

**MINUTES OF THE TRAFFIC COMMISSION MEETING
HELD: SEPTEMBER 27, 2018 AT 10:00 A.M.
HENRY HOOVER COMMITTEE ROOM, CITY HALL**

A motion was made and approved to accept the minutes of the June meeting.

1. PETITIONED ITEMS:

A. Indian Rd. at Lake St. – Parking Issues

Mayor McCarthy is requesting this be placed on the agenda for review. A site visit showed an existing faded No Parking Here to Corner sign on the east side of Indian Road and no sign on the west side. The Traffic Engineer recommended installing signs for the existing 30 foot corner clearance. **Voted to install signs on Indian Road at Lake Street.**

B. Hagar Ln. – Speeding and marked speed humps

Mayor McCarthy is requesting this be placed on the agenda for review. Hagar Lane has speed humps which the residents are concerned that the effectiveness is minimized due to limited visibility. They have recommended flashing lights or more improved pavement markings. The MUTCD manual dictates pavement markings be white and not yellow. Additional markings consisting of 12-inch wide white lines with extended length can provide extra visibility of the speed hump for drivers unfamiliar with the area. Advisory signs are also posted at “20 MPH” in each direction. **Voted to approve the advance warning markings to be painted on Hagar Lane.**

C. Tow Truck Infraction – 32 Rose Hill Way

Mayor McCarthy is requesting this be placed on the agenda. A tow truck has been parking on Rose Hill Way, particularly at night. This is a violation of existing rules and regulations. **Voted to refer to the Police Department for enforcement.**

D. Main St. from Church/Elm St. to Newton St. – Parking spaces

Mayor McCarthy is requesting this be placed on the agenda. Mayor McCarthy is requesting a study in an effort to increase some on-street parking on Main Street. Presently, there is a two hour free parking limit. **Voted to table and have the Traffic Engineer conduct a parking space occupancy study.**

E. Newton St. – Speed Study

Councillor Logan is requesting a speed study on Newton St. **Voted to direct the Traffic Engineer conduct a speed study on Newton Street between Charles River and Calvary Street.**

F. Curtis St. – Parking Issue

Councillor Logan is requesting a review of the parking on Curtis St. The area in question is from Dartmouth Street to Bedford Street where parking is allowed on both sides of the street. Parking is prohibited on the west side of the street from Dartmouth to Bellevue. **Voted to table and have the Traffic Engineer study and report his findings at a future meeting.**

G. Lowell St. at Ash St. – Proposed Crosswalks

Councillor Harris is requesting 3 additional crosswalks at this location. Traffic Engineer Mr. Garvin agreed that all four legs at this location should have crosswalks. **Voted to install crosswalks on Lowell Street and one on Ash Street.**

H. 144 Moody St. - Waltham Mills Open Studios Event

Ms. Elizabeth Moy, is requesting free parking on Saturday, Nov. 3rd. from 12-6PM. **Voted to approve free parking in Carter St, Embassy Lot, Crescent St. and Central Square Deck on Saturday November 3 from noon-6:00 PM. (Note: Member Mr. Magno opposed)**

I. South St. at Turner St. – Bus Stop Safety Inquiry

Curley Champion from MBTA is requesting the City review this issue and determine whether this bus stop should be relocated. The existing stop is located approximately 80 feet south the MBT railroad crossing. This makes it difficult for vehicles to turn into Turner Street. The MBTA and Traffic Engineer Mr. Garvin recommend moving the bus stop further to a point south of Turner Street. **Voted to request the bus stop be relocated from the northwest corner of South/Turner to the southwest corner of South/Turner Sts.**

J. Wayside Rail Trail – Proposed Bicycle and Pedestrian way

Review of submitted plans from Pare Engineering. Pare Corporation has completed 75% design plans for the Wayside Rail Trail between 1265 Main Street and Beaver Street. Included are seven roadway crossings:

- 1: Prospect Hill Road – raised crosswalk, post mounted RRFB
- 2: Hammond Street – raised crosswalk
- 3: Bacon St – raised crosswalk, overhead RRFB
- 4: Lexington St. – full traffic signal
- 5: Lyman St. – raised crosswalk, overhead HAWK
- 6: Middlesex Circle – raised crosswalk
- 7: Linden St. – grade separated, no at grade crossing
- 8: Beaver St. – no crossing proposed; trail terminates at Beaver St

Voted to accept the proposed crossing treatments

K. 5th Annual Piggy's 5K Road Race

Ms. Margaret McCullough is requesting permission to hold this event on Saturday, November 17th at 1:00 PM. **Voted to accept the recommendation of the Police Department and recommend a permit be issued.**

L. Derby St. at Lowell St. – Traffic Improvements

Councillor Harris is requesting this item be on the agenda for review. Councillor Harris stated that many children from the Whittemore Elementary, Middle School and High School students cross this street to get to the school bus and there is a need for crosswalks. Voted to table and directed the Traffic Engineer to conduct a study to determine if any improvements are warranted.

2. TABLED ITEMS:

The following items were voted to be removed from the table

Item E 48 Pine Street

Item J Milton Street

Item L Bright Street

Item N Lexington Street

Item O Waverley oaks Road

- A. Highland St. "Spur" at Curtis St. – Removal of "No Right Turn" Restriction (9/12)(10/12)(5/16)(6/16)
- B. Amend Art. 5, Sec. 18 GVW (3/16)

C. Trapelo Road at Waverley Oaks Road – Proposed Right Turn Lane (4/17)(5/17)

D. Main Street at Newton Street – Proposed Right Turn Lane (4/17)(5/17)

E. 48 Pine St. – Crosswalk Safety Improvements (9/17)(10/17)

Traffic Engineer Mr. Garvin reported the speed study of the week July 30 through August 3 showed the 85th percentile speed to be 30 MPH in each direction. Traffic volumes were recorded at 2600 vehicles eastbound and 2700 westbound per day. The RRFB was found not to be warranted for this crosswalk. Councillor Logan requested consideration for painting the crosswalk the color red which he has seen in other communities. After some discussion **it was voted to deny the RRFB but have the Traffic Engineer consider painting crosswalks in red. The request was tabled for review**

F. Cabot St. Area – Traffic Calming Measures (10/17)(12/17)

G. Totten Pond Rd. at Veterans Memorial Ice Rink – Proposed Traffic Signal (2/18)(4/18)

H. Moody St. at Alder St. – Proposed RRFB (4/18)

I. South St. at Turner St. – Proposed RRFB (5/18)

J. Milton St. – Proposed Speed Hump (5/18)

Results of the speed study conducted from July 30 through August 3 showed the 85th percentile to be 33 MPH for southbound and 30 MPH for northbound. Vehicles on this street is primarily used by the residents and visitors. **Voted to take no action at this time**

K. South St. btn. Charles River Rd. and Weston Town Line – Proposed Safety Island (5/18)

L. Bright St. at Grove St. – Intersection Study (5/18)

The geometry of the intersection approaches do not align directly with each other. The accident history revealed one accident in the last three years. The intersection has All-Way Stop and an overhead Red Flashing Light. The alignment would be a safety concern without the all-way stop. The intersection could be straightened out with land taking on the eastbound approach. However, given the low rate of accidents, this does not appear to be warranted. The Traffic Engineer recommended no action be taken at this time. **Voted to accept the Traffic Engineer's recommendation, and keep the existing alignment with the existing All-Way Stop control.**

M. Bright St. – Proposed 25 MPH Speed Limit (5/18)

N. Lexington St. opposite Central Square Deck – Proposed Crosswalk (5/18)

At the request of Member Mr. Kelly, Traffic Engineering reviewed the possibility of installing a crosswalk at 25 Lexington Street. This would be a mid-block crossing and required wheel chair ramps would have to be installed and remove an on street parking space. The location is not safe and the passing motorist does not have a clear opportunity to see a pedestrian trying to cross the street. **Voted to accept the Traffic Engineer's recommendation and deny this request**

O. Waverley Oaks Rd. at Wilson Rd. – Proposed RRFB (6/18)

According to plans from the City's Engineering Department Waverley Oaks Road has a 40 foot Right of Way. Inspection of the area showed a sidewalk on the north side of the street and none on the south side. Measuring from the back edge of the existing sidewalk to the south side of the street, it is 36 feet. This means that there is only four (4) feet left to construct a sidewalk on the south side and leave the safety guardrail in place. If the City does decide to construct a sidewalk then a crosswalk would be recommended. **Voted to table and direct the Traffic Engineer work with the Engineering Department. If a sidewalk can be constructed reconsider the placement of an RRFB at Wilson Road.**

3. DEPARTMENT REPORTS:

A. Parking Meter Report Collections for the month were down slightly from the same month last year, however the year to date totals higher than last year.

B: Piety Corner – Update – request \$8,000. To Hire EFI for Hazardous Material Review

Traffic Engineer Mr. Garvin request approval to seek funding to proceed with the filing of the demolition permit for the property at 380 Lexington Street. The first step is to hire a firm to conduct hazardous materials survey and demolition/abatement design services. EFI Global has submitted a bid in the amount of \$7,900. The evaluation will be for asbestos, lead paint and other hazardous material (i.e. Mercury, PCBs,etc.). **Voted to direct the Traffic Engineer seek funding to perform the survey and demolition/abatement design.**

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

Adjourned @ 12:10 PM

Attendance: All members present (Note: Mr. Robert Waddick, new City Clerk was welcomed)

Mayor McCarthy; Councillors Robert Logan, and Cathyann Harris; Ms. Paula Jackson; Ms. Laurel Carpenter; Mr. Daniel Ariane; Mr. David Kern; Ms. Elizabeth Moy; Ms. Amy Archer.

**Respectfully Submitted:
Frank S. Lombardo
Clerk**

Waltham Traffic Commission**Date of the Meeting: September 27, 2018**

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Name of Speaker	Address # Street, City	Item of Interest	Affiliation i.e. Attorney Abutter Interested party – Traffic Engineer Petitioner
Paula Jackson	8 Farnum Rd	Tow Truck Parking	petitioner
Laurel Carpenter	415 South St	Wayside Trail	Waltham Land Trust
Daniel Ariane	11 Upton Road	Wayside Trail	Waltham Land Trust
J Sai	8 Curtis St	Curtis St Parking	Resident
David Kern	484 Waverley Oaks Rd	Waverley Oaks & Wilson Rd	Resident
Elizabeth Moy	15 Bright st	Parking open Studios	Petitioner
Robert Logan	109 Taylor St	Newton St Pine St Curtis St	City Councillor
Jeannette McCarthy	610 Main Street		Mayor
Amy Archer		Wayside Trail	Consultant Corporation Pa