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Meeting Name: Traffic Commission

Date: Wednesday, May 25, 2022

Time: 10:00 am

Location: 3rd Floor City Hall – Memorial Hall

Agenda Items to be addressed:

1) MINUTES OF LAST MEETING

- a) Review draft from 5-2-22

2) NEW BUSINESS

- a) Request for a parking space at 147 Main St., Boost Mobile.
- b) Request for permanent speed limit signs & other signage on Lincoln St.

3) OLD BUSINESS

- a) Issues with the turn movement at intersection of Boston Post Road West & Ames Street
- b) Request for flashing pedestrian crossing light & Dead-End sign on Gikas Lane

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

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Traffic Commission Minutes

The Regular Meeting of the Traffic Commission was held on Monday, May 2, 2022, at 10:00 am. (The meeting was also recorded and is available to view online at the City of Marlborough's website www.marlbrough-ma.gov). Members present: Chairman - Police Chief David Giorgi, Fire Chief Kevin Breen and City Clerk Steve Kerrigan. Also present: City Engineer Tom DiPersio, Ashley Miller also from the Engineering Department, Sgt. Ronnie Ney and Officer Andy Larose from the MPD Traffic Services Unit, City Councilor Katie Robey and local resident Maria Rivera.

Minutes taken by Karen Lambert, MPD Records Clerk.

Chief Giorgi started recording the meeting at 10:02 a.m. and began by welcoming everyone and making introductions.

1- Minutes

The minutes of the Traffic Commission meeting of Wednesday, March 30, 2022:

TO APPROVE. All in Favor - Accept and Place on File.

Chief Giorgi asked to take the New Business Items out of order as Maria Rivera was in attendance for 2b.

2 - New Business

2b) Request for flashing pedestrian crossing light & Dead-End sign on Gikas Lane.

Ms. Rivera explained that there are 10 houses on Gikas Lane with 17 children, many of whom are young. Families regularly use the crosswalks at the foot of Gikas Lane and Hudson Street to get their children off the school bus and to access the Rail Trail. She said that it is "a dangerous crossing point without additional safety" She is requesting 1) repainting the crosswalks 2) a flashing light for pedestrians and 3) a Dead-End Street sign. She feels that a flashing light would be the best bet for safety. When cars are coming down Hudson Street from the hospital, it is a blind turn, and they are often going faster than the speed limit.

Officer Larose pulled up an aerial photo for reference. Tom DiPersio advised that when the subdivision was put in, they were supposed to cut back the vegetation on the turn. It may need to be done again. He also noted that there are no Advance Warning signs for the crosswalk, and there should be at this location. Mr. DiPersio explained that there is not enough volume to trigger the warrant for a flashing pedestrian light.

Ms. Rivera said that the morning bus comes down the hill from the hospital and the afternoon bus is on the other side. The road is divided so people are less likely to realize that they should still be stopping for the school bus. Kids could be running across the street and cars fly past the bus.

There are also protected wetlands on the corner. Mr. DiPersio said that they would work with the Conservation Commission on cutting back the vegetation to clear the corner for safety reasons and they will add the advance warning signs for the crosswalk. Officer Larose asked if there could be two advance warning signs coming from the hospital, one at the turn and one further down closer to Gikas. The crosswalk will also be repainted.

Ms. Rivera is also requesting a dead-end sign as people seem to come up Gikas Lane by mistake, maybe thinking it is Hudson Street. They come full speed without realizing it is a cul-de-sac.

Ms. Rivera also asked about the type of crosswalk, if there was a way to make it stand out more. Mr. DiPersio advised that the ladder style crosswalk is used based on volume. They will have to see if it fits here.

MOTION was made, seconded, duly VOTED to REFER to ENGINEERING to repaint the crosswalks (in the format determined suitable for the area), clear the brush and install advance warning signs. They will also look at the request for the Dead-End sign.

2a) Review of Elm Street speed limits.

Councilor Robey had asked Engineering to look at the speed limits in this area as there are signs for 25 mph and 30 mph across from each other in the area of the 495 bridge and it is confusing. Ashley Miller looked into the regulated speed zones and advised as to the locations and that the signs appear to be correct.

It is 25 mph going up the hill toward Pleasant Street and 30 mph going down the hill. Ms. Miller advised that the speed regulation was created in 1974. It is not clear as to why it was created but the speed limit does go from 25 to 30 and back to 25 toward Boundary Street. The 25-mph section is from Mechanic St. to 367 Elm. Then it goes to 30 mph from 367 to 649 Elm and the remainder of Elm Street is 25 mph.

MOTION was made, seconded, duly VOTED to REFER to accept and place on file. No further action needed.

2c) Request for On Street Parking Permit @ 194 Chestnut St.

Chief Giorgi advised that he has spoken to the applicant. She is handicapped and lives on the third floor and parking is in the back of the house. She is requesting a spot in the front of the house. Mr. Kerrigan asked if there is room in the road. Ms. Miller brought up a photo of the area for reference. She also checked the regulation and confirmed that parking is allowed here. Mr. Kerrigan asked what happens during the winter parking ban. Chief Giorgi advised that there is a notice on the application regarding the winter parking ban. This is not an exemption, and the vehicle would have to be moved. Violators may be ticketed and/or towed.

MOTION was made, seconded, duly VOTED to APPROVE the parking spot.

3-Old Business

3a) Issues with the turn movement at intersection of Boston Post Road West & Ames Street

Update: Ms. Miller advised that she has sent a few emails to MADOT but has not received a reply yet. She will continue to follow up.

3b) Parking Issues on Cotting Ave.

Update: The Traffic Commission has already voted to remove the 30-minute parking area from Cotting Ave. Chief Giorgi advised that he needs the specific language from Engineering to create the regulation. He will get it from Ms. Miller and create the regulation for the next meeting.

3c) 30-minute parking regulation review.

Update: Chief Giorgi advised that he needs the specific language from Engineering to create the regulation. He will get it from Ms. Miller and create the regulation for the next meeting.

Chief Giorgi asked if anyone had any other issues they would like to discuss.

None noted.

That there being no further business of the Traffic Commission held on this date, the meeting adjourned at 10:21 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 the Traffic Commission Meeting on Monday, May 2, 2022, including meeting agenda.
- Draft of Traffic Commission Minutes from Wednesday, March 30, 2022.
- Email chain between Councilor Robey and the Engineering Department, dated 3/31/22, re: Elm Street Speed Limits.
- Email from Maria Rivera to Chief Giorgi, dated 4/11/22, re: Traffic Requests (Flashing pedestrian crossing light & Dead-End sign on Gikas Lane.
- On-Street Parking Permit Application for 194 Chestnut Street.

Additional Handouts

- None

Karen Lambert

From: Police Dept
Sent: Saturday, April 30, 2022 2:30 PM
To: David Giorgi
Subject: FW: Boost Mobile@

Hi!

I am Ms. Ventura

A Business owner at 147 Main St, in Marlboro, I would like to know how can I get a parking permit for my Business. I am reaching out to you because I have a lot of complaints from customers; they're not able to park to go in my facility, Boost mobile, any more to do business with us. All the parking spaces are always occupied by the Willy's restaurant most of the time for 3 hours. Most of my customers will only stay at my Store for Half an hour.

I will really appreciate your help on this matter I can be reach at

Thank you.

Best Regards
Mayra Ventura

Sent from my iPhone

Karen Lambert

From: Donna B.
Sent: Friday, May 6, 2022 10:38 PM
To: David Giorgi
Subject: Lincoln street

Hello. First, I would like to say, that was a pleasure to meet you and to talk about the issues we having with the Lincoln street. Also, as we talked , we really need permanent speed limit signs on the Lincoln street , which we hope would help to fight with the speeding drivers. The same time, maybe city could add some other signs, like Residential area or something similar, just to inform the drivers, that they need to pay attention, just to prevent some accidents or even tragedy one day, because as we talked , so many kids live and play just near the street. You mentioned, that we can not expect any speed bumps , but maybe , some day, will come up some possibility to make like a one way street or to make some specific hours , that all cars couldn't go, except the residents, to make traffic not so horrible and the same time, street safer. We think, that would make so many Lincoln street residents extremely happy, because again, we all suffer. Anyway, any taken measures would help.

Thank you so much.

Donna

Sent from my iPhone



CITY OF MARLBOROUGH TRAFFIC COMMISSION

A regulation to amend the Rules and Regulations of the Traffic Commission of the City of Marlborough, as amended, thereof entitled VEHICLES AND TRAFFIC, Article VII, Section 586-56, Schedule XII: "Time Limit Parking".

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

s. 586-56 of the Rules and Regulations of the Traffic Commission is hereby amended by REPEALING to said schedule the following:

<u>Name of Street</u>	<u>Side</u>	<u>Time Limit: Hours/Days</u>	<u>Location</u>
Cotting Avenue	West	30 mins, 8:30am to 5:00pm, Monday through Saturday	From the entrance of the Addison Shoe Corp. building southerly to the end of the street
East Main Street	East	30 mins., except Sunday and legal holidays	From the south-westly corner of the premises owned by the Marlboro Industrial Trust to a point 110 feet southerly thereof



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<u>Name of Street</u>	<u>Side</u>	<u>Time Limit: Hours /Days</u>	<u>Location</u>
East Main Street	West	30 mins., except Sunday and legal holidays	From the intersection of Francis Street northerly to the north- east corner of the premises known as the "Parmenter Square Market" as indicated by sign
Mechanic Street	East	30 min., 9:30am to 8:00pm except Sundays and legal holidays	Between Lincoln Street and northerly side of Hastings Street
West Main Street	North	15 mins., except Sundays and legal holidays	Commencing at Pleasant Street and extending easterly for a distance of 76 feet



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 REMOVING to said schedule the following:

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

Name of Street	Side	Location
Mechanic Street	East	Commencing at Lincoln Street and extending northerly to Longley Street

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:

Name of Street	Side	Location
Mechanic Street	East	Between Lincoln Street and Hastings Street