

# CITY OF MARLBOROUGH MEETING POSTING

Meeting Name: Traffic Commission

Date: Wednesday, October 27, 2021

Time: 10:00 am

Location: 3<sup>rd</sup> Floor City Hall – Memorial Hall

Agenda Items to be addressed:

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**1) MINUTES OF LAST MEETING**

- a) Review draft from 9-29-21

**2) NEW BUSINESS**

- a) Parking Complaints on High Street @ Brown Street
- b) Jake Brake Issue by 275 Boston Post Road West

**3) OLD BUSINESS**

- a) Issues with the turn movement at intersection of Boston Post Road West & Ames Street
- b) Reservoir @ Red Spring Road
- c) Commercial traffic and speeding on Farm Road
- d) Request for 2 handicapped parking spaces on Laviolette Street
- e) Parking Issues at Stevens Park

**CANCELLED**

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

**DRAFT**

**Traffic Commission Minutes**

The Regular Meeting of the Traffic Commission was held on Wednesday, September 29, 2021 at 10:00 am. The meeting was also recorded and is available to view online on the City of Marlborough website ([www.marlb.org](http://www.marlb.org)). Members present: Chairman - Police Chief David Giorgi, Commissioner of Public Works Sean Divoll and City Clerk Steve Kerrigan. Also present: City Engineer Tom DiPersio, Ashley Miller and Ryan Malcolm also from the Engineering Department, Sgt. Zac Attaway and Officer Andy Larose from the MPD Traffic Services Unit, City Councilor Katie Robey and locals residents William Shea and [redacted] party.

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**

No meeting held in August 2021.

The minutes of the Traffic Commission meeting of Wednesday, July 28, 2021.

MOTION was made, seconded, duly VOTED:

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

**2 - New Business -**

**2a) Request for 2 handicapped parking spaces on Laviolette Street.**

Chief Giorgi advised that the residents of Academy Knoll, at 22 Broad Street, have inquired through the Mayor's Office about the possibility of adding 2 handicapped spaces on Laviolette Street to accommodate some of the residents who are unable to safely access the building using the 2 existing handicapped spaces.

Tom DiPersio said that Ashley Miller did some follow up on this request and found that there is a provision in the City Code for handicapped spaces in the street. The Property Owner would need to complete an application for a yearly permit. The permit would be renewable in January of each year to ensure that the need still exists. Mr. DiPersio will see if he can locate the application form as it was not included with the provision in the City Code.

MOTION was made, seconded, duly VOTED to REFER to ENGINEERING to locate the form and try to get it completed for the next meeting.

**2b) Parking Issues at Stevens Park**

Commissioner Divoll said that there is an issue with overnight parking and commercial parking during the day. He thinks that commercial landscapers that live in the area are using this parking lot at night when they come home from work. He was planning to go by during the day to see if he could get the names of the commercial vehicles parked there. Chief Giorgi said that he talked to Officer Larose about this and Officer Larose advised that a lot of residents do use this area for parking during the winter.

Commissioner Divoll said that he sees more of an issue with commercial vehicles parking here during the day. Steve Kerrigan asked if trailers were being left there? Chief Giorgi asked if we can create a parking restriction there during the day. Commissioner Divoll asked about parking restrictions in other City lots. Mr. Kerrigan said he has no issue with commercial vehicles or residents parking there in the evening. A specific time restriction seems better, possibly a restriction for commercial vehicles between 7:00 am to 7:00 pm. Daytime parking is needed for those visiting the park and splash pad.

Officer Larose advised that the Parking Deck has a restriction for No Commercial Overnight Parking. He said he and Officer Connors can drive by and monitor who is parking there during the day and the midnight shift can also take a look.

Councilor Robey asked about issues with plowing in the winter if overnight parking is allowed. Steve Kerrigan doesn't see this as a big issue as there is plenty of room in the lot at night.

MOTION was made, seconded, duly VOTED to create the language for the proposed parking restriction.

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

**Update:** Engineering was planning to draft a letter to the State outlining their suggestions. The letter was not finalized with Tim Collins before he left for retirement.

MOTION was made, seconded, duly VOTED to REFER to ENGINEERING to draft the letter for the next meeting.

**3b) Traffic Concerns on Oakcrest Ave.**

Chief Giorgi advised that Councilor Navin was asking for an update on this issue.

**Update:** Engineering did a survey and determined that there is no room for a sidewalk on the other side of Oakcrest on Stevens Street. They would have to move the pavement area or do land takings. There is no way to put a crosswalk on the Northern side.

**3c) Cashman Street – One Way**

**Update:** Tom DiPersio advised that the bike trail expansion project has been evolving as it moves along and a couple more redesigns have occurred. There is no longer a need to make Cashman Street a one-way street. There will now be a shared use side path, i.e., a larger sidewalk for both bikes and pedestrians. Steve Kerman questioned how this would impact the width of the roadway. Mr. DiPersio said it is a little narrower, but it is still 24 feet wide and can accommodate 2 lanes of travel. It is also plenty wide enough to accommodate trucks though the intersection. He also noted that the new bike path is on the same side as the Greek Church. It was originally planned for the opposite side. There will also be flashing beacons at the crossing and it will continue down Prospect Street on the IC Church side. Mr. DiPersio said that it has all poured now, and you can actually see how it looks.

MOTION was made, seconded, duly VOTED to REMOVE from the Agenda.

**3d) Reservoir @ Red Spring Road**

**Update:** Engineering advised that the sweeping right turn onto Reservoir can be blocked off if this is what the Traffic Commission still wants to try.

The existing "T" sign needs to be moved further away from Bolton Street as it looks like it has something to do with the intersection of Bolton St. and Reservoir St.

There was also a request for another warning sign. For example, something that would explain what the exiting "T" sign means would be helpful. There is a similar type of sign on Poirier Drive. They could also have a sign that indicates the number of feet to Red Spring Road. Chief Giorgi said that he thinks this language would be helpful.

Officer Larose advised that he has reviewed the accident history and only found two reported accidents here in the last 10 years. One was the recent fatality and the other was a similar issue but not as serious. He said that he thinks the only reason there have not been more accidents is because Red Spring Road is not heavily traveled.

All agreed that it makes sense to fix the signage first and continue to monitor the area before making any other changes. Officer Larose will work with Ashley Miller and the Sign Department to get this all set.

MOTION was made, seconded, duly VOTED to REFER to the POLICE DEPARTMENT and to ENGINEERING to correct the signage. Chief Giorgi advised that he would reach out to Councilor Navin with an update.

**3e) Commercial traffic and speeding on Farm Road.**

William Shea and one other resident from Helen Drive were in attendance for this issue. He said that he appreciates all the work done so far, however, he has not seen a big difference. He said that the violators on speeding are commercial vehicles. The traffic does seem to have slowed a little but not with commercial vehicles. They have noticed a new sign; however, the driver is already committed to Farm Road when they see it.

Officer Larose advised that he put this sign up on a temporary basis just so that regular travelers of the road would be aware. He has been following trucks; however, those that he has seen are going to Trombetta's or the airport so they are allowed to be on Farm Road. Mr. Shea said that he has also followed trucks and has seen them going elsewhere.

Chief Giorgi asked if Mr. Shea could possibly provide the names on the trucks in question. The Police Department can then contact the specific companies and have a discussion with them. It was suggested that Mr. Shea send the names on the trucks in violation to Sgt. Attaway. Chief Giorgi also asked if the sign on Farm Road could be flipped and placed off of Route 20. Officer Larose said that yes, he can do that, and he will also check to see if any other signs are missing. Last year, signs were moved and corrected to better locations. He noted that some of those may be missing.

Mr. Shea said that he has been driving for a few weeks, but he did notice that there was no sign at Maple Street off of Farm Road, near Monti's. Officer Larose advised that he would check on this. He thought he saw one there.

MOTION was made, seconded, duly VOTED to REFER to Officer Larose to follow up on any missing signage and to Sgt. Attaway to work with specific violators as necessary.

And continued from the last meeting:

MOTION was made, seconded, duly VOTED to REFER to Commissioner Divoll to work on the crosswalk situation and to ENGINEERING to amend the City Code description for trucks.

Chief Giorgi asked if anyone had any further questions or concerns. None noted.

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 September 29, 2021, including meeting agenda.
- Draft of Traffic Commission Minutes from Wednesday, July 28, 2021.
- Email from Chief Giorgi, dated 9/16/21, re: request for 2 handicapped parking spaces on Laviolette St.
- Email from Commission Divoll to Chief Giorgi & Tom DiStasio re: Stevens Street Park Parking.

**Additional Handouts**

-None

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**CANCELLED**

**Karen Lambert**

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**From:** Andrew Larose  
**Sent:** Wednesday, October 6, 2021 9:17 AM  
**To:** David Giorgi; Thomas DiPersio; Ashley Miller; Kevin Breen  
**Cc:** Zachary Attaway  
**Subject:** High at Brown

Good morning,

We received another parking complaint on High Street at the corner of Brown yesterday. There was a vehicle parked on the corner making it impossible for the trash truck to make the turn.

Since it is already a violation to park within 20' of an intersection (some people don't know this), can we just have a "no parking here to corner" sign put up without creating a regulation? This is not just a nuisance for the trash truck, but a public safety issue for the Fire Department being able to get their trucks up there for an emergency. There is a no parking sign on Brown already, so the additional sign would cover the entire corner.

I think the sign is a good starting point. If people don't abide by it, then discussing a tow zone in the future may be necessary.

Thank you,  
 Officer Andrew LaRose  
 Traffic Services Division  
 Marlborough Police  
 355 Bolton Street  
 Marlborough, Ma. 01752  
 508-485-1212 X36941

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**Karen Lambert**

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**From:** Mike Ossing  
**Sent:** Wednesday, October 20, 2021 3:00 PM  
**To:** Alexis Korandanis; Robert Tunnera  
**Cc:** alexis.korandanis@yahoo.com; David Giorgi; Zachary Attaway; Karen Boule; Steven Kerrigan; Karen Lambert; Priscilla Ryder; Mike Ossing  
**Subject:** RE: Jake Brake - by 275 Boston Post Road West

Hello Alexis

Hope all is well. I will ask the Traffic Division to monitor and discuss at an upcoming Traffic Commission meeting.

Regarding the number of trucks, there is a very large construction project taking place at 149 Hanna Memorial Drive. The contractor is removing a lot of material (read over 100 trucks worth a day) which is why you are most likely hearing the truck brakes. They are not operating before 7 AM. This will likely continue for another few months until all the material is removed.

I will update you when I obtain additional information.

Mike

**From:** Alexis Korandanis <alexisbliss@comcast.net>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, October 20, 2021 11:51 AM  
**To:** Mike Ossing  
**Cc:** Robert Tunnera  
**Subject:** Jake Brake

You don't often get email from alexisbliss@comcast.net so why this is important  
 Hi Michael and Rob,

You came to my rescue last year and I'm hoping for the same this time, thank you.

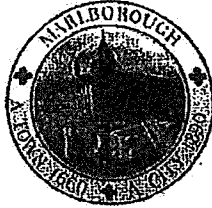
How legal is the Jake Brake?

There are times when it is used at midnight and 5:00 AM. After 6 AM its used hourly. Between 8:00 and noon approximately every 30 minutes. And sporadically throughout the day. I have noticed it's a lot more since the gravel trucks started a few weeks ago. You can actually hear this brake at the Hannaford light and then again coming down the incline to the Ames Street light. I'm more concerned about the Rt 20 / Ames Street light.

Is there anything that can be done?

Sincerely,

Alexis Korandanis  
 275 Boston Post Rd. West  
 774-249-4687



**CITY OF MARLBOROUGH**  
Traffic Commission

**HANDICAP PARKING SIGN PERMIT FOR ON STREET PARKING**

Contact Information:

Requested by:

Academy Knoll Apartments

Address:

22 Broad Street

Marlborough, MA 01752

Phone:

508-481-2330

Email:

Jcooney@apartments.com (Jill Cooney)  
Prop. Mgr.

☐ Handicap Plate

☐ Placard

Plate Number

(Copy of Handicap Vehicle Registration and/or Placard must accompany this application)

Location of Handicap Parking Sign:

Quislet Street

Approved by Marlborough Traffic Commission:

Location of Handicap Parking Space:

Marlborough Traffic Commission – Chair

Effective Date:

Expiration Date:

**NOTICE:** Approval for a Handicap On-Street Parking space is not an exemption from the Winter Parking Ban\* during a snow plowing operations. Violators may be ticketed and/or towed.

\*(11:00 p.m. to 6:00 a.m. from December 1<sup>st</sup> to March 15<sup>th</sup>.)

This permit must be renewed every January, with the Marlborough Traffic Commission or the sign will be removed.