



**CITY OF MARLBOROUGH  
OFFICE OF TRAFFIC COMMISSION  
140 MAIN STREET  
MARLBOROUGH, MASSACHUSETTS 01752**

Traffic Commission

The Regular Meeting of the Traffic Commission was held on Tuesday, February 24, 2009 at 10:00 a.m. in City Council Committee Room, City Hall. Members present: Chairman Police Chief Mark Leonard, Vice Chairman - DPW Commissioner Ronald LaFreniere, Fire Chief David Adams, City Clerk Lisa M. Thomas. Also present: City Engineer Thomas Cullen, Timothy Collins, Engineering Division, City Councilor Ed Clancy and Captain Tim Naze, MPD. Minutes taken by: Karen Lambert, MPD Records Clerk.

**1- Minutes**

That the minutes of the Traffic Commission meeting of January 27, 2009.  
MOTION was made, seconded, duly VOTED:  
To TABLE.

**2-New Business**

**2a.** Communication from Dale Smith, re: speed limit signage on Millham Street.

(Current regulations indicate that the speed limit for the entire length of Millham is 25 MPH in both directions. Currently two signs in place, both on WB side. Mr. Smith lives near a blind curve. Blind Driveway sign is in place.)

MOTION was made, seconded, duly VOTED to refer the request for additional speed limit signs to the DPW for possible new signage and installation.  
To APPROVE.

**3-Old Business**

**3a.** Long term oversized vehicle ordinance  
MOTION was made, seconded, duly VOTED:  
To TABLE.

**3b.** Municipal off street parking regulation;  
MOTION was made, seconded, duly VOTED:  
To TABLE.

**3c.** High School parking regulations  
MOTION was made, seconded, duly VOTED:  
To TABLE

**3d.** Communication from Jim Blacquier, Boston Scientific, re: Request for a “yield” sign @ Sasseville Way.  
MOTION was made, seconded, duly VOTED:  
To ACCEPT and FILE.

**3e.** Communication from Code Enforcement, re: parking issues on Florence St.

(Walgreens delivery issue – Per Capt. Naze, he has spoken to the supervisor at the Distribution Center. She advised that they would use a smaller delivery truck for that location. This should solve the parking problem)

MOTION was made, seconded, duly VOTED:  
To ACCEPT and FILE.

**3f.** Request to review parking pick up/drop off on Stevens St. at rear of MIES (Stevens near Oakcrest) and request for school zone signage (and use of in-street pedestrian crossing signs.)

(Stevens Street Issue - Current regulations state that there is no parking on either side of Stevens Street, however, cars are pulling over for pick up and drop off of students. Chief Leonard advised that the area is not properly signed and therefore there is no real ability to enforce pick up and drop off. City Councilor Ed Clancy stated that if this area were deemed “an official drop off site” it would have to be handicap accessible. Chief Leonard stated that the signage would need to be appropriate for the area, i.e. “no stopping, standing or parking.”)

MOTION was made, seconded, duly VOTED to leave the site as is and refer to DPW for proper signage to reflect existing regulations.

(School Zone Signage Issue – Tim Collins prepared an outline of the area with the proposed school zones and crosswalks. The question was asked if both schools could be combined into one zone due to the close proximity. The answer – No. The proposal is for three separate school zones with three crosswalks. The area would be created all with proper signage and markings. Chief Leonard advised that there are currently no School Zone Regulations in the regulation book. He proposed adding a new subsection under Section 58 – Speed Limits. Section 58.1 would create wording for an “official school zone” – which would include 3 regulations for School Zones.

MOTION was made, seconded and duly VOTED to approve the plan with 3 school zones as depicted on the drawing dated 2/24/09 and associated signage. MOTION was also made, seconded and duly VOTED to approve the new crosswalk at Stevens Street and Baker Street as depicted on the same drawing.

MOTION was also made, seconded and duly VOTED to ADVERTISE the proposed plan in the MetroWest, with the proposed drawing, dated 2/24/09, attached.

3g. Communication from Barbara McGann, re: Request for school zone on Forest St. near AMSA Charter School.

(DPW Commissioner has contacted the property owner and not heard back from them yet.)

MOTION was made, seconded, and duly VOTED:

To TABLE

3h. Communication from Joe Camar, re: Traffic concerns on Donald Lynch Blvd. near the Sports Authority store.

DPW Commissioner went out to look at area after last meeting. The fix is not as easy as he first hoped. Chief Leonard asked if we could restrict left turns out of the area with a possible U-Turn at the lights at Best Buy. DPW Commissioner advised that Sports Authority has a "curb cut with no prohibitions" i.e. there is nothing saying that this can't be done.

MOTION was made, seconded, duly VOTED to TABLE for now for further review by the DPW. The situation will be reviewed further and discussed at next meeting.

3i. Sight distance concerns; Concord Rd. @ Hemenway St. Ext.

(Issue – Tall bushes are obstructing view of street. Engineering has reviewed the situation and advised that the bushes can't be cut back and need to come down. They need to talk to the property owner to determine how to lessen the impact on his property.)

MOTION was made, seconded, and duly VOTED:

To ACCEPT and PLACE ON FILE.

That there being no further business of the Traffic Commission held on this date, meeting adjourned at 10:55 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,  
Karen L. Lambert - Records Clerk, MPD