



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

Traffic Commission Minutes

The Regular Meeting of the Traffic Commission was held on Wednesday, July 25, 2018 at 10:00 am in Memorial Hall, 3rd Floor, City Hall. Members present: Chairman - Police Chief David Giorgi, Fire Chief Kevin Breen and DPW Commissioner John Ghiloni. Also present: Assistant City Engineer Tim Collins, Officer Andy Larose – MPD Traffic Services Unit, City Councilor Kathleen Robey. Minutes taken by Karen Lambert, MPD Records Clerk.

1- Minutes

The minutes of the Traffic Commission meeting of Wednesday, June 27, 2018.

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

2 - New Business

2a) Accident concerns: Rte. 85 near Assabet & Rail Trail Crossing on Fitchburg St. by Boston Scientific.

Chief Giorgi received an email from a local resident on these **two issues**.

- 1) **Rte. 85 near Assabet** – It was noted in the email that the driveway of Assabet Regional High School exits onto Rt. 85 and that many students and others walk from the driveway of the school toward Hudson. There is no sidewalk or shoulder on either side of the road in this area and it is “an accident waiting to happen.”

Commissioner Ghiloni said that the City is in the process of reconstructing portions of Bolton Street within the next two weeks. The plan includes the installation of a sidewalk that goes from the school driveway to the Hudson town line.

- 2) **Rail Trail Crossing at Fitchburg Street.** – It was noted in the email that many cars disregard the flashing yellow lights and pedestrian crossing signs here including the trucks from Land's Towing. This area was also referred to as “an accident waiting to happen” and increased enforcement is being requested.

Tim Collins pulled up a diagram and photo on the screen for the discussion. Officer Larose advised that he has been out at this location, however, he works Monday to Friday and it is less busy at this time then on the weekends. The lights flash yellow and vehicles are supposed to yield to pedestrians in the crosswalk. The lights never turn red. The sign says “Stop for Pedestrians”, however, it should say “Yield for Pedestrians”, as this is actually what the law actually requires. Drivers should stop, let the pedestrians pass and can then proceed. There is an advance warning sign for the crosswalk ahead. The crosswalk can clearly be seen from a distance. It was discussed that even though there is a flashing yellow light at the crosswalk, pedestrians still have to be careful when crossing here. In the future, this area could trip the warrants for an official crossing with a stop condition and lights, however, the traffic volume does not meet the requirements at this point.

Chief Giorgi said that he would speak to Land's Towing directly about their trucks not stopping for pedestrians.

MOTION was made, seconded, duly VOTED to REFER to the POLICE DEPARTMENT for enforcement and to Chief Giorgi to communicate back to the local resident and to speak with Land's Towing directly.

3-Old Business

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

Update: Commissioner Ghiloni advised that this item is “almost there” but still in process.

MOTION was made, seconded, duly VOTED to TABLE.

3b) Discussion of Ch. 586, Section 33: “Municipal Off-street Parking Areas” relative to parking decks on Weed Street.

Tim Collins made the clarifications that were discussed at the last meeting and provided revised copies of the proposed wording. He had two different versions, one with a diagram on the second page and one without. Chief Giorgi advised that he preferred the one with the diagram as it was clearer to understand. He had already prepared the revised regulation based on this wording and presented it for a vote.

MOTION was made, seconded, duly VOTED to APPROVE the amended regulation for Article V: “Municipal Parking Areas”. ALL IN FAVOR.

And to REFER to Lisa Thomas for advertisement.

3c) Elm Street Parking

Tim Collins passed out wording for the revised regulation for “No Stopping, Standing or Parking Anytime” on a specific section of Elm Street. (South side from Pleasant Street, northeasterly for a distance of 206 feet). Chief Giorgi had also already prepared the revised regulation based on this wording and presented it for a vote.

MOTION was made, seconded, duly VOTED to APPROVE the amended regulation for “No Stopping, Standing or Parking Anytime” on this specific section of Elm Street. ALL IN FAVOR.

and

REFER to Lisa Thomas for advertisement.

3d) Issues at Winter Avenue and Lincoln Street

Update: The last issue to be discussed here was accident history. Tim Collins brought up a diagram of the area on the board. The Police Department advised that they only have a record of one accident at this location. It was also noted again that Winter Ave. is not public property.

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

3e) Stop Sign on Exeter Street

Tim Collins advised that when the Rules and Regulations Manual was recodified the regulation for the stop sign on Exeter Street was not included for some reason. He was looking for confirmation that it was simply left out and will be added to the next update with City Code. Chief Giorgi included the regulation for the revised schedule of “Stop Intersections” in the agenda packet. All agreed it should be added.

Chief Giorgi asked if there were any other issues for discussion. The “No Turn on Red” sign at the intersection of Elm Street and Pleasant Street came up. The sign is still there and it is way up high on the pole out of the line of vision. Tim Collins advised that this sign would be coming down as right turn on red at this intersection is now allowed.

Chief Giorgi also mentioned that he had received a few complaints about issues around the Memorial Beach area. He advised that he forwarded this information to Tim Collins.

That there being no further business of the Traffic Commission held on this date, the meeting adjourned at 10:17 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, July 25, 2018, including meeting agenda.
- Draft of Traffic Commission Minutes from Wednesday, June 27, 2018.
- Email from Diane Seligman to the Mayor's Office, dated 6/29/18, re: Accident waiting to happen. Forwarded by Patricia Bernard to Chief Giorgi on 7/3/18.
- Proposed wording for the regulation to add specific section of Elm Street, southside, to the schedule for "No Stopping, Standing or Parking Anytime", along with Diagram.
- Amended Regulation for the same.
- Amended Regulation to add two new locations to the schedule of "Stop Intersections", i.e. stop signs on Dartmouth St. & Exeter St. at intersection of Edinboro St.

Additional Handouts:

- Proposed new language for Article V, of the Rules and Regulations of the Traffic Commission, entitled "Municipal Parking Areas".
- Proposed regulation for the same.