



**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, August 29, 2018 at 10:00 am in Memorial Hall, 3<sup>rd</sup> Floor, City Hall. Members present: Chairman - Police Chief David Giorgi, DPW Commissioner John Ghiloni and City Clerk Lisa Thomas. Also present: City Engineer Tom DiPersio, Assistant City Engineer Tim Collins and Officer Andy Larose – MPD Traffic Services Unit. Minutes taken by Karen Lambert, MPD Records Clerk.

**1- Minutes**

The minutes of the Traffic Commission meeting of Wednesday, July 25, 2018.

MOTION was made, seconded, duly VOTED:

TO APPROVE - Accept and Place on File.

(Lisa Thomas abstaining as she was not present at last meeting.)

**2 - New Business**

**2a) Traffic Issues at Intersection of Lincoln and Bond Street**

A local resident of Bond Street came into the station to discuss traffic issues at this intersection. She spoke to Carrie Lizotte and was advised that her issues would be brought to the attention of the Traffic Commission. She said that the traffic has been getting worse and cars fly down the street. She also said that there was a stop sign that had not been replaced and that bushes needed to be cut back. Ms. Lizotte also forwarded the issue regarding the bushes to Code Enforcement.

Tim Collins advised that there has never been a stop sign at this intersection. He said that all signs that were supposed to be there are there now. He mentioned there is a new curve in the road. It used to be a Y intersection and now it's a T intersection. Chief Giorgi advised that he also drove down there to look at the intersection and saw this.

MOTION was made, seconded, duly VOTED to ACCEPT and PLACE ON FILE. No further action required.

**2b) Ash Street Concerns – Speeding & Sidewalks**

Local resident, Michelle Chiasson, noted several concerns in her original email to the DPW. Chief Giorgi emailed her back on 8/14/18 and advised that her concerns on Ash Street would be added to the Traffic Commission Agenda for the 8/29/18 meeting. He also advised her that he asked the Traffic Unit to focus their enforcement efforts on Ash Street from that date until the meeting and to place the portable speed sign here so that they would be able to gather accurate information for the meeting.

In her email, she mentioned that Ash Street “acts as a racetrack for thru traffic”. She said the speed limit is 25 mph, however, there is only one sign and it is “hanging by a thread”. She said that it is hardly visible and was recently knocked over. She mentioned cars going 50mph and major accidents and being unable to walk dogs and children in strollers on the road. She also said there was a Slow Children sign that was hidden behind trees. She gave several suggestions as to what she would like to see done here.

Officer Larose advised that they first put the speed sign closer to the Rail Trail as there had also been complaints here. Ms. Chiasson asked for it to be moved closer to her home where it has been for the past 7 days. The results show that overall, 85% of vehicles were compliant with the speed limit. The maximum speed came up at 43mph. Officer Larose did however agree that the volume is heavy and when you are sitting out there it does look like people are flying down the road, however, truly they are not speeding. They have had the speed sign out for 7 days in one direction and now it has been 3 days in the other direction.

With regard to the sidewalk request, Commissioner Ghiloni advised that there are currently no plans for sidewalks here. Tim Collins advised that there are actually 3 speed limit signs here, two of which are on the entering streets. He did also see that the sign near Ms. Chaisson’s house had been knocked over and is bent. He advised that the City would move it to the telephone pole which they usually do not do. He also advised that the trees have now been trimmed back.

MOTION was made, seconded, duly VOTED to ACCEPT and PLACE ON FILE. Chief Giorgi or Officer Larose will get back to Ms. Chaisson to advise as to the discussion.

**2c) Request for sound activated crosswalk signal at corner of Lincoln St. & Bolton St.**

This request came from Jody Hoge on behalf of her father, who is blind, and walks this route regularly. Tim Collins advised that this crosswalk already has a push button with a countdown to cross. The push button at this intersection can be replaced with an audible signal.

MOTION was made, seconded, duly VOTED to REFER to Chief Giorgi to advise Ms. Hoge that the audible signal will be installed. REMOVE FROM AGENDA.

**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.

**Chief Giorgi asked if there were any other issues for discussion.**

- 1) Lisa Thomas advised that the recent regulation for No Stopping, Standing or Parking on Elm Street will be advertised on 9/15. She tries to get the best rates and sometimes needs to spread them out.
- 2) Chief Giorgi asked if we could put a stop sign on the island at the intersection of Hildreth St., Maple St. & Main St. All agreed that this could be helpful. Tim Collins will add the second sign, though he noted that it may very possibly get hit.
- 3) The Traffic Commission received a request for a handicapped sign on Prospect Street as a resident has difficulty crossing the street. Tim Collins advised that he sent the Warning Sign Permit Application for completion.

That there being no further business of the Traffic Commission held on this date, the meeting adjourned at 10:15 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, August 29, 2018, including meeting agenda.
- Draft of Traffic Commission Minutes from Wednesday, July 25, 2018.
- Email from Carrie Lizotte to Chief Giorgi, dated 8/2/18, re: Traffic Issues at Intersection of Lincoln St. & Bond St. on behalf of local resident, Nancy Seymour.
- Email from Krista Holmi (DPW) to Chief Giorgi and Tim Collins, dated 7/31/18, re: Ash Street – Speeding & Sidewalks – forwarding email from local resident Michelle Chaisson, dated 7/30/18.
- Email from Carrie Lizotte to Chief Giorgi, dated 7/30/18, re: Lincoln St. & Bolton St., on behalf of local resident Jody Hoge.

**Additional Handouts:**

-Email from Krista Holmi to Tim Collins, dated 8/28/18, re: Handicapped Sign Request, on behalf of local resident of Prospect Street.

- Copy of Warning Sign Permit Application and email from Tim Collins to Krista Holmi regarding same.