

CITY OF MARLBOROUGH MEETING POSTING

Meeting Name: Traffic Commission

Date: May 29, 2019

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 4-24-19

2) NEW BUSINESS

- a) Traffic Concerns on Lincoln Street, especially at intersection of East Main St. & Stevens St.
- b) Parking Issues on John Street around the playground area.

3) OLD BUSINESS

- a) Request for Parking Restriction on Howland Street.
- b) Request for Parking Ban Exception on Monument Ave.

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Traffic Commission Minutes

The Regular Meeting of the Traffic Commission was held on Wednesday, April 24, 2019 at 10:00 am in City Council Committee Room, City Hall. Members present: Chairman - Police Chief David Giorgi, DPW Commissioner John Ghiloni, Fire Chief Kevin Breen and Acting City Clerk Steve Kerrigan. Also present: City Engineer Thomas DiPersio, City Councilor Christian Dumais and 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, March 27, 2019.

MOTION was made, seconded, duly VOTED:

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

2 - New Business

2a) Parking Issues on Monument Ave.

The owner of a rental property at 20 Monument Ave. has received numerous complaints about vehicles parked across the street in front of the driveway entrance preventing them from getting in and out with larger vehicles. He is requesting that No Parking signs be placed here.

Tim Collins provided a photo of the area which shows the issue with the way vehicles are parked. He also noted, however, that the car in the photo is clearly parked within 20 feet of the intersection. There is currently a City ordinance that prohibits vehicles from parking within 20 feet of intersection. As such, parking is already prohibited across the street from the driveway opening.

MOTION was made, seconded, duly VOTED to REFER to the POLICE DAPARTMENT for enforcement.

2b) Parking Issues on Fairmont Street.

Chief Giorgi received an email from a resident of Onamog Street addressing her concerns with cars continuously parking on Fairmont Street even though there is a very clear regulation stating no parking on either side of the street. She has made numerous complaints to the Police Department about how dangerous it is going up and down the hill when cars are parked here. She said she has almost been hit numerous times and when two cars are going in opposite directions, often one of the drivers has to stop and reverse so the other car can get by due to illegally parked cars. She has seen officers in the area a few times and she has seen tickets or possible warnings on the cars twice in the past four months. However, the same cars continue to park here. They also often park on the sidewalk making it difficult for children to walk to and from the bus stop.

Commissioner Ghiloni said that the City has installed 3 new No Parking signs here, however, it continues to be an enforcement issue. Chief Giorgi said that the issue can be referred to the Traffic Unit and asked if something proactive could be done. The suggestion was made to possibly blanket the area with warning slips for a few days. Councilor Dumais offered to go down and take pictures of the vehicles to try to determine which are repeat offenders. All agreed that this would help.

MOTION was made, seconded, duly VOTED to refer to Sgt. Campbell and the MPD Traffic Control Unit for enforcement.

3-Old Business

3a) Request for Parking Restriction on Howland Street.

Update: The main issue is that the new curbing has narrowed the roadway and that there is no longer enough room for parking on both sides of the street. Tim Collins was unable to attend the meeting, however, provided a detailed email outlining his investigation and recommendations.

MOTION was made, seconded, duly VOTED to TABLE until the next meeting when Mr. Collins can be in attendance to discuss his findings.

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

MOTION was made, seconded, duly VOTED to TABLE until winter parking ban is in effect.

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

Update: Mr. DiPersio advised that the issue with the crosswalk has been addressed. The island will be installed in the center of the road as part of the reconstruction project. It is

just a question as to how much the State will pay. This issue can be removed from the agenda.

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

That there being no further business of the Traffic Commission held on this date, the meeting adjourned at 10:12 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, April 24, 2019, including meeting agenda.

- Draft of Traffic Commission Minutes from Wednesday, March 27, 2019.

- Email from Adalton Sales to the Police Department, dated 4/2/19, re: Parking Issue on Monument Ave.

- Email from Kara Kill to Chief Giorgi, dated 4/11/19, re: Parking Issues on Fairmont Street.

- Email from Kara Kill to Chief Giorgi, dated 4/13/19, re: Parking Issues on Fairmont Street along with two photos.

- Email from Tim Collins to Chief Giorgi and the Traffic Commission, dated 4/18/19, re: responses to the New Business Agenda Items. (Tim Collin provided this information as he had a conflict and was unable to attend the meeting.

Additional Handouts:

- Email from Tim Collins to the Traffic Commission, dated 4/22/19, re: Comments on the Agenda Packet for 4/24/19 meeting.

Karen Lambert

From: Donna
Sent: Friday, May 17, 2019 9:59 AM
To: Police Dept
Subject: Lincoln Street

Good morning. I do not really know, if it is the right place to write, but we (I and my family members in this case) have really big concerns about our street we live by. It is Lincoln Street, especially by the intersection to the Main Street and Stevens Street, near Golf gas station. When we bought the house in 2017, it was an active street, but now it is became totally bad situation, total disaster . Maybe because more and more people moving closer to Worcester, because of the high houses prices or some other reasons. The street became extremely unsafe. Drivers go 45 sometimes 50 miles and hour, (maybe not all of them , but most of them for sure) especially from intersection from the Main Street. When we need to get out from our drive way, it is impossible, because no driver want to stop and let us in to the road, it takes a lot of time especially in the morning, until you can get out to the street to go to work . Even you got on the road, nobody stops, going around you, just to be first and all speeding . We had a few situations, thanks god, avoided an accident. Just a few weeks ago, some driver had accident, knocked off fire hydrant just near our driveway, I guess he was speeding too. Rush hour, also, very bad , huge line of cars, have to stay in lane , until you can get to your driveway. Another thing, even there are the sign no trucks in the intersection, some of them still going and do not think very slow...

So, not just speeding, but also a big noise from the street, (speed and big cars) continues all day and almost overnight, it is a huge issue as well.

My questions are, any possibility to do something about it? I know, it is Root 20, but so many people live on this street and still, this is not city's main street. Any possibility to make lower speed on this street? Any possibility to add some signs, to limit traffic for some hours, like at night, just to give some peace and quite for residents who live by the street? I hope, my neighbors would agree with us on this issue.

Thank you and have a good day.

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Sent from my iPad

Karen Lambert

From: David Giorgi
Sent: Thursday, May 23, 2019 11:36 AM
To: Karen Lambert
Subject: Fwd: John St.

Add this to next week's agenda please
Sent from my iPhone

Begin forwarded message:

From: Peter Juairé
Date: May 23, 2019 at 10:34:10 AM EDT
To: David Giorgi
Cc: City Council
Subject: John St.

Good Morning Chief,

I received complaints from a few residents about the parking situation on John St. around the playground . Seems the present parking allows parking on both sides of the street which makes getting through that area difficult at best. There are concerns of children's safety as they cross the street, as well as concerns of getting Fire trucks up that street.

I was wondering if the Traffic Commission could look into this and address this problem before something bad happens. I would offer the suggestion of No Parking on the opposite side of the street from where the 2 houses St. Mary's are going to demolish to the corner of Maple St.

I also have asked Commissioner Gholoni to install 2 signs that indicate a playground and Children in the area.

Thank You Chief, and please keep me advised

Peter J. Juairé
City of Marlborough
Councilor at Large

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