

**MINUTES OF THE TRAFFIC COMMISSION MEETING
HELD: MAY 16, 2013 AT 10:00 A.M.
HENRY HOOVER COMMITTEE ROOM, CITY HALL**

1. PETITIONED ITEMS:

A. Trapelo Road near Lawrence School – No Compression Braking

Councilor Darcy was present and is requesting these signs on Trapelo Road travelling eastbound. The Councilor stated he has received complaints concerning trucks using their engine braking system which is very loud and creates a disturbance to the residents particularly in the early morning hours. T. E. Mr. Garvin recommended the placement of signs stating **"NO ENGINE BRAKING"**. In addition, the signs on Totten Pond Road, Warren Street and Gore Street should be changed to this new legend. **Voted to accept this recommendation and install the new sign on Trapelo Road and replace the three existing sign locations with the new wording.**

B. Doty Street (Extension) Private Way – Close street

Mr. Carlo Fragale, # 499 Forest St.; Mr. Domenico Tortola, # 492 Trapelo Rd.; and Ms. Roseanne Leblanc, # 500 Trapelo Rd. are requesting that the short section of Doty St. which is a private way and abuts their property be closed off. Mayor McCarthy, Councilors LeBlanc and Darcy spoke relative to this proposal. Mayor McCarthy explained that closing the street must be in accordance with Zoning principles and regulations to be compliant. The request must go before the Board of Survey & Planning (Note: The Board will meet on June 5). Presently, this "private-way" Doty Street extension, has two-way traffic with a width of approximately 18 feet. Councilor LeBlanc spoke in favor of a closure, citing many safety concerns. It is a major "cut through" to avoid the Forest/Trapelo Road intersection. The reconstruction will increase safety concerns. Councilor Darcy suggested that the traffic should be made one-way eastbound. He also cautioned that with either a street closure or one-way of Doty Street, neighborhood streets need to be reviewed with a traffic impact analysis; Shade Street to the east and Circle Drive to the west. T.E. Mr. Garvin agreed that two-way traffic is inappropriate. Closing this road is the best option, in his opinion; however, if this can not be done he recommends one-way traffic only. The Board of Survey & Planning should be informed of this recommendation. Additionally, the Police Department and Fire Department will be asked to support this position.

- 1: Voted to forward the Traffic Commission's opinion that closure of Doty Street between Forest Street and Trapelo Road is the preferred condition for traffic safety reasons, and suggest the petitioners to approach the Board of Survey & Planning to request the City abandon the street.**
- 2: In a separate vote, the Traffic Engineer will conduct a study of the impact that traffic may have on neighborhood streets, with the closing of Doty Street and/or for a One-Way travel the Doty Street Extension. Any changes must be requested as soon as possible, due to the present construction schedule which is expected to be completed by October 2013.**

C. Waltham Green Watch

Ms. Julia Wean, TMA Program Manager with 128 Business Council was present and seeking approval to close off parking on Elm Street to allow vendors to unload and food trucks to be situated. The event will be held on Saturday, October 5, 2013 from 10:00 AM – 4:00 PM. **Voted to close off eight (8) parking spaces on the west side (Common side) of Elm Street from City Hall parking lot and south to Carter Street.**

D. Moody Street – Loading/Unloading Zones

Downtown Waltham Partnership is requesting the approval of three loading/unloading zone parking spaces on Moody Street. They are also requesting the existing truck delivery time limits be amended. Ms. Charnan Bray of the Downtown Waltham Partnership reported that as a result of a survey three (3) locations along Moody Street between Hall's Corner (Moody, Pine/Crescent Sts.) and Wheeler Square (Moody, High/Maple Sts.). were selected for the proposed Loading Zone. Two on the west side (Moody St. @ Crescent St.; and Moody St. @ Maple St.) and one on the east side (Moody St. @ Cushing St.) The zones will be adjacent to MBTA Bus Stops and will eliminate a total of approximately nine (9) on street parking spaces. **Voted to approve a three month trial period (until September 2013) and place all three "Loading Zones" on Moody Street at the requested locations, with a time period of 8:00am until 3:00pm (except Sundays and Holidays).**

2. TABLED ITEMS:

A. Review of Overnight Parking Enforcement & Policy – (2/11)(10/12)(12/12) Voted to Remove from the table.

Chief MacPherson excused himself as Chairman and moved to have Mr. Malone "Chair" for this discussion. The Police Chief reported that this past Winter, 2012-2013, was a particularly harsh winter, which makes a good test case. Some minor problems, narrow streets, where handled with emergency temporary No Parking, and over 24-hour parking was handled with parking violations. Mr. Chiasson, Director CPW, reported that plowing operations were successful, and the needed towing helped keep the streets clear. **The Chief requested, and it was voted, to eliminate the prohibition of Overnight Parking Article V, Section 4, and Schedule 1A.**

- B. Smith Street at Trapelo Road – Change in Lane Use (9/11)
- C. High St. at Newton St. – Traffic Signal Changes (3/12)
- D. Highland St. "Spur" at Curtis St. – Removal of "No Right Turn" Restriction (9/12)(10/12)
Waiting for Law Dept. opinion.
- E. 60 Turner Street – Proposed Pedestrian Crosswalk (11/12)
- F. Taxi Stands – Additional Spaces (3/13)

3. DEPARTMENT REPORTS:

- A. Parking Meter Report . . total receipts down about \$6,000. over last year collections
- B. Forest Street at Trapelo Road Update – Information Only some change orders are being processed
- C. Main St. at Newton St. and Main St. at Lyman./Heard Sts. Update– Information Only
Designer has been selected and is being reviewed by the Law Dept.
- D. Lyman Street at Summer Street – Traffic Signal Study (5/12)(12/12)
No information to report
- E. Transportation Master Plan (12/12)
Crosswalk inventory has been completed; additional fact gathering is continuing
- F. Pavement Marking Update
Strategies : 1 Playgrounds – 2 Double center lines – 3 Lane Lines – 4 Faded Crosswalks –
5 (Aug) School crosswalks – 6 Bus Stops & Parking spaces; Bid for Thermo Painting will be opened shortly

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

4: ADDED ITEMS

A. Columbus Avenue – Speed Study

Councilor Waddick was present and requested a Speed Study be conducted for Columbus Ave. to post a Speed Limit on this street. The Councilor expressed the concerns of the residents with the speeding on this heavily traveled road. Member Mr. Kelly also expressed concerns with the parking on the narrow portion of this street. **Voted to have T.E. Mr. Garvin conduct a Speed Study and report his findings to the Commission at a future meeting.**

B. 1265 Main Street LLC (Polaroid Site) - Field Changes for Main Street Improvements

Mr. Kevin Dandrade, PE, PTOE Senior Project manager was present to request approval for some minor modifications to this project

1: A minor shift in Driveway C (also known as Border Road) to the east to avoid a conflict with a major electrical duct bank serving NStar's sub-station

2: A 10' shift in the mast arm location on the southeast corner to avoid electrical and sewer utilities.

3: The driveway for 1250 Main Street will be reduced in width from 53 feet to 45 feet

These changes will not result in any change in the lane use or operations of the proposed traffic signal. They are adjustments in the traffic signal and pull box locations on each corner and do not have any effect on the original design intent. **Voted to approve these changes**

Voted to Adjourn @ 11:35 AM

Attendance; Fire Chief Ciccone and Treasurer Mr. Magno absent. Mayor McCarthy, Councillors Waddick, LeBlanc and Darcy. Residents of Doty Street Extension. Downtown Partnership, 128 Business Council and T.E.C.;

Respectfully Submitted:

Frank S. Lombardo.
Clerk

Waltham Traffic Commission

Date of the Meeting: May 16, 2013

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Name of Speaker	# Street, City	Affiliation i.e. Attorney - Abutter Interested party - Petitioner	For/Against Item No:
Rosanne LeBlanc	500 Trapelo Road	Abutter	1 B
Diane LeBlanc	55 Berkley Rd	Councilor	1 B
Paul LeBlanc	500 Trapelo Road	Abutter	1 B
Nancy Orlando	500 Trapelo Road	Abutter	1 B
Kevin Dandrade	65 Glenn St Lawrence, MA	TEC / 1265 Main St	4 B
Rick Vallarelli	22 Green St Waltham	J & Co / 1265 Main St	4 B
Doug Waybrylt	75 third Ave	Industrial	
Charman bray	39 Taylor St	Waltham Interested	1 D
Domenie Tortorola	492 Trapelo Rd	Abutter	1 B
Carlo Fragale	499 Forest St	Abutter	1 B
Julia Wean	395 Totten Pond Rd	128 Business Council	1 C
Bill Doyle	Doyle Engraving 14 Spring St	Downtown Partnership	1 D
Robert Waddick	12a Church St	Councilor Ward 6	4 A