

CITY OF MARLBOROUGH MEETING POSTING

Meeting Name: Traffic Commission

Date: June 27, 2018

Time: 10:00 am

Location: 3rd Floor City Hall – Memorial Hall

Agenda Items to be addressed:

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1) MINUTES OF LAST MEETING

- a) Review draft from 5-30-18

2) NEW BUSINESS

- a) Pleasant St./Crowley Drive Issue
- b) Stop Sign on Exeter Street

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) Request for Special Speed Regulation Petition for Hemenway Street Extension

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**CITY OF MARLBOROUGH
OFFICE OF TRAFFIC COMMISSION
140 MAIN STREET
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Traffic Commission Minutes

The Regular Meeting of the Traffic Commission was held on Wednesday, May 30, 2018 at 10:00 am in Memorial Hall, 3rd Floor, City Hall. Members present: Chairman - Police Chief David Giorgi, Fire Chief Kevin Breen, DPW Commissioner John Ghiloni and City Clerk Lisa Thomas. Also present: Assistant City Engineer Tim Collins. Sgt. Dan Campbell – MPD Traffic Services Unit. Minutes taken by Karen Lambert, MPD Records Clerk.

1- Minutes

The minutes of the Traffic Commission meeting of Wednesday, April 25, 2018.

Correction Needed: City Solicitor's name is spelled incorrectly, it should be Don **Rider** not Don **Ryder**.

MOTION was made, seconded, duly VOTED:

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

2 - New Business

2a) Elm Street Parking

Officer Moro sent an email to Chief Giorgi explaining this issue. In the area of 80 Elm Street, between pole #'s 11 & 12, there are often three vehicles parked here causing traffic issues. When this area was repaved last year and new sidewalks with granite curbing were installed, the roadway became narrower. When cars are parked here it is now difficult for school buses, trucks and any larger vehicles to travel east past the parked cars. He is suggesting that No Parking signs be placed on the two poles.

It was discussed that cars parked here before the reconstruction of the roadway, however, they would park partially on the sidewalk and it was much wider. All agreed that there should now be no parking on either side. There was previous discussion as to which side, if any, should allow for parking. However, now that the double yellow line runs down the center of the roadway there really is no room for parking on either side. If the issue came up sooner, the yellow line could have been placed off-center. The main issue appears to only be at the top of the street. The road is narrower at the end and "common sense" says not to park there.

Tim Collins advised that there is already a rule that says no parking within 20 feet of an intersection and 10 feet from a hydrant. Rather than dig up the new sidewalks, it makes the most sense to post the No Parking signs on the two utility poles at the start and end of the apartment building at the top of the street.

MOTION was made, seconded, duly VOTED to REFER to ENGINEERING for further review. Mr. Collins will measure the area and send the appropriate wording for the regulation to Chief Giorgi.

2b) Issues at Winter Avenue and Lincoln Street

Captain Valianti sent an email to Chief Giorgi on this issue at the request of a resident of Bond Street. She said that vehicles coming into town from Rte. 20 are driving behind Allora to Winter Ave. and using it as a cut through. It creates an issue when trying to turn right up Lincoln St toward 7-11. This is a very tight turn and there is no stop sign or stop line and trees are a problem.

Sgt. Campbell said that he also talked to the resident. Vehicles are making a wide turn from Winter Ave. onto Lincoln Street and you can't see them coming. Tim Collins advised that Winter Ave. is 10 to 12 feet wide and should really be one-way and is not even a public way. It was initially more of a passage way. Mr. Collins passed out a diagram of the area for review. The homeowner could actually put a sign there that says, "Private Way – Do Not Enter". The City does plow that area but more out of convenience. It is easier to push the snow all the way through rather than try to turn around.

It was agreed that Winter Ave. is used as a short cut, however, there is not much that the City can do about this. Mr. Collins said that anyone coming off Bond Street is probably doing the same thing. You can't make the right turn and stay in your own lane when coming off Winter Ave. The sheer lack of volume is the only way it can have two-way traffic. The City can't stop people from coming this way up from Lakeside Ave. and the Police Department can't enforce anything on a private way. The Homeowner would have to say that someone is trespassing. With regard to the request for stop sign, this intersection would not meet the required warrants. This is not the purpose of a stop sign. It would make people think they have the right of way.

It was asked if there was any accident history here. Sgt. Campbell said that he can check on this.

MOTION was made, seconded, duly VOTED to REFER to SGT. Campbell to look into any accident history and advise at next meeting.

c) Request for Special Speed Regulation Petition for Hemenway Street Extension.

Officer Larose sent an email to Chief Giorgi with a formal request for a special speed regulation petition here. He said in his email, "This is a narrow unposted roadway with a hill that quickly transitions from a positive to a negative grade and is less than ¼ mile in length". It goes from a posted 25mph coming from Hudson and then reverts to 40mph because there are no other criteria. The road is not long enough and the houses are not close enough together to be considered "thickly settled".

He went on to note several serious motor vehicles accidents that have occurred here and gave specifics as to the circumstances behind them. Vehicles seem to come over the hill without realizing that there is a bend in the road. He also conducted a speed study here from 4/9/18 through 4/13/18 and found an average volume of 378.2 vehicles per day with an average speed of 29.63mph, an 85th percentile of 33.18mph and a maximum speed of 52mph. He feels that having a special speed regulation designating Hemenway Street Extension a posted 30mph would be appropriate. Tim Collins also passed out a diagram of this area with the percentage of climb and degree of bend in the roadway noted. All agreed that a special speed regulation was a good idea.

Tim Collins advised that he would fill out the form with the requirements and we can make a presentation to the state to formally request a 25mph speed zone to match what is already in place in Hudson.

Chief Giorgi also asked about possible warning signs for the low visibility. Tim Collins mentioned that no regulations are needed to warning signs, they can be utilized as needed.

MOTION was made, seconded, duly VOTED to REFER to ENGINEERING for the appropriate wording signs and to prepare the paperwork for the request for the Special Speed Regulation.

Lisa Thomas made a motion to suspend the rules to discuss an item not on the agenda. All in Favor.

Update on Traffic Code Amendments

Lisa Thomas wanted to be sure that all new amendments to the Traffic Code (post recodification) are ready to be sent to General Code. She prepared a schedule that included all amendments that have been added and highlighted those that are still missing from the online Traffic Code.

Karen Lambert advised that all highlighted items have been emailed to General Code with a request to add them under the New Laws Section. They should be available soon.

MOTION was made, seconded, duly VOTED to ACCEPT and PLACE ON FILE.

3-Old Business

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

Update: Commissioner Ghiloni said he has one more meeting scheduled and then this area should belong to the City.

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.

Tim Collins and Tom DiPersio have discussed this issue and attempted to simplify the language. Chief Giorgi said that he has not yet spoken to City Solicitor Don Rider again. Tim Collins said that the map for downtown parking is currently not regulated in words it is only indicated on the map diagram. The diagram includes all the city lots, updated with restrictions. Some of the parking areas have restrictions and some do not. Mr. Collins would like to have all parking areas included under the same section of the regulations. He would also like to remove any reference to metered parking areas. This section of the manual was initially called 'Metered Parking'. The purpose of the new Section is to clearly describe all off-street parking in words and not to rely on the map anymore. This section needed to be cleaned up anyways and this is now a good opportunity to do it. The group decided that the wording should be sent to Don Rider for review. Mr. Collins thinks he has already sent this to Legal for review but he will confirm.

MOTION was made, seconded, duly VOTED to REFER the proposed wording to Don Rider, City Solicitor, for review.

That there being no further business of the Traffic Commission held on this date, the meeting adjourned at 10:32 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, May 30, 2018, including meeting agenda.
- Draft of Traffic Commission Minutes from Wednesday, April 25, 2018.
- Email from Officer Moro to Chief Giorgi, dated 4/30/18, re: Elm Street Parking.
- Email from Capt. Valianti to Chief Giorgi, dated 5/14/18, re: Bond Street at Winter Ave.

-Email from Officer Larose to Chief Giorgi, dated 5/23/18, re: Hemenway Street Extension.

Additional Handouts:

- Diagram of Winter Ave. and surrounding area.
- Diagram of Hemenway Street Extension marked with the percentage of climb and degree of bend.
- Revised wording for Chap. 586-28 Municipal off-street parking areas.

Karen Lambert

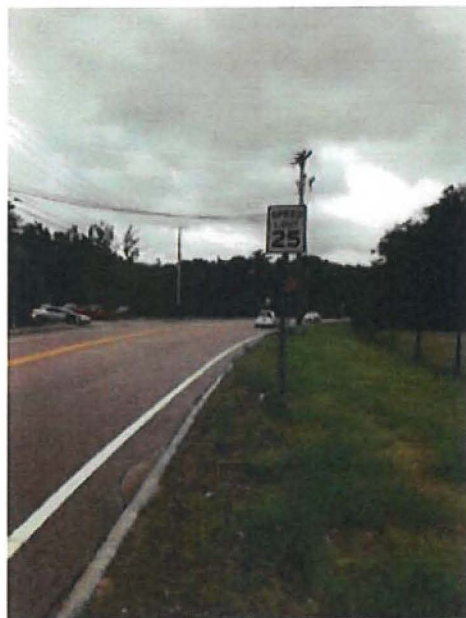
From: Kathleen Robey
Sent: Friday, June 15, 2018 1:51 PM
To: David Giorgi
Cc: City Council
Subject: Pleasant St./Crowley Dr. issue
Attachments: PleasantSt.S.jpg; PleasantSt.N.1.jpg; PleasantSt.N.2.jpg

Chief Giorgi,

I have been in contact with Mr. Leonard Solo, 37 Avery Lane, which is off of Crowley Dr. He sent a communication to Council regarding proposed zoning change that would allow an over 55 development to go in the undeveloped lot at end of Crowley Dr. He is concerned about the traffic that is already there and what the impact will be with additional cars. He asked me to look into what can be done regarding the cars on Pleasant St. now and the speed limit signs related to Pleasant St. I took a few photos of the signs near Crowley Dr. driving north and south. The sign from the north is hidden behind tree branches as you can see from photo 1, it is not visible, but from photo 2, up a little way on the road, it is visible. the one from south is visible. Is it possible to have the trees trimmed to make the sign from north visible. Also, if this development is approved, is it possible that a stop light similar to what has been proposed for Rt. 85 at Poirier Dr. could be placed at this location? Between the traffic exiting from Boston Scientific and from Crowley Dr. trying to get out in from of cars going faster than 25, that would be helpful.

If this can be put on the next Traffic Commission agenda, it would be appreciated.

Katie Robey
City of Marlborough
Councilor at-Large
508-561-4898







Karen Lambert

From: Carrie Lizotte
Sent: Thursday, June 7, 2018 1:23 PM
To: David Giorgi
Cc: Timothy Collins; Thomas DiPersio
Subject: Stop sign on Exeter

Hello,

A concerned citizen stated the stop sign on Exeter is missing (maybe a snow storm took it out he stated?)...And it's an accident waiting to happen...

Can we see get a new one up asap?

Thanks.

Carrie

Carrie Lizotte
Marlborough Police Department
Public Safety Administrative Assistant
508-485-1212 ext. 3974

Karen Lambert

From: Daniel Campbell
Sent: Friday, June 1, 2018 12:52 PM
To: David Giorgi
Subject: Winter Ave Accidents

Chief,

I only found one accident in the past year involving Winter Ave. I will double check the data though and see if something wasn't categorized correctly.

Sergeant Daniel Campbell
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Marlborough Police Department
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