morrissey	48 Highland St	Abutter	For Highland St Restriction
14 Area Residents		Abutter	For Highland St Restriction