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**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, May 25, 2022, at 10:00 am. (The meeting was also recorded and is available to view online at the City of Marlborough's website www.marlbrough-ma.gov). Members present: Chairman - Police Chief David Giorgi, Fire Chief Kevin Breen, Commissioner of Public Works Sean Divoll and City Clerk Steve Kerrigan. Also present: Ashley Miller from the Engineering Department, Sgt. Ronnie Ney and Officer Andy Larose from the MPD Traffic Services Unit and local resident James Joubert.

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

The minutes of the Traffic Commission meeting of Monday, May 2, 2022:

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

2 - New Business

2a) Request for a parking space at 147 Main St., Boost Mobile.

Chief Giorgi received an email from the Owner of Boost Mobile. She has received many complaints from customers because the spots near her business are always occupied by Welly's Restaurant and "most of the time for 3 hours". She said that customers usually only need to stay at her business for a ½ hour. She is asking how she can obtain a parking permit for her business.

Chief Giorgi advised that he stopped by the store to speak with her. Ms. Ventura was not there but he spoke with her husband. They are angered by the situation and are requesting their own spot in the side lot next to the building. Mr. Kerrigan said that he would be afraid that other businesses would be asking for the same thing if this were allowed. The city has a new Parking Clerk which may help the situation. The Chief also spoke to Welly's about the 15-minute parking spot they use for customer pick-up. He advised that they can't create their own parking spot for this purpose. They seem to have now taken it down. Chief Giorgi said that we would speak to the Parking Clerk about the enforcement situation.

MOTION was made, seconded, duly VOTED to REFER to Chief Giorgi to discuss this issue with the new Parking Clerk.

2b) Request for permanent speed limit sign & other signage on Lincoln St.

Chief Giorgi received an email from a resident of Lincoln Street. He had gone out to speak with them regarding their concerns with speeding. There are many children that live in the area and play near the street. They would like to see additional signs like "residential area" to inform drivers that they need to pay attention.

Chief Giorgi does agree that this is a tough corner and that there is no signage. He asked Ashley Miller to provide more information. Ms. Miller said that there is no specific speed zone for Lincoln Street. It is considered a 30 mph thickly settled area. It slows to 25 mph as it approaches the intersection near Savers. It was asked if a "thickly settled" sign with the speed limit indicated, could be placed here. It would have to be a yellow advisory sign not a white speed limit sign.

Officer Larose advised that he had done a speed study in June of 2019 near #73 Lincoln St. The average westbound speed was 31 and the average eastbound speed was 28. Chief Giorgi said it would be helpful to have a sign like we installed on Northboro Road East with the yellow, thickly settled, 30 mph wording. All agreed this could be helpful. Officer Larose advised that he can put the speed signs out again to get more accurate current data. This will be helpful information that can be provided to the homeowner.

MOTION was made, seconded, duly VOTED to REFER to Officer Larose to collect current speed data.

3-Old Business

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

Update: Ms. Miller advised that she has sent another email to MADOT but has not received a reply yet. She will continue to follow up.

3b) Request for flashing pedestrian crossing light & Dead-End sign on Gikas Lane.

Update: Ms. Miller has talked to the street department and this area is on the list for cutting back vegetation, painting of crosswalks and new signage. Officer Larose also did a speed study here and found that the 85th percentile was traveling at 30mph. It's really not a speed issue but a sight issue.

Chief Giorgi asked if anyone had any other issues they would like to discuss.

None noted.

That there being no further business of the Traffic Commission held on this date, the meeting adjourned at 10:13 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 the Traffic Commission Meeting on Wednesday, May 25, 2022, including meeting agenda.
- Draft of Traffic Commission Minutes from Monday, May 2, 2022.
- Email from Mayra Ventura, Owner of Boost Mobile, to Chief Giorgi, dated 4/30/22, re: Parking for Boost Mobile.
- Email from Donna B. to Chief Giorgi, dated 5/6/22, re: Lincoln Street.
- Regulation to REPEAL specific 30-minute parking areas on Cotting Ave., East Main Street, Mechanic Street & West Main St.
- Regulation to REMOVE the section of Mechanic Street, from Lincoln Street and extending northerly to Longley Street, from the Schedule of "No Stopping, Standing or Parking" and ADDING the section "between Lincoln Street and Hastings Street" to the same schedule.

Additional Handouts

- None