

CITY OF MARLBOROUGH MEETING POSTING

Meeting Name: Traffic Commission

Date: March 2, 2017

Time: 10:30am

Location: City Hall, 1st floor Committee Meeting Room

Agenda Items to be addressed:

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1) MINUTES OF LAST MEETING

2) NEW BUSINESS

- a) Elm St. @ Bigelow St. intersection concerns
- b) Request for stop sign on Montanari Drive.
- c) City Council acceptance of Section 17C of Chapter 90.
- d) Request for additional one-way signage on Bicknell St.
- e) Concern about vegetation in the vicinity of 147 Hildreth St.
- f) Signage/stop condition on Diconzo Blvd. at Boston Post Rd.

3) OLD BUSINESS

- a) Traffic Commission rules and regulations update.
- b) Traffic concerns at Wilson & Hemenway Sts.
- c) Request for stop signs on Weed St. at Florence St.
- d) Parking restriction on Forest St. near AMSA.
- e) Request to explore the possibility of changing the one-way direction of travel on Hayden St.
- f) Request for truck exclusion on Winter St.
- g) Request from Tim Collins to evaluate the flashing yellow light at Main/Maple/Hildreth Sts.
- h) Request for speed limit signage on Boundary St.

THE LISTING OF TOPICS THAT THE CHAIR REASONABLY ANTICIPATES WILL BE DISCUSSED AT THE MEETING IS NOT INTENDED AS A GUARANTEE OF THE TOPICS THAT WILL HAVE BEEN DISCUSSED. NOT ALL TOPICS LISTED MAY IN FACT BE DISCUSSED, AND OTHER TOPICS NOT LISTED MAY ALSO BE BROUGHT UP FOR DISCUSSION TO THE EXTENT PERMITTED BY LAW.



**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 Tuesday, January 31, 2017 at 10:00am in the City Council Committee Room, City Hall. Members present: Chairman - Police Chief Mark Leonard, DPW Commissioner John Ghiloni, Fire Chief Kevin Breen and City Clerk Lisa Thomas. Minutes taken by: Karen Lambert, MPD Records Clerk.

1- Minutes

The minutes of the Traffic Commission meeting of Tuesday, December 20, 2016.

MOTION was made, seconded, duly VOTED:
TO APPROVE - Accept and Place on File.

2 – New Business

2a) Request from Tim Collins to evaluate the flashing yellow light at Main/Maple /Hildreth Streets.

Tim Collins sent an email to Chief Leonard advising that this light had been knocked down again. He went on to explain that when this light was installed that section of Main St. & Maple St. was part of Rte. 85 and had much higher traffic volume than what we see now that South Bolton is part of Rte. 85. Hildreth St. had a flashing red and Main and Maple had flashing yellow. It has always been confusing as to who has the right of way. Mr. Collins is now asking if the flashing light here is warranted. If not, he would like to add a stop condition at Maple Street instead.

The group went on to discuss the traffic pattern here and how everyone stops and no one really knows what to do. Chief Leonard said that he does not think the flashing yellow

was actually warranted. It was just something that “has been there forever”. It was also questioned as to whether MA DOT has (or had) control over this area. Chief Leonard asked if Mr. Collins could conduct a review and see if it meets the warrants for a stop condition here and make a recommendation at the next meeting.

MOTION was made, seconded, duly VOTED to REFER to ENGINEERING to see if this intersection meets the warrants for a stop sign and provide a recommendation at the next meeting.

2b) Request for speed limit signage on Boundary St.

This request came from a resident of Boundary Street. She sent an email to the Chief explaining that the traffic on Boundary Street “has increased drastically” and went on to say that “it has become a cut thru street during rush hour” and is dangerous for her young child at the bus stop. She said there is no speed limit sign on Boundary Street but GPS shows the speed as 30mph. She is requesting that speed limit signs be installed.

The group discussed whether or not this street is considered “thickly settled” and whether or not there is a special speed regulation here. They went on to agree that it should probably be looked at, especially down by the treatment plant where the turns are located. If it is not “thickly settled” it would actually revert back to 40mph. Tim Collins from Engineering was unable to attend the meeting.

MOTION was made, seconded, duly VOTED to REFER to ENGINEERING to determine the current speed limit for Boundary Street and TABLE for further discussion at the next meeting.

2c) Traffic Commission meeting schedule for 2017.

Chief Leonard prepared the meeting schedule for 2017 for review. He noted that the February meeting was moved up a week, from 2/28 to 2/21, so that he could be in attendance at the last meeting with the new Chief of Police. He knows that it is now the same day as the Site Plan meeting, however, and he may have to leave early. He also noted that the December meeting was bumped up to the third week of December rather than the last week of December due to the holidays.

MOTION was made, seconded, duly VOTED to ACCEPT and PLACE ON FILE. Also REFER to Lisa Thomas to post the schedule on the Traffic Commission’s website.

3-Old Business

3a) Traffic Commission rules and regulations update.

Chief Leonard advised that he and Karen Lambert have reviewed the outstanding regulations and have now rectified what has been approved and advertised. They found an additional 10 regulations that still needed to be advertised and provided copies to Lisa Thomas. Ms. Thomas will forward them to the newspaper for advertisement.

MOTION was made, seconded, duly VOTED to REFER to Lisa Thomas to forward the last group of outstanding regulations to the newspaper for advertisement.

3b) Traffic Concerns at Wilson & Hemenway Sts.

Update: Engineering advised that they would be waiting until the Spring to make any changes here. They don't want to install the new island with the snow.

MOTION was made, seconded, duly VOTED to TABLE.

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

Commissioner Ghiloni advised that this issue is still pending.

MOTION was made, seconded, duly VOTED to TABLE.

3d) Parking restriction on Forest Street near AMSA.

Commissioner Ghiloni advised that "No Parking" signs have been installed near the school, however, he is not sure as to how many were put up. Chief Leonard said that he has not seen them yet. Tim Collins had previously advised that 50 signs were necessary to post the entire area, however, the Group thought this seemed excessive. Commissioner Ghiloni said he thinks that 4 are now in place. So far this winter has not really been an issue because the weather has not been bad. There was a big issue two years ago when there were large snow banks on both sides of the road. Commissioner Ghiloni also feels that signs should be posted at the school driveway.

MOTION was made, seconded, duly VOTED to REFER to ENGINEERING to bring the proper language to the next meeting.

3e) Request to explore the possibility of changing the one-way direction of travel on Hayden Street.

Fire Chief Breen was unable to attend the last meeting so Chief Leonard gave him a brief overview of the issue. The request was made by Trish Pope and the reasoning is that when people come off Granger Blvd. and proceed to the Senior Center Lot and find the lot full, they have trouble finding the way to the overflow parking at the school. Currently they have to take a right onto Hayden Street and get back onto Rte. 20. If the direction of Hayden Street were changed, they could take a left onto Hayden and proceed straight to the school.

Commissioner Ghiloni said that he thinks this would just back up other areas. He likes the idea for the Senior Center but not for those coming from South Street. It just creates other problems. Fire Chief Breen said that he will go take a look at the area when he leaves the meeting today. He would like to know how it would impact fire apparatus access if the direction of the roadway were to change.

MOTION was made, seconded, duly VOTED to REFER to FIRE CHIEF BREEN to take a look at the area with respect to fire apparatus and advise at the next meeting.

d) Request for truck exclusion on Winter Street.

Chief Leonard said that he thought he saw that new signs had gone up here indicating that the truck exclusion was ahead. Commissioner Ghiloni said that no those are the same signs that had already been installed but that they did put the counters out. There was a problem, however, because snow was coming and the counters needed to be pulled up for snow removal. As of the meeting today, they have not yet been put back down.

Commissioner Ghiloni also asked if the guardrail should be put back up. The large rocks have been used because the guardrail was hit so many times and kept needing to be fixed. The fear is that someone will hit the house without some type of barrier to protect the property. Chief Leonard said that he thinks the rocks are fine. They provide the same protection and don't need to be replaced. They will still keep a car from hitting the house. Commissioner Ghiloni also said that they will soon be working on this area and sidewalks are going to be added on Winter Street. He noted, however, that there is no room for any major widening of the roadway.

MOTION was made, seconded, duly VOTED to REFER to EGINNERING to put the counters back out.

That there being no further business of the Traffic Commission held on this date, the meeting adjourned at 10:30 am.

Respectfully submitted,

Karen L. Lambert
Records Clerk
Marlborough Police Department

List of documents and other exhibits used at the meeting:

- Meeting Agenda for Tuesday, January 31, 2017. (Including City of Marlborough Meeting Posting).
- Draft of minutes from Tuesday, December 20, 2016.
- Email from Tim Collins to Chief Leonard, dated 1/6/17, re: Intersection of Main Street/Maple Street/Hildreth Street.
- Email from Kaitlin Fafard to Carrie Lizotte (for Chief Leonard), dated 1/3/17, re: Boundary St. – Marlborough.
- Traffic Commission Meeting Schedule for 2017.

Additional Handouts:

-None-

Mark Leonard

From: LYNN COMEAU <lynn90861@comcast.net>
Sent: Friday, January 20, 2017 8:46 AM
To: Mark Leonard
Subject: traffic

Hi Chief,

Hope all is well with you !! I have a question.. I live on Hunter Ave and EVERY morning when I drive up my street to go to work , someone coming out of Montanari Dr never stops before pulling out.. And EVERY morning i'm close to getting t-boned.. Is there anything that can be done like putting a stop sign there? this has been an on going thing not only on that street but coming out of Labelle Street too.. but more so Montanari Dr

Thanks !!

Lynn Daponte

508-933-2592 Cell

508-485-1926 work



IN CITY COUNCIL

FEBRUARY 6, 2017

Marlborough, Mass.,

ORDERED:

That the Marlborough City Council hereby accepts Section 17C of Chapter 90 of the Massachusetts General Laws, as amended, as follows:

(a) Notwithstanding section 17 or any other general or special law to the contrary, the city council, the transportation commissioner of the city of Boston, the board of selectmen, park commissioners, a traffic commission or traffic director of a city or town that accepts this section in the manner provided in section 4 of chapter 4 may, in the interests of public safety and without further authority, establish a speed limit of 25 miles per hour on any roadway inside a thickly settled or business district in the city or town on any way that is not a state highway.

(b) Upon establishing a speed limit under this section, the city or town shall notify the department. The operation of a motor vehicle at a speed in excess of a speed limit established under this section shall be a violation of section 1.

And further, that the Marlborough City Council hereby accepts Section 18B of Chapter 90 of the Massachusetts General Laws, as amended, as follows:

(a) Notwithstanding section 18 or any other general or special law to the contrary, the city council, the transportation commissioner of the city of Boston, the board of selectmen, park commissioners, a traffic commission or traffic director of a city or town that accepts this section in the manner provided in section 4 of chapter 4 may, in the interests of public safety and without further authority, establish designated safety zones on, at or near any way in the city or town which is not a state highway, and with the approval of the department if the same is a state highway. Such safety zones shall be posted as having a speed limit of 20 miles per hour.

(b) The operation of a motor vehicle in such zone at a speed exceeding the speed limit established under this section shall be a violation of section 17.

Be and is herewith refer to **PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE AND TRAFFIC COMMISSION.**

ADOPTED

ORDER NO. 17-1006815



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February 2, 2017

City Council President Edward J. Clancy
Marlborough City Council
140 Main Street
Marlborough, MA 01752

Re: Acceptance of State Statutes to Lower Speed Limits

Honorable President Clancy and Councilors:

Please find enclosed for your review and approval an order to accept two provisions of M.G.L. Chapter 90 which will enable the City to reduce the speed limit in thickly settled districts to 25 miles per hour and enable the City to create safety zones with a 20 mile per hour speed limit.

Last year, Governor Baker launched an initiative to update state statutes that impact municipalities in order to delegate more power to cities and towns and reduce bureaucratic burdens in order to streamline processes. One piece of this municipal modernization bill he filed enabled cities and towns to reduce speed limits and create safety zones.

I recommend that the City adopts these sections of the proposed law. Rather than adopting it for all thickly settled or business districts in Marlborough, I recommend that the Traffic Commission determine which thickly settled or business districts should be 25 mph. This would enable residents to work with the traffic commission when they wish to see their neighborhoods adopt the slower speed limit.

Adopting safety zones may also be beneficial for streets that abut high pedestrian and bike traffic areas like parks, playgrounds, Memorial Beach, the Rail Trail, and Main Street.

It is important to note, however, that lowering speed limits will not itself make Marlborough's streets safer for all users. We ask residents and visitors to be aware of their surroundings and take it slow. I continue to request the police department to make traffic enforcement a focus. Improved street design, lower speed limits, greater enforcement, and drivers taking it slowly, being attentive, and not texting while driving are all part of the equation to making Marlborough's streets safer for all users.

Sincerely,

Arthur G. Vigant

Arthur G. Vigant
Mayor

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(b) The operation of a motor vehicle in such zone at a speed exceeding the speed limit established under this section shall be a violation of section 17.

ADOPTED
In City Council
Order No. 17-

Adopted

Approved by Mayor
Arthur G. Vigeant
Date:

A TRUE COPY
ATTEST:

Erin | Registered User

Opened

One Way! : Bicknell St is a one way street. Several times a day, cars travel in the wrong direction. It is a narrow street with limited visibility over a hill, so it is only a matter of time before there is a serious accident. Is it possible to install more obvious signage that indicates it is a one way street?

11 hours ago



Program Administrator | Verified Official

Assignment

Program Administrator assigned this issue to Public Works Dispatch

11 hours ago



Public Works Dispatch | Verified Official

Acknowledged

Thank you for bringing this issue to our attention! One of our City of Marlborough Streets Division staff will take a look at the issue. Based on what we find when we investigate the issue, we will determine what course of action is required and schedule any necessary repairs. If we need further information we will contact you. Marlborough Public Works 508-624-6910

2 hours ago



Public Works Dispatch | Verified Official

Assignment

Public Works Dispatch assigned this issue to Police Department

2 hours ago



Program Administrator | Verified Official

Assignment

Program Administrator assigned this issue to City Engineer

2 hours ago

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Issues



Report



Menu

Mark Leonard

From: Mark Parente
Sent: Saturday, January 28, 2017 10:54 AM
To: Mark Leonard
Subject: 17-85-AC

Chief Leonard,

I spoke with Ofc. Larose about this accident, he advised me you are able to pass along this information. I had an accident report at # 147 Hildreth St. A female was pulling out her driveway and struck another vehicle traveling east on Hildreth St. The operator, Anayeli, advised me her parents have been trying for years to speak with the property owner at #145 Hildreth St. They have asked if the bushes could be cut down. They can never see west on to Hildreth St. while pulling out their driveway. If this is a Pam issue let me know and I will pass it along.

Thanks
Mark Parente