

CITY OF MARLBOROUGH MEETING POSTING

Meeting Name: Traffic Commission

Date: March 27, 2019

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 2-27-19

2) NEW BUSINESS

- a) Suggestions re: Parking on Short Street, Request for Left Turn Arrow @ Bolton Street & Lincoln Street, Request for Traffic Lights at intersection of Bolton Street & Reservoir Street.

3) OLD BUSINESS

- a) Request for Parking Ban Exception on Monument Ave.
- b) Public safety issue at the Apex Center.
- c) Request for a crosswalk at John Street and Maple Street.

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Traffic Commission Minutes

The Regular Meeting of the Traffic Commission was held on Wednesday, February 27, 2019 at 10:00 am in Memorial Hall, 3rd 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, City Councilor Katie Robey and City Councilor Christian Dumais. Minutes taken by Karen Lambert, MPD Records Clerk.

1- Minutes

The minutes of the Traffic Commission meeting of Wednesday, January 30, 2019.

MOTION was made, seconded, duly VOTED:

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

2 - New Business

None

3-Old Business

3a) Request for Parking Ban Exception on Monument Ave.

Update: Tim Collins provided an aerial photo of this area with specific lots and sizes noted. He explained that #26 has a “license to encroach” issued by the City which allows them to park cars on the adjacent City owned property. There is a requirement for #26 to provide an insurance binder, however, this had not been provided to the City. They are also only supposed to only park cars in this lot, however, they were also parking boats

here. They were advised by the City to move the boats and obtain the proper insurance. There are two homes here, one is a two family and the other is a three family. Mr. Collins believes that when the license to encroach was first issued, the same person owned both properties. The City would like to provide both homes with the license to encroach so that residents of both homes have a place to park in the winter that would not interfere with snow removal or the parking ban. Mr. Collins also noted that #26 has a fence and shed on the City owned property. They did get a permit for the fence which was initially on their property. The fence and shed have now been moved onto the City owned property. The City does not want the fence removed. They are just trying to figure out the best way to handle the parking issue.

MOTION was made, seconded, duly VOTED to TABLE.

3b) Public safety issue at the Apex Center.

Update: After the last meeting this issue was referred to the Fire Chief and Site Plan (Priscilla Rider) for further review. Chief Giorgi said that Assistant Fire Chief Jeff Gogan advised that the Fire Department was at this location twice over the weekend. He said it was "a traffic nightmare" and that there is now also a giant crane blocking the roadway so there is only one way into the Apex Center. Assistant Chief Gogan met with Apex Center representatives to discuss the issue. It was determined that there needs to be a meeting with all involved parties, i.e. Apex Center, Fire Dept., Police Department and the City (Priscilla Ryder) to try and figure out a better plan with regard to fire lanes and crosswalks. There was another fire lane on the other side that was also blocked by cars.

MOTION was made, seconded, duly VOTED to TABLE.

3c) Request for speed limit signs on Prospect Street.

Update: Tim Collins passed out several diagrams of the Prospect Street area with the distance between the homes marked. In order for an area to be considered "thickly settled" there is a requirement of 200 feet between the houses. The average distance here is 52 feet between houses. The issue is that most of the streets in the area also qualify as "thickly settled". Mr. Collins highlighted the diagram to indicate which streets have an existing speed zone and which qualify as "thickly settled". He does agree that Prospect Street is used as a cut through, however, he is not recommending that Prospect Street be marked as thickly settled because all the areas around it could ask for the same thing.

Chief Giorgi said that Officer Larose had put the speed signs out here to collect traffic data. Officer Larose had the signs out from 1/15/19 to 1/18/19. He found that the average number of cars per day was 442, with the 85th Percentile traveling at 22.97 MPH. Based on these statistics, there is no need to place a sign here. Mr. Collins said that if people want to speed they will. The "thickly settled" sign will not stop them.

MOTION was made, seconded, duly VOTED to ACCEPT and PLACE on FILE. SGT. Campbell can continue with enforcement.

3d) Request for a crosswalk at John Street and Maple Street.

Update: Tim Collins advised that the reconstruction plan in this area is still under review. Chief Giorgi advised that he did reach out to the resident who made the initial request and showed him a picture of the proposed diagram with the island and advised that it is all still under review. It was also noted that there is an existing crosswalk at the playground but that it would be nice to have a crosswalk and sidewalks leading all the way up to the playground. Maybe there could be some money available with the John Street and St. Mary's reconstruction project.

MOTION was made, seconded, duly VOTED to TABLE.

That there being no further business of the Traffic Commission held on this date, the meeting adjourned at 10:20 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, February 22, 2019, including meeting agenda.
- Draft of Traffic Commission Minutes from Wednesday, January 30, 2019.

Additional Handouts:

- Aerial photo of Monument Street area with specific lot notations.
- 3 diagrams of different areas of Prospect Street with # of feet between houses noted.
- Diagram of full Prospect Street area with surrounding areas highlighted as to Existing Speed Zones and areas that also qualify as "thickly settled."
- Copy of the Extended Speed Summary Report for Prospect Street.

Karen Lambert

From:
Sent: Monday, March 11, 2019 3:24 PM
To: David Giorgi
Subject: Traffic commission Suggestions

Dear Chief Giorgi,

I have 3 suggestions to make.

First, I would like to see parking on Short St. restricted to one side, as it is on Brimsmead and other neighboring streets. When snowbanks narrow the street, and vehicles are parked on both sides of the two-way street, it is difficult for cars to get by.

Second, please install a left turning arrow on the traffic lights on the corner of Bolton and Lincoln, for cars on Bolton St to have a few seconds to turn left onto Lincoln, without the on rush of cars blocking from the other direction.

Third, We need a set of traffic lights at the intersection of Bolton St., and Reservoir. When traffic is heavy on Bolton St. it is difficult to make a left turn at that intersection.

Thank you for your help in this matter.

Sincerely,

Barbara Nahoumi