

**MINUTES OF THE TRAFFIC COMMISSION MEETING
HELD: FEBRUARY 20, 2014 AT 10:00 A.M.
HENRY HOOVER COMMITTEE ROOM, CITY HALL**

The Chair accepted a motion to accept the minutes of the previous meeting. Voted to accept January's minutes.

1. PETITIONED ITEMS:

A. Main Street Market Place-Highland Hustle 5K

Timothy and Kathy Irving are requesting permission for this race to be held on Thursday, May 22, 2014 at 7:00 PM. . . . **Voted to accept the Police Department recommendation and forward to the Mayor's Office for a permit to issue.**

B. Boston Brain Tumor Ride

Jaimee Goodman is requesting permission for this ride to be held on Sunday, May 18, 2014 at 8:00 AM. . **Voted to accept the Police Department recommendation and forward to the Mayor's Office for a permit to issue.**

C. Newton Street at River Street – Signal Modifications

Councilor Marchese is requesting that a study be done to determine if the traffic signals need modifications. Residents from the area are seeking relieve from the apparent "cut-through" traffic, particularity during rush hours. Mr. Garvin recommended a study to be done with traffic counts recommendations for this location. Adjustments to the traffic signal timing may possibly improve operations. **Voted to direct Traffic Engineering to study signal operations at Newton/River Street.**

D. Stow Street – Heavy Truck Exclusion

Councilor Giordano, is requesting a 24 Hr. Heavy Truck Restriction on Stow Street the entire length.

Chairman, Chief McPherson recused himself on this item due to a possible conflict. Co-Chairman Mr. Magno chaired for this item. Residents of Stow Street have made complaints of large dump trucks coming from the Polaroid site going through their neighborhood. The street is classified as an Urban Collector roadway. Stow Street has an evening truck restriction, 7pm to 7am. All truck restrictions must be approved with a permit issued by MassDOT. One of the requirements for the restriction is an alternate route must be selected from Route 20, Weston Street, to Rt.117, Main Street. The only viable route would be Banks Square (Weston & Main Street) which is over ½ mile to the east. This requirement prevents a permit to be issued. City Clerk, Mr. Malone was requested to review the "Special Permit" issued to Polaroid Site to determine what if any prohibitions were included on the use of Stow Street during the construction phase. **Voted to deny a 24 hour truck restriction on Stow Street.**

2. TABLED ITEMS:

- A. Highland St. "Spur" at Curtis St. – Removal of "No Right Turn" Restriction (9/12)(10/12)
Waiting for Law Dept. opinion
- B. Ellison Park traffic issues (9/13)(10/13)
- C. Warren Street at Beaver Street – Proposed Traffic Signal Study (9/13)
- D. Main Street at Warren Street – Proposed Pedestrian Signal (10/13)
- E. Longfellow Rd. at Fairfax Rd. – Removal of 4-Way Stop (11/13)
- F. Lake St. at Princeton St. – Pedestrian Flashing Light (11/13)

G. Moody Street Sidewalk Project (11/13) Voted to Remove from the Table

T.E. Mr. Garvin recommended the possibility of “Bump-Outs” on Moody Street not be implemented due to drainage issues, truck turning radius and Fire apparatus. Voted to support this position and place the item on file.

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

3. DEPARTMENT REPORTS:

- A. Parking Meter Report – collections are down; the Credit Card feature at the Parkeon Pay-By-Space was activated on January 23, 2014
- B. Forest Street at Trapelo Road Update – Information Only – Signal was activated on Sunday Feb. 16. 30 day trial period has started and a “punch-list” if needed will be reviewed;
- C. Main St. at Newton St. and Main St. at Lyman./Heard Sts. Update– Information Only – Final design plans have been submitted and the anticipated cost is \$300,000. Monies from the Infrastructure account are about \$106,000. \$194,000. may need a request for appropriations.
- D. Lyman Street at Summer Street – Traffic Signal Study (5/12)(12/12)
A quote for a new mast arm has been received in the amount of \$10,000. A source for revenues is being reviewed
- E. South Street at Highland Street – Request funding for new traffic signal – additional quotes are being sought
- F. Thermoplastic Bid – an award has been made to TMI; selection of streets will be completed with the coordination of CPW, Engineering and Planning Department.
- G. Parking Meter Rates – No discussion at this time

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

**Attendance: Absent Fire Chief Ciccone, (Dept. business); Mr. Tim Kelly (Dept. business)
All others present. No Off Commission speakers.**

Adjourned@: 10:17 AM