

**MINUTES OF THE TRAFFIC COMMISSION MEETING
HELD: APRIL 13, 2017 AT 10:00 A.M.**

Voted to accept the minutes of the March meeting.

1. PETITIONED ITEMS:

A. 1025-1075 Main Street – Special Permit

Attorney Mike Connors presented the traffic study for this project. The proposed project involves the addition of a central enclosed lobby to the building, the elimination of the existing loading area in front of the building, associated redesign of existing loading areas and an addition of a new loading area at the rear of the building in the northeastern corner of the site. The net result of the proposed work will have virtually no impacts to traffic operations. **Voted to accept the VHB traffic study for 1025-1075 Main Street dated Nov. 30, 2016, with the revision to the memorandum dated February 23, 2017, and forward it to the City Council for their deliberations for a Special Permit.**

B. Veteran's Dedication – Street Closing

Director of Veterans Services Mike Russo is requesting partial closing of Elm Street and full closing of Carter Street on Saturday, May 20th for dedication for Brian Ouellette. Director Mr. Russo explained the corner of Carter Street at Elm will be dedicated to Navy Seal Brian Ouellette and that a large crowd is expected to attend. From 10AM to 1PM all southbound lanes on Elm Street from Central St to Carter St need to be closed; all northbound traffic will be prevented from turning onto Carter Street. Carter Street will be closed from Moody Street to Elm Street, during this time period. Commission member Kelly recommended it stay closed till 2:00 PM so as to have time for people to leave the area. **Voted to approve the closing of these streets on Saturday May 20, 2017 with the amended hours from 10:00 AM to 2:00 PM**

C. Waltham Riverfest 2017

Ms. Sarah Hankins is requesting lane restrictions on the Moody Street Bridge. Riverfest will be held on Friday/Saturday June 16 & 17, 2017. They are requesting Moody Street be closed all lanes on the Moody Street Bridge from 9:00 AM to 6:00 PM on Saturday June 17. One lane will remain vacant for emergency vehicles. All north and south traffic will be diverted to Carter Street, Elm Street to Pine Street. Lt. Cavallaro, Police Department has reviewed this request and has recommended it be approved; there will be police presence. Traffic Engineering will be contacting MBTA Bus & Train Divisions notifying them of these restrictions. Commission member Kelly also advised Ms. Hankins to contact his office regarding use of electrical for the event. **Voted to approve this request and close the Moody Street Bridge to through traffic on Saturday June 17, from 9:00 AM to 6:00 PM.**

D. Melanoma Foundation of New England 5K Race

Ms. Amy Mason is requesting permission to hold this event on Sunday, Sept. 17th at 10:00 AM. Lt. Cavallaro has reviewed this request and recommended approval. The race will start at the High School to Forest Street to Beaver Street back to the High School. No streets will be closed and it is estimated to have 500-600 participants. **Voted to forward this recommendation to the Mayor's Office for a permit to issue.**

- E. Trapelo Rd. at Waverley Oaks Rd. Intersection LOS Improvements**
Councillor Darcy is requesting Traffic Engineering investigate providing dedicated right turn lane from eastbound Trapelo Rd. to Waverley Oaks Rd. Commission member Kelly noted that a new control cabinet is needed due to lightning strike years ago. **Voted to have the Traffic Engineer study the possibility for a right turn lane, eastbound traffic on Trapelo Road at Waverley Oaks Road**
- F. Main Street at Newton Street – Right Turn Lane**
Councillor Marchese is requesting Traffic Engineering investigate whether a right turn lane on Main Street is needed. Commission member Magno stated that Lyman Street is still backed up and that the study should be as comprehensive as possible Member Cagle noted a large amount of bus, bicycle and pedestrian traffic should be reviewed as well. Member Kelly stated that the project is already underway, so time is important to get this study completed. **Voted to have the Traffic Engineer study the possibility for a right turn lane, eastbound traffic on Main Street at Newton Street.**

2. TABLED ITEMS:

- A. Highland St. “Spur” at Curtis St. – Removal of “No Right Turn” Restriction (9/12) (10/12) (5/16) (6/16)
- B. Main Street at Warren Street – Proposed Pedestrian Signal (10/13) Voted to file**
- C. Valet Parking in Downtown Area (11/15)
- D. Forest Street – Crosswalks and Bicycle Markings (11/15)(5/16)
- E. Amend Art. 5, Sec. 18 GVW (3/16)

Items F – G were voted to remove from the table.

- F. Parking Near Driveways (4/16)** At the request of the proponent, Councillor Logan, it was voted to **Placed on File**
- G. Massasoit Street – Proposed Truck Restriction (9/16)** MassDOT has denied our request for a Truck Restriction. Traffic Engineer Mr. Garvin recommended an “Advisory Sign” be installed on Massasoit Street and Grove Street to re-direct trucks going to Waltham Lumber to use Bright Street. It is not a formal restriction but a recommended alternative. Traffic Engineering will contact petitioners regarding this vote. **Voted to accept this recommendation and install an advisory sign.**
- H. Winter St. & Wyman St. area – Traffic Improvements (9/16). This item will be discussed at the Special Meeting Wednesday April 26, 2017 at 10:00 AM (Government Center)**
- I. Whittemore Elementary School – Student Drop-off and Pick-up (9/16)
- J. Grove Street – Speed Study (12/16)
- K. Elson Rd. at Prentice St. – Traffic Study (12/16)

3. DEPARTMENT REPORTS:

- A. Parking Meter Report – Meter collection is down \$3,000 from the same time last year.
- B. Main St. and Moody St. Sidewalk Project – Update – The Mayor and Wires Inspector Kelly will be completing the sign inventory on Main Street and Moody Street soon. After the

inventory is complete, Traffic Engineering can proceed with installing the remaining required traffic signs.

- C. Lexington St./Bacon St./Totten Pond Rd. – Funding Request (Member Mr. Kelly recused himself from deliberations)

Traffic Engineer, Mr. Garvin attended the City Council meeting of April 3. At that meeting he was requested to seek approval from the Traffic Commission for the preferred design option for Piety Corner (Lexington Street/Bacon Street/Totten Pond Road). Mayor McCarthy has also directed us to finish the preferred traffic plan. **The Traffic Commission voted to have the Traffic Engineer seek a Request For Proposals (RFP) for the re-design of this intersection. The RFP will include the demolition of the house at 380 Lexington Street. Additionally, approvals from the Waltham Conservation Commission, Massachusetts Department of Environmental Protection (if necessary) and the Waltham Historical Commission. The final plan will include specifications, and estimated costs for the project to go to bid and construction.**

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

Adjourned @ 10:52 AM

Attendance: Mr. Malone and Fire Chief Ciccone absent. Mr. Michael Russo, Veteran's Affairs; Councillor Darcy; Ms. Sarah Hankins; Attorney Michael Connors; Traffic Consultant Pat. Dunford.

Respectfully Submitted:

**Frank S. Lombardo
Clerk**

Date of the Meeting: **April 13, 2017**

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Name of Speaker	Address # Street, City	Item of Interest	Affiliation i.e. Attorney Abutter Interested party – Traffic Engineer Petitioner
Michael Russo	119 School Street	Veteran's Dedication	Petitioner
George Darcy	93 Hobbs Rd	Trapelo Road @ Waverley Oaks	City Councillor
Sarah Hankins	103 Seminole Ave	Riverfest	D W P
Michael Connors	6 Lexington Street	1025-1075 Main St	Attorney
Pat Dunford	V.H.B. 101 Walnut St	1025-1075 Main St	Traffic Consultant