

**MINUTES OF THE TRAFFIC COMMISSION MEETING  
HELD: NOVEMBER 15, 2012 AT 10:00 A.M.  
HENRY HOOVER COMMITTEE ROOM, CITY HALL**

**1. PETITIONED ITEMS:**

**A. Lowell Street – Overnight Parking**

Councilor Logan is requesting Overnight Parking on Lowell Street from Pine St. to Chestnut St. He cites that parking is allowed during the daylight hours and the center line off-set has enhanced the situation. The width in this area is 25 feet and parking is restricted on the east side. In addition, the petition has the minimum number of signatures. Traffic Engineering recommended approval in this area. **Voted to approve Overnight Parking and amend Schedule 1A as follows:**

**Lowell Street, west side, from Pine Street to Chestnut Street**

**B. Sartell Road – Overnight Parking**

Ms. Nancy Dercole, # 44 Sartell Rd. along with numerous neighbors (65%) are requesting Overnight Parking on Sartell Road from Woodland Rd. to Hawthorne Rd. Sartell Road is 26 feet wide and daytime parking is allowed on the west side of the street. Traffic Engineering recommended approval since there have been no complaints regarding restricted passage on this street due to snow. **Voted to approve Overnight Parking and amend Schedule 1A as follows:**

**Sartell Road, west side, from Hawthorne Road to woodland Road.**

**C. 60 Turner Street – Proposed Pedestrian Crosswalk**

Mr. Ed Callahan, Dir. Of Public Safety at Brandeis University is requesting a pedestrian crosswalk and review of existing traffic/speed regulation signs on the street. Brandeis University has an Adult Learning Program located at this location and the parking lot is across the street. A site visit showed there are no ADA handicap ramps on either side of the existing crosswalk. On the north side (parking lot) there are steps going from Turner Street into the parking lot. There is not enough space in the existing step area to construct an ADA handicap ramp. On the south side, there is a driveway and ADA requirements do not permit use of driveway openings for handicap ramps. These concerns were expressed to Mr. Callahan and he will address these issues with the property owner. **Voted to table**

**D. Plympton St. at Irving/Prentice – All Way STOP**

Mr. Robert Casey, # 66 Irving St. is requesting All-Way STOP at this intersection. The intersection will require a thorough review in accident history, sight lines and traffic volumes. Speed control is not a justification to implement all-way Stop control. Traffic Engineering requested more time to review this item. **Voted to table.**

**2. TABLED ITEMS:**

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

B. Four-Way Stop Review at two locations (10/12)

C. Review of Overnight Parking Enforcement & Policy – (2/11)(10/12)  
**(Chief MacPherson will request a discussion on this item at the December meeting)**

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. Children's Hospital Boston – Proposed Special Permit (5/12)**

Children's Hospital is seeking a pre-development review of a proposal to expand the hospital. The Traffic Commission, along with several other Departments, Commissions, and Boards shall review these documents and provide comments "as to whether the proposed design is in accordance with professional accepted engineering and site design practices".

Vanasse Hangen Brustlin, Inc. (VHB) Mr. Sean Manning prepared a Traffic Impact and Access Study (TIAS) for review. The proposal involves the construction of approximately 110,000 net new s.f. of floor space that would be developed with an integrated above grade parking garage with approximately 950 parking spaces. The new building/garage will connect to the existing hospital building and will front on Highland Avenue. In addition to the new building/garage the existing main entrance will be renovated and expanded, providing direct drop-off/pick-up access from Hope Avenue and a pedestrian bridge connecting the existing hospital building to the existing parking garage.

The proposed project is expected to generate approximately 96 new vehicle trips (57 entering/39 exiting) during the weekday morning peak hour, and 86 new vehicle trips (36 entering/50 exiting) during the weekday evening peak hour. VHB concluded that the existing transportation infrastructure within the study area is sufficient to handle the future area growth.

T.E. Mr. Garvin stated that the hospital's commitment to grant the City an easement of approximately 550 square feet to allow construction of a left turn lane on South Street at Highland Street will improve traffic capacity considerably. He found the report to be in accordance with standard Traffic Engineering procedures and recommended that it be accepted.

**Voted to accept the TIAS submitted by VHB and the letter committing the easement of land to the City. This recommendation to be forwarded to the City Council for their deliberations.**

- H. Highland St. "Spur" at Curtis St. – Removal of "No Right Turn" Restriction (9/12)(10/12)
- I. Police Auxiliary (10/12)

### **3. DEPARTMENT REPORTS:**

- A. Parking Meter Report** . . revenues continue to expand over last year
- B. Forest Street at Trapelo Road Update** – submitted for advertisement, anticipate a bid in December
- C. Main Street at Lyman./Heard Sts. Signal Issues** . . tweaking continues, and Newton Street is being monitored
- D. Lyman Street at Summer Street – Traffic Signal Study (5/12)** no update information at this time
- E. Main St. at Newton St. – Right Turn Lane Design (9/12)** no update information at this time
- F. CIP FY 2018 Request . proposed**
  - Main Street Corridor Re-design
  - Truck for Sign & Paint Crew
  - Computers (5) (4 Traffic Engineering; 1 Parking Meters)

Main @ Barbara/Gore/Warren Re-design  
River St. @ Newton Street Re-design  
City wide Signal Coordination

- G. CIP Request for new vehicle for Traffic Engineering in FY2014 . Request (\$30,000.) approved**
- H. CIP Request for remainder of Pay-By-Space Pay Stations in Parking Lots. Request (\$240,000.) approved**
- I. Lexington Street School Zone - T.E. Mr. Garvin recommended the installation of fixed School Advance Crossing, School Speed Limit, and End School Zone signs (**without flashers**) on Lexington Street for both north and southbound traffic. (This amends a previous vote in November 2008 for a School Zone to be installed at this location)**
- J. MPO Study at Lexington St. / Beaver St. - Information Only**  
Mr. Mark Abbott P.E. Central Transportation Planning Staff has notified T.E. Mr. Garvin that CTPS will conduct a study of Lexington Street and Beaver Street, with funding from the Boston Region Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO). From an initial list of 20 intersections in the region (based on crash data) this intersection has been chosen for planning/conceptual study leading towards design and implementation. The criteria considered level of congestion, number of pedestrian/bicycle crashes, transit significance, regional significance, and the potential for implementation by MassDOT or the City.

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

- 4: Added Item: Amend October Minutes**  
At the request of Clerk Lombardo, Member Mr. Malone motioned to amend the minutes of item 1G Police Auxiliary from the October Meeting.  
  
A clarification - Mayor McCarthy requested the opinion from the Law Department concerning the possibility of using the Auxiliary Police Force under the authority of the Traffic Commission. The minutes did not reflect that the Mayor had requested that opinion. **Voted to amend October's minutes to reflect this clarification.**
- 5: December's Meeting**  
Chief MacPherson requested to have the December meeting on Wednesday, December 19 (instead of Thursday, December 20) so as to allow Chief Ciccone to attend the meeting.  
**Voted to change the schedule for the next meeting to Wednesday, December 19, 2012 @ 10:00 AM.**

**Adjourned @ 10:46 AM**

**Attendance: All members except Chief Ciccone (Training Session); Mr. Sean Manning VHB for Children's Hospital, item 1G)**

Off Committee Speakers

## Waltham Traffic Commission

Date of the Meeting: Thursday November 15, 2012

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Name of Speaker	# Street, City	Affiliation i.e. Attorney - Abutter Interested party - Petitioner	For/Against Item No:
Mr. Sean Manning	Vanasse, Hangen, Brustlin 99 High Street, 10 <sup>th</sup> Floor Boston, MA 02110	TIAS Children's Hospital	For 1G