

# CITY OF MARLBOROUGH MEETING POSTING

Meeting Name: Traffic Commission

Date: July 25, 2018

Time: 10:00 am

Location: 3<sup>rd</sup> Floor City Hall – Memorial Hall

Agenda Items to be addressed:

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## 1) MINUTES OF LAST MEETING

- a) Review draft from 6-27-18

## 2) NEW BUSINESS

- a) Accident concerns: Rte. 85 near Assabet & Rail trail Crossing on Fitchburg St. by Boston Scientific.

## 3) OLD BUSINESS

- a) Request for Stop Signs on Weed and Florence
- b) Discussion of Ch. 586, Section 33: "Municipal Off-Street Parking Areas" relative to parking decks on Weed Street.
- c) Elm Street Parking
- d) Issues at Winter Ave. and Lincoln Street
- e) Stop Sign on Exeter Street

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

# **DRAFT**

## **Traffic Commission Minutes**

The Regular Meeting of the Traffic Commission was held on Wednesday, June 27, 2018 at 10:00 am in Memorial Hall, 3<sup>rd</sup> Floor, City Hall. Members present: Chairman - Police Chief David Giorgi, DPW Commissioner John Ghiloni and City Clerk Lisa Thomas. Also present: Assistant City Engineer Tim Collins, Sgt. Dan Campbell – MPD Traffic Services Unit, City Councilor Mike Ossing and City Solicitor Don Rider. Minutes taken by Karen Lambert, MPD Records Clerk.

### **1- Minutes**

The minutes of the Traffic Commission meeting of Wednesday, May 30, 2018.

MOTION was made, seconded, duly VOTED:

TO APPROVE, as amended– Accept and Place on File.

### **2 - New Business**

#### **2a) Pleasant St./Crowley Drive Issue**

Councilor Robey sent an email to Chief Giorgi on behalf of a resident of Avery Lane. He was concerned about the increase in traffic if an over 55 development were to go in at the undeveloped lot at the end of Crowley Drive. He is already concerned with the traffic in the area. He asked what could be done about traffic on Pleasant Street now and the current street signs. Councilor Robey had pictures of the speed limit signs on Pleasant Street some of which were hidden by trees. She asked if the trees could be trimmed. She also asked, if the over 55 development were approved, if it would be possible to have a traffic light installed, similar to what has been proposed for Rte. 85 at Poirier Drive, placed at this location.

Commissioner Ghiloni advised that he spoke to the Forestry Department this morning and the trees blocking the stop signs are on the list for trimming. With regard to the request for a traffic light, Counselor Ossing mentioned that initially there were plans for a mall at this location and he thinks the wiring for traffic lights was installed at that time. Tim Collins said that yes, he thinks can holes for lights are there. He had an aerial photo of the area. At one point, it was thought that that the warrants for a traffic signal would be met, mainly based on volume. Traffic lights can't be installed just because they are requested. There are very specific warrants (i.e. requirements) that need to be met. The original development plans were discussed back in 2003 and here it is, 15 years later, and the area is still not developed. He said that we would first have to wait for the area to be build up and then do a traffic study with the increased volume.

Mr. Collins also explained that this area actually has very different conditions then the intersection of Poirier Drive and Bolton Street. He passed out a summary of the Traffic Signal Warrant Methodology for this intersection. There are 9 Warrants (requirements) for the installation of Traffic Signals, they are based on such factors as vehicular volume, peak hour volume, pedestrian volume, crash experience etc. This area was found to meet the Peak Hour Warrant and Crash Experience Warrant. The lights at this intersection will only function at specific peak hours where the warrant is met. The intersection of Pleasant and Crowley would not have the same scenario at this time. Even with the peak hour scenario, certain volume would still need to be met. It was also discussed that the State has control of Fitchburg Street and any changes would be under their control.

MOTION was made, seconded, duly VOTED to REFER to the DPW for cutting back of vegetation around the speed limit signs and to Chief Giorgi to advise Councilor Robey of the discussion.

### **2b) Stop Sign on Exeter Street**

A concerned citizen contacted the station to advise that this stop sign is missing and is "an accident waiting to happen". Tim Collins said that this stop sign (at Exeter and Edinboro) is not on the current schedule for Stop Signs, however, he found the regulation for it from June 2, 1992. Mr. Collins wanted to make sure it was properly approved and advertised before he replaced the sign. Lisa Thomas asked if she could hold off any advertisements until after year end. It will be advertised in July.

MOTION was made, seconded, duly VOTED to REFER to Lisa Thomas to advertise the regulation in July.

### **3-Old Business**

#### **3a) Request for stop signs on Weed St. at Florence St.**

**Update:** Commissioner Ghiloni advised that this item is still in process.

MOTION was made, seconded, duly VOTED to TABLE.

#### **3b) Discussion of Ch. 586, Section 33: "Municipal Off-street Parking Areas" relative to parking decks on Weed Street.**

City Solicitor Don Ryder was in attendance for this item. He had reviewed the draft and marked it with comments and was presenting it for further discussion. A few minor revisions were made for clarification purposes, i.e. "lower levels" was changed to "entry level" and "sublevel" and "lower entry level" changed to "entry off Weed Street". Tim Collins brought up a photo of the No Parking area in front of City Hall where there was also clarification needed. All agreed that the suggested changes made sense.

MOTION was made, seconded, duly VOTED to REFER to Tim Collins to revise the document as amended and submit it for a vote at the next meeting.

**3c) Elm Street Parking**

MOTION was made, seconded, duly VOTED to TABLE.

**3d) Issues at Winter Avenue and Lincoln Street**

MOTION was made, seconded, duly VOTED to TABLE.

**3e) Request for Special Speed Regulation Petition for Hemenway Street Extension.**

Tim Collins prepared a memo to Chief Giorgi and the Traffic Commission outlining the findings of the Speed Zone Study that was conducted. He reviewed his memo with the group as this is what will be presented to the State. The study included, Roadway Characteristics, Abutting Properties/Zoning, Roadway Geometry, Roadway Cross Section, Pavement Condition, Roadside Safety, Lighting, Traffic Control Devices and Regulations, Speed Limits and Accident History. The packet also includes backup documentation, i.e diagrams, detailed summary sheets and accident reports. In his conclusion, Mr. Collins states, "The bend in the road, a crest in the road and an unregulated speed zone are the main contributing factors in a majority of the accidents occurring on Hemenway Street Extension". He also noted other contributing factors such as, narrow pavement width, high tree canopy and lack of lighting. He is requesting a Special Speed Zone throughout the entire length of Hemenway Street Extension at 25 mph, as per his findings. All were in agreement. Mr. Collins also mentioned that a similar petition was made for Parmenter Road, however, the state said "no" to the request and suggested "thickly settled" signage with warning signs for the curve.

Mr. Collins advised that he would draft the memo as a letter to the MADOT with Commissioner Ghiloni's signature. He will cc the Traffic Commission on the letter.

MOTION was made, seconded, duly VOTED to REFER to Mr. Collins to send the petition to MADOT. This item will be removed from the Agenda until a response is received from the State.

That there being no further business of the Traffic Commission held on this date, the meeting adjourned at 10:41 am.

Respectfully submitted,

Karen L. Lambert  
Records Clerk  
Marlborough Police Department

**List of documents and other exhibits used at the meeting:**

- City of Marlborough Meeting Posting for Traffic Commission Meeting on Wednesday, June 27, 2018, including meeting agenda.
- Draft of Traffic Commission Minutes from Wednesday, May 30, 2018.
- Email from Councilor Robey to Chief Giorgi, dated 6/15/18, re: Pleasant St./Crowley Dr. issue, including photos.
- Email from Carrie Lizotte to Chief Giorgi, dated 6/7/18, re: phone call from concerned citizen – Stop Sign on Exeter St.
- Email from Sgt. Campbell to Chief Giorgi, dated 6/1/18, re: Winter Ave. Accidents.

**Additional Handouts:**

- Memo from Tim Collins to Chief Giorgi and Traffic Commission, dated 6/17/18, re: Hemenway Street Extension Speed Zone Study.
- Email from Tim Collins to Chief Giorgi and Carrie Lizotte, dated 6/8/18, re: Stop Sign on Exeter St., along with copy of regulation.
- Copy of Traffic Signal Warrant Methodology summary for intersection of Bolton Street and Poirier Drive.

## Karen Lambert

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**From:** Patricia Bernard  
**Sent:** Tuesday, July 3, 2018 2:03 PM  
**To:** Theodore Scott; Daniel Campbell  
**Cc:** David Giorgi  
**Subject:** FW: Accident waiting to happen!

Good afternoon,

Please see the inquiry from a concerned resident below:

Ted, is there a sidewalk component to scheduled work on rt 85 near the Assabet driveway?

Sgt Campbell, can we have the Fitchburg Street rail trail crossing monitored?

Thanks.

*Trish Bernard*  
*Executive Secretary*  
*Mayor's Office*  
*140 Main Street*  
*Marlborough, MA 01752*  
*508-460-3770*

**Sent:** Friday, June 29, 2018 11:04 AM  
**To:** Mayor <mayor@marlborough-ma.gov>  
**Subject:** Accident waiting to happen!

Dear Mayor,

I am a newer (4 years) resident of Marlborough but have lived in the area for 30 years.

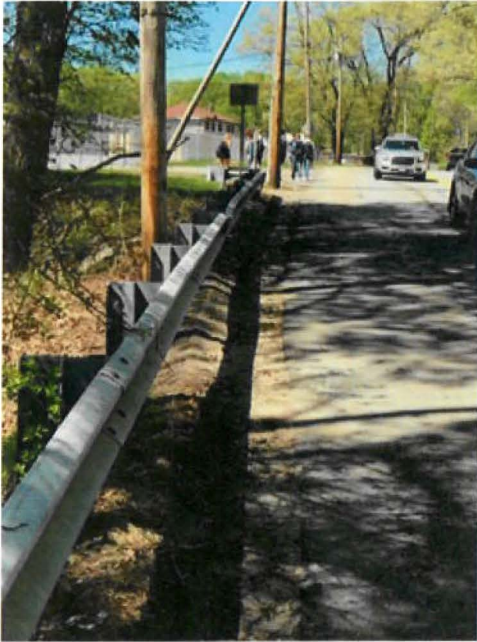
Since I first moved to Marlborough I noticed this dangerous situation and have mentioned it more than once to my Marlborough City Counselor and State Senator. Statistics show an increase in pedestrian "accidents" across the state. The driveway of the Assabet Regional High School exits onto RT 85. The students, and other people including myself, walk from the driveway towards Hudson. Once you leave the driveway there is no sidewalk or shoulder on either side of the road. Once you pass the grassy are of the storage units and enter Hudson there is a sidewalk. Often I see groups of students walking towards KFC and the other shops in Hudson. This is an accident waiting to happen which I hope doesn't happen! It is better to act rather than react. There is a strip about 50-75 feet that needs a shoulder or sidewalk to prevent a horrible accident. I hope that the city of Marlborough acts on this now so that when school reconvenes the problem will be resolved.

Another situation that is an accident waiting to happen is the rail trail crossing on Fitchburg Street by Boston Scientific. The cars disregard the flashing lights. Many pedestrians don't realize that the lights will only flash and not change to a red light for the auto traffic. Even with the sign in the street the cars ignore the warnings. Drivers will look

straight at you and continue through the intersection including Land's Towing disregarding pedestrians that are in the cross walk. There is especially no excuse for Lands Towing. I have also mentioned this to the police department. Some times there is a officer at the intersection but perhaps a more proactive approach is necessary. The sign states it is the law to stop for pedestrians so enforce the law. Once the word is out that it is being enforced maybe the traffic will then abide by the law.

I eagerly await your response.

Thank you,  
Diane Seligman



**§ 586-53. Schedule IX: No Stopping, Standing or Parking Anytime**

**No person shall stop, stand or park a vehicle upon the following streets or highways or parts thereof:**

<b>Name of Street</b>	<b>Side</b>	<b>Location</b>
Elm Street	South	From Pleasant Street, northeasterly for a distance of 206 feet.





# Elm Street - NO PARKING

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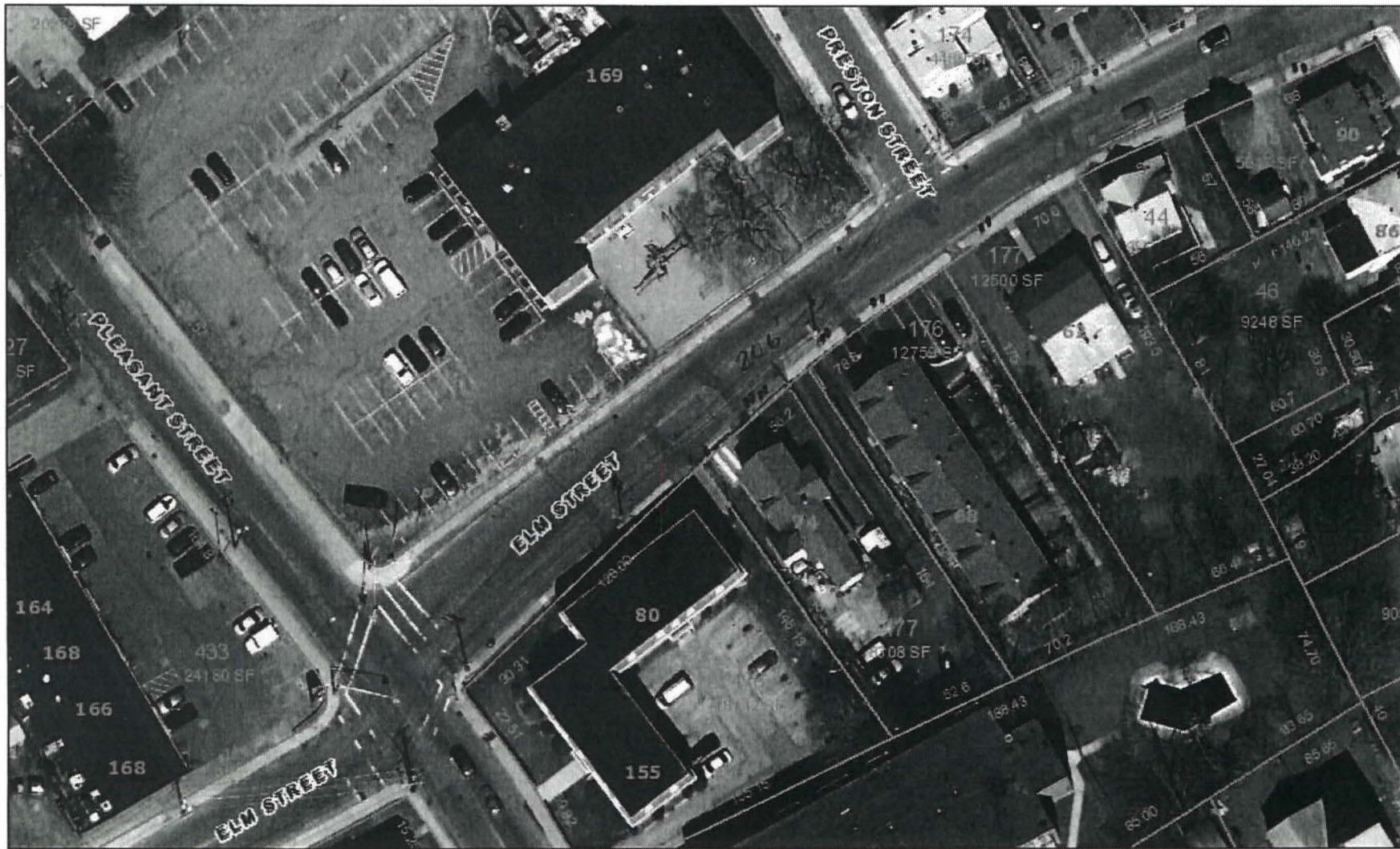
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## CITY OF MARLBOROUGH TRAFFIC COMMISSION

A regulation to amend the Rules and Regulations of the Traffic Commission of the City of Marlborough Chapter 586, as amended, thereof entitled VEHICLES AND TRAFFIC, Article VII, Section 53, Schedule IX: "No Stopping, Standing or Parking"

BE IT ENACTED BY THE TRAFFIC COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF MARLBOROUGH AS FOLLOWS:

Chapter 586 Section 53 of the Rules and Regulations of the Traffic Commission is hereby amended by ADDING to said schedule the following:

**No person shall stop, stand or park a vehicle upon the following streets or highways or parts thereof:**

<u>Name of Street</u>	<u>Side</u>	<u>Location</u>
Elm Street	South	From Pleasant Street, northeasterly for a distance of 206 feet.



## CITY OF MARLBOROUGH TRAFFIC COMMISSION

A regulation to amend the Rules and Regulations of the Traffic Commission of the City of Marlborough Section 586, as amended, thereof entitled VEHICLES AND TRAFFIC, Article VII, Section 50, Schedule VI: "Stop Intersections"

BE IT ENACTED BY THE TRAFFIC COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF MARLBOROUGH AS FOLLOWS:

Chapter 586 Section 50 of the Rules and Regulations of the Traffic Commission is hereby amended by ADDING to said schedule the following:

**In accordance with Section 586-13, the erection and maintenance of an isolated stop sign or signs or flashing red signals, as the case may be, are authorized as follows:**

<b><u>Stop Sign On</u></b>	<b><u>Direction of Travel</u></b>	<b><u>At Intersection Of</u></b>
Dartmouth Street	North	Edinboro Street
Exeter Street	North	Edinboro Street