

**MINUTES OF THE TRAFFIC COMMISSION MEETING  
HELD: DECEMBER 21, 2017 AT 10:00 A.M.**

**Voted to accept the minutes of the November meeting.**

**1. PETITIONED ITEMS:**

**A. Prospect St. at Bedford St. – Do Not Block the Intersection**

Mayor McCarthy is requesting this intersection be reviewed for this signage. A review of the intersection confirmed vehicles blocking especially during the AM, Mid-day and PM peak hours. **Voted to approve the request and install “Do Not Block the Intersection” signage now for both directions on Prospect Street. The pavement markings will be applied during the painting season.**

**B. Newton St. at Robbins St. – All-Way Stop**

Mayor McCarthy is requesting a Stop sign on Newton St. which will make this intersection an All-Way Stop. A traffic study is required to approve an All-Way Stop. **Voted to have a traffic study to determine if the warrants for All-Way Stop control are met.**

**C. Cedarwood Ave. at Weston St. – Removal of No Turn on Red**

Councillor O'Brien is requesting that this sign be removed. The intersection is under the control of MassDOT. Mr. John Gregg P.E., Traffic Operations Engineer, District 4 in the Arlington Office is our contact. He stated the reason for NTOR is due to a conflict with vehicles turning left onto Weston Street from Tavern Road, which is given an “exclusive left turn arrow”. Vehicles turning right on red from Cedarwood Avenue conflict with this movement. One reason for the long delays on Cedarwood Avenue was a defective loop detector. The state has repaired the loop detector. Mayor McCarthy was present, and is in support of this request. The Mayor would also like the T.E. to have MassDOT review the Rt. 128 Ramp design as well since it is still very dangerous. Member Mr. Chiasson stated he would like to see the accident data for this location. Member, Ms. Cagle asked to have an on-site review with Mr. Gregg and our Traffic Engineer Mr. Garvin. Member Mr. Magno agreed that an on-site review may answer many of the resident questions concerning pavement markings and possible signal amendments. **Voted to table and have Traffic Engineer, Mr. Garvin seek an on-site review with MassDOT.**

**D. 8<sup>th</sup> Annual Moody Street 5K Road Race**

Mr. Reid Lyons is requesting permission to hold this event on Sunday, May 6, 2018 at Noon. **Voted to recommend to the Mayor that a permit be issued.**

**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. Valet Parking in Downtown Area (11/15)
- C. Amend Art. 5, Sec. 18 GVW (3/16)
- D. Trapelo Road at Waverley Oaks Road – Proposed Right Turn Lane (4/17)(5/17)
- E. Main Street at Newton Street – Proposed Right Turn Lane (4/17)(5/17)
- F. Trapelo Rd. at Pine Vale Rd. – Proposed Intersection Improvements (9/17)(10/17)
- G. 48 Pine St. – Crosswalk Safety Improvements (9/17)(10/17)
- H. Harris St. – Traffic and Pedestrian Safety Concerns (9/17)(11/17)
- I. Massasoit St. at Main St. – Existing Restriction (9/17)

**Voted to remove from the Table**

**J. Cabot St. Area – Traffic Calming Measures (10/17)**

Traffic Engineer, Mr. Garvin submitted a recommendation for a “traffic calming measure” that would require a “Right Turn Only” from Fiske Avenue onto Weston Street at all times. Cabot Street resident states this would increase the congestion and will make it more difficult exiting their driveways. Councillor Marchese agreed that this measure would be beneficial and it will improve safety at that intersection, but does not address “cut-through” traffic.

Mr. Garvin offered some other suggestions that would help prevent “cut-through” traffic creating one –way blocks, by forcing some back tracking that would deter the short-cut. These restrictions would affect area residents as well and may not be very receptive.

Resident Bill Doyle stated that he would like to see the traffic counts, so that he could make recommendations that would encourage motorists to use Banks Square to get to South Street. Mr. Garvin stated that major traffic improvements to Banks Square could make it more desirable route and discourage some of the neighborhood traffic cut-through traffic.

Mayor McCarthy spoke of the heavy volumes and the long term solutions which include a proposed new interchange (I-95) at Rt.117 and the use of Green Street. The result would reduce traffic volumes along Weston Street (Rt. 20) through Tavern Square, however, some immediate relief is needed in the form of short term solutions.

**Voted to table this item and have a neighborhood meeting with the three Ward Councillors (Logan, Mackin and LaCava) and the residents. Consideration for a comprehensive study and review of recommendations to amend the traffic flow along the Weston Street (Rt.20) corridor and reduce the impact of cut-through traffic should be discussed; in addition, the steps needed to appropriate funding for a consultant.**

- K. College Farm Rd. – Proposed Traffic Calming (11/17)
- L. Parkview Rd. at Upton Rd. – Traffic Study (11/17)
- M. Fairfax Rd. at Longfellow Rd. – Speed Calming Measures (11/17)

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

- A. Parking Meter Report - Revenues are down approximately \$19K
- B. Main St. and Moody St. Sidewalk Project – Update. Under review by Member Mr. Kelly
- C. River / Farwell / Seyon Update – City Council has approved funding to upgrade the traffic signal
- D. Church St. Lot – Update – Sunshine Pavement has been approved for the \$187,000. Project which is expected to commence in Spring 2018
- E. Proposed FY2023 CIP – Transportation Master Plan
  - 1: Trapelo Road – Waverley Oaks Road - - design & reconstruction \$500,000.
  - 2: Winter St – redesigns around Goose pond \$250,000.
  - 3: Pay by License Plate \$75,000.
  - 4: Vinyl Plotter – cutter \$15,000.
  - 5: Ford Escape – Parking Meter Division \$35,000.
  - 6: Residential Neighborhoods – design projects \$400,000.

Adjourned @ 11:42 AM

Attendance: Fire Chief Ciccone and Mr. Kelly absent. Mayor McCarthy, Councillor Marchese and several residents of Cedarwood area in attendance.

Respectfully Submitted  
Frank S. Lombardo  
Clerk

# Waltham Traffic Commission

**Date of the Meeting: December 21, 2017**

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