

**MINUTES OF THE TRAFFIC COMMISSION MEETING  
HELD: FEBRUARY 15, 2018 AT 10:00 A.M.**

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

**1. PETITIONED ITEMS:**

**A. Lowell St. at Ash St. – Traffic Calming Study**

Councillor Harris is requesting a Traffic Calming Study be done on Lowell St. from High St. to Fuller St. **Voted to have Mr. Garvin, Traffic Engineer, study Lowell Street from High to Fuller St. for recommendations relative to speeding and accident prevention measures.**

**B. MBTA Bus Stop Accessibility Improvement Project**

Mr. Erik Scheier, MBTA Senior Project Manager has submitted four bus stop locations for our review and approval for upgrades to meet ADA compliance. Ms. Sandra Cleary, Project Manager, appeared on behalf on the MBTA. She recommended some changes to Carter Street (north & south side); installation of a new stop at 130 Lincoln Street (opposite Graymore Rd) and move the stop at 400 Totten Pond Road further to the east. Members has several questions relative to crosswalks, sidewalks and appropriate street lighting. **More information was requested and it was voted to table, so that the MBTA could make additional recommendations relative to these questions.**

**C. Totten Pond Rd. at Veterans Memorial Rink – Proposed Traffic Signal**

Mr. Nick Abruzzi, Waltham Recreation Director, is requesting we review this location to determine if a full traffic signal is warranted. Mr. Abruzzi and Councillor McLaughlin spoke in favor of a needed signal at this location, particularly when the extended parking, located across Totten Pond Road is used. Member Ms. Cagle expressed concern with “Solar Glare” and the need to restudy the present Speed Limit. Member Mr. Kelly stated if a signal should be installed it must be ‘coordinated” with the present existing signal just to the west of the Skating Rink. Member Mr. Chiasson asked about a green signal that would turn red when activated. Traffic Engineer Mr. Garvin recommended a full study to determine if a signal is warranted. **Voted to table and have a study conducted.**

**D. 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Fitzgerald 5K Fun Run/Walk**

Ms. Christine Young is requesting permission to hold this event on Thursday, June 21, 2018 at 6:00 PM. The Police Department reported no streets will be closed; estimated to have 150 participants; and there will be police presence. **Voted to recommend a permit to issue.**

**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. Cabot St. Area – Traffic Calming Measures (10/17)(12/17)
- I. Parkview Rd. at Upton Rd. – Traffic Study (11/17)
- J. Newton St. at Robbins St. – Proposed All-Way Stop (12/17)

### 3. DEPARTMENT REPORTS:

- A. Parking Meter Report - collections were slightly above last January
- B. Main St. and Moody St. Sidewalk Project – Update - 34 regulatory signs along Moody & Main Street have been installed; (6) more regulatory signs are needed on Main St., (31) missing parking signs and (39) guide signs still need to be installed on both Main & Moody Sts. Mr. Kelly will review these missing signs with Mr. Garvin, and report back at next month's meeting.
- C. Main St. from Linden St. to Prospect Hill Rd. - **Proposed pavement markings – The Commission approved the Traffic Engineer's recommendation for the proposed street marking with the exception of a bike lane.** The purpose of the proposed markings is to reduce confusion to drivers as to which lane to be in.
- Add to Schedule 18 (Turns Only As Designated) in Rules & Regulations:
- Main Street: All vehicles traveling westbound in the left lane approaching Townsend Street **MUST TURN LEFT**
  - Main Street: All vehicles traveling eastbound in the left lane approaching Bacon Street **MUST TURN LEFT**
  - Newton Street: All vehicles traveling northbound in the right lane approaching Main Street **MUST TURN RIGHT**
- D. River St./Farwell St./Seyon St. – Update – Project is on schedule and new signals should be installed by June 2018
- E. Church Street @ #14 - (old Wires Dept. Building) – expected to be used as a recreation center possibly April or May 2018; Historic Commission reviewing. Reconstruction of the parking lot is to wait until installation of the new chair lift is complete, per the Mayor.

Attendance: All members present. Councillor McLaughlin and Mr. Nick Abruzzi for Totten Pond Rd. Ms. Sandra Cleary MBTA Project Manager and Mr. Mike Antononellis, Taxi Drivers' representative for Carter Street Bus Stops.

Adjourned @ 11:01 AM  
Respectfully Submitted,

Frank S. Lombardo,  
Clerk

**Waltham Traffic Commission****Date of the Meeting: February 15, 2018**

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<b>Name of Speaker</b>	<b>Address # Street, City</b>	<b>Item of Interest</b>	<b>Affiliation i.e. Attorney Abutter Interested party – Traffic Engineer Petitioner</b>
<b>Nick Abruzzi</b>	<b>510 Moody St</b>	<b>Totten Pond Road</b>	<b>Petitioner</b>
<b>Mike Antonellis</b>	<b>224 Calvary Street</b>	<b>Taxi Stands Carter Street</b>	<b>Interested Party</b>
<b>Sandra Cleary</b>	<b>McMahon Associates MBTA</b>	<b>Bus Stop Improvements</b>	<b>MBTA Project Manager</b>
<b>John McLaughlin</b>	<b>42 Beal Road</b>	<b>Totten Pond Road</b>	<b>City Councillor</b>