

**MINUTES OF THE TRAFFIC COMMISSION MEETING  
HELD: DECEMBER 19, 2013 AT 10:00 A.M.**

**1. PETITIONED ITEMS:**

**A. 1486 Main Street - European Auto Solutions – Traffic Impact Report**

Conley Associates will be presenting the Traffic Impact Report for this development. Mr. Paul Finger, Consultant appeared and spoke of this proposed development. European Auto Solutions is seeking to add sales of used cars to their business and a Special Permit is required. Conley Associates has estimated an additional one vehicle trip in each peak hour and this increase would have no perceptible impact on traffic operations along Main Street. Traffic Engineer, Mr. Garvin recommended to accept the trip generation memo, prepared by Conley Associates and forward it to the City Council for their deliberations on the Special Permit application. **Voted to accept this recommendation**

**B. 1077 Lexington Street – Subway – Traffic Impact Report**

TEC will be presenting the Traffic Impact Report for this development. Ms. Rebecca Brown, TEC Senior Traffic Engineer spoke of the proposed change-of-use of a former A.T.&T. store to a fast food restaurant within an existing retail plaza. The proposed Subway restaurant is projected to generate 22 new vehicle trips in the weekday evening peak hour, and 34 new vehicle trips in the Saturday mid-day peak hour. Dailey mid-day peak trips are estimated at 18. These increases will have minimal impact to operations at the intersection of Lexington Street and Trapelo Road. The existing driveways have sufficient capacity to handle the increased traffic. The removal of an on-site bush and a review of the present on site exit signs which may improve sight distances will be investigated. Commission member Catherine Cagle recommends that the developer add bicycle racks to the site. Councillor Darcy agreed with Ms. Cagle. Traffic Engineer Mr. Garvin recommended the Commission accept the Traffic Impact Report. **Voted to accept this recommendation and add the installation of bicycle racks if possible and forward to the City Council for their deliberations on the Special Permit application.**

**C. 99 Third Avenue – Relocation of STOP sign**

VHB will be presenting this request for their client. The Board of Planning and Survey has approved curb cut openings for 99 Third Avenue; a restaurant and retail building. A new driveway will be created at the intersection of Third/Fourth Avenue. There is an existing three-legged Stop sign control and it was requested to have a four legged Stop Sign control installed at this location. Such a change would make Third Avenue the major road and Fourth Avenue and the driveway the minor Stop approach. T.E. Mr. Garvin agreed with VHB's request and recommended the amendment. **Voted to approve the request and remove the Stop sign on the northbound Third Avenue approach at Fourth Avenue**

**D. South Street at Highland Street – Installation of New Traffic Signal**

City Council has issued a resolution to proceed with installation of this traffic signal. In November 2011our Traffic Consultant (GPI) recommended we investigate widening South Street at allow a dedicated left turn lane onto Highland Street. It was determined that it is not feasible (due to the takings that would be required). Coordination of the signals between this intersection and South/Bedford would operate at an acceptable level with present geometry. Contract documents are needed to the put the project out to bid. Funding can be found in the following accounts:

- 1: Watch Factory approximately \$25,048.59
- 2: Wheelock @ South \$13,244.55

3: High @ South: \$100,000.00

4: Longview Place: \$28,000.00

A total of \$166,207.14

Children's Hospital presented long range plans which would provide widening the southeast quadrant of Highland Street approach to South Street for an exclusive left and right turn lane. Voted to seek funding for the contract documents and installation of traffic signals at the intersection of South Street and Highland Street. The signal would be coordinated with the signal at South Street and Bedford Street.

## **2. TABLED ITEMS:**

### **A. High St. at Newton St. – Traffic Signal Changes (3/12)**

**Voted to remove from table.** The request for a short delay (leading green) was denied

B. Highland St. "Spur" at Curtis St. – Removal of "No Right Turn" Restriction (9/12) (10/12)  
Waiting for Law Dept. opinion

### **C. 60 Turner Street – Proposed Pedestrian Crosswalk (11/12)**

**Voted to remove from the table.** Voted to place on file. A crosswalk requires Handicapped access and at this time this can't be accomplished. **Voted to Place on File**

D. Ellison Park traffic issues (9/13) (10/13)

### **E. Lexington Street from Indian Ridge to Trapelo Road Signal Timing (9/13)**

**Voted to remove from the table.** T.E. Mr. Garvin was requested by the Ordinance and Rules Committee to review signal phasing and timings at three locations along Lexington Street (Trapelo Road, Stearns Hill Road and Ridge Lane/Lionel Ave). The optimal cycle length for the three signals is 80 seconds. The leading protected left turn lane for southbound at Lionel Avenue should be retained and no protected left turn for northbound (left into Ridge Lane). **Voted to implement these amended phasing and timings.**

F. Warren Street at Beaver Street – Proposed Traffic Signal Study (9/13)

G. Main Street at Warren Street – Proposed Pedestrian Signal (10/13)

### **H. Longfellow Rd. at Fairfax Rd. – Removal of 4-Way Stop (11/13)**

(Note: Mayor McCarthy requested item not be reviewed at this time)

I. Lake St. at Princeton St. – Pedestrian Flashing Light (11/13)

J. Moody Street Sidewalk Project (11/13)

K. Farmers Market Relocation to Central Square Parking Deck (11/13)

## **3. DEPARTMENT REPORTS:**

A. Parking Meter Report . . . revenues are slightly down from last year.

B. Forest Street at Trapelo Road Update – Information Only

Verizon on site (today) to remove wires. NSTAR will move pole when Verizon has finished

C. Main St. at Newton St. and Main St. at Lyman/Heard Sts. Update– Information Only  
Plans are under review

D. Lyman Street at Summer Street – Traffic Signal Study (5/12) (12/12)  
Item ready for bid

E. Update of the Rules and Regulations

**Voted to accept the amended Rules & Regulations updating through December 2013.**  
The fine schedule needs to be reviewed

**F. Main Street and Moody Street Parking Regulations**

On Main Street, generally, where parking is permitted it will be limited to four (4) hours in front of a business and all day on the side streets in front of houses. The current 2-hour restriction will be removed.

Exceptions are

- 1: Church Street, east side, from Main St. north one space - 15 minute parking
- 2: Grant Street, east side, from Main St. south, five spaces, 30 minute parking
- 3: Wellington Street, east side, from Main St, north one space – 15 minute parking

On Moody Street, generally, where parking is permitted it will be limited to one (1) hour in front of a business and all day on the side streets in front of houses. The current 2-hour restriction will be removed.

Exceptions are:

- 1: Pine Street, south side, from Moody Street east four (4) spaces – 15 minute parking
- 2: Spruce Street, north side, from Moody Street, west nine (9) spaces – 30 minute parking

**Voted to accept this recommendation and implementation to occur when the new sidewalks have been installed and parking meters have removed.**

G. Parking Meter Surplus Declaration. With the installation of Parkeon Pay-by-Space machines there is a total of 186 parking meters (electronic mechanism & housing) that are no longer needed. **Voted to declare these items as surplus and forward a recommendation to Purchasing Agent for public auction and disposition.**

H. Turning Restrictions Missing in Regulations – As part of the revised Rules & Regulations a number of Turn Restrictions were found to be missing from Schedule 18 and two Traffic Signals were not listed in Schedule 10. **Voted to accept this correction**

I. Metropolitan Way – Update Member Ms. Cagle reported that Metropolitan Way will be closed for the Winter, 2013-2014. It is anticipated re-opening will on or about March 17, 2014.

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

**4. LATE FILED**

**A: 118-120 Willow Street Redevelopment**

Attorney Ms. Karina Krikorian appeared on behalf of the developer, Parnagian & Marinelli, to discuss a proposed change-in-use to the first floor of 118-120 Willow Street. The existing

building is a two-story structure that houses a 1,000 square foot Willow Market on the first floor and the second floor contains an existing apartment unit. Nitsch Engineering conducted a Traffic Impact Analysis, and it was concluded, comparing the existing market use, a high generator of vehicle trips with a proposed apartment or condominium/townhouse would result in a reduction of daily trips during the peak traffic hours. Mr. Michael Garvin, Waltham's Traffic Engineer, agreed with the conclusion that the proposed use would not have an impact on traffic. **Voted to forward this recommendation to the City Council for their deliberations on a permit to be issued.**

**B: Spruce Street Municipal Parking Lot – Stone Wall**

Ownership of the stone wall still needs to be determined and appropriations must be sought. **Voted to have Traffic Engineering proceed.**

Adjourned@ 11:00 AM

Attendance: All members except Fire Chief Ciccone. Mr. Paul Finger(1A); Mr. Robert Nagi (IC), Att. Karina Krikorian (4A), Ms. Rebecca Brown (1B), and Councilor George Darcy

Respectfully Submitted

Frank S. Lombardo  
Clerk

## Waltham Traffic Commission

Date of the Meeting: December 19, 2013

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Name of Speaker	# Street, City	Affiliation i.e. Attorney - Abutter Interested party - Petitioner	For/Against Item No:
Mr. Paul Finger	14 Spring Street	Consultant	1A
Mr. Robert Nagi	VHB 101 Walnut Street Watertown, MA	Consultant	1B
Ms. Karina Krikorian	Boston,MA	Attorney	4A
Ms. Rebecca Brown	TEC 65 Glen Street Lawrence, MA	Consultant	1B
Co. George Darcy	33 Hobbs Road	Councillor	1B