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**CITY OF MARLBOROUGH
OFFICE OF TRAFFIC COMMISSION
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MARLBOROUGH, MASSACHUSETTS 01752**

Traffic Commission Minutes

The Regular Meeting of the Traffic Commission was held on Wednesday, November 30, 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: City Engineer Tom DiPersio, Assistant Civil Engineer Ashley Miller, Sgt. Ron Ney from the MPD Traffic Services Unit and City Councilor Christian Dumais.

Minutes taken by Karen Lambert, MPD - Public Safety Administrative Assistant.

Chief Giorgi started recording the meeting at 10:00 a.m. and began by welcoming everyone and making introductions.

1- Minutes

Review of the minutes of the Traffic Commission meeting of Wednesday, September 28, 2022.

(NOTE: The meeting scheduled for Wednesday, October 26, 2022, was canceled.)

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

2 - New Business

2a) Request for a crosswalk on Elm Street/Broad Street Area.

Chief Giorgi received an email from Councilor Irish with this request. There was discussion about where a crosswalk would be placed. It was noted that the sidewalk on the northbound side stops in that area, and it would need to be extended around the rise of the island and continue across. Engineering also advised that there are underground vaults here that could be an issue for a sidewalk. The grade of the road is also very steep

and may not be ADA compliant. Engineering would need more information to evaluate this request. Chief Giorgi advised that he reach out to Councilor Irish.

MOTION was made, seconded, duly VOTED to REFER to Chief Giorgi to speak further with Councilor Irish.

2b) Crosswalk concerns at Devens Street & Washington Street.

Chief Giorgi received an email from a resident of this area regarding his concerns. Councilor Dumais also sent an email and was in attendance for this issue. The resident, Slava, stated that there used to be a crosswalk on Devens Street and Washington Street across from Freeman School. He noted that you could see one on Google Maps from 2007. He is concerned that cars are passing the school bus on Devens Street when it has the stop sign out. He noted that there is also a bus stop for Assabet, Marlborough Public Schools and the MWRTA and noted pick up and drop off times. He is hoping to see the crosswalk repainted and he also asked about a school bus sign or school zone sign.

Chief Giorgi asked Engineering if the crosswalk could be repainted. Engineering said that there does not appear to be a regulation for this crosswalk. The only ones on Washington Street that are regulated are the 2 mid-block crosswalks. Tom DiPersio questioned if we want a crosswalk here.

Sgt. Ney said that he thinks the resident is talking about two different things. The bus stops on Washington Street. Cars are coming out of Devens Street and going right toward Bolton Street. They see the back of the bus and that it's pulled to the side. They are going around the bus like it is parked. They don't see that the sign is out. It's not really a crosswalk issue but an enforcement issue. Sgt. Ney said that they have been sitting out there to monitor since the resident called. The midnight shift puts an officer there in the morning and the day shift has been there in the afternoon. The issue is with the people coming out of Devens Street. Maybe painting the stop line will help but if the bus stopped across the intersection or before it, cars would have to stop and would be able to see that the stop sign was out.

All agreed that we can repaint the stop line. Chief Giorgi advised that he would talk to the bus company about having the bus stop a little further down the road. It was also further discussed and agreed upon, that a crosswalk is not needed at the end of every T intersection.

MOTION was made, seconded, duly VOTED to REFER to ENGINEERING to have the stop line repainted and to Chief Giorgi to talk to the bus company.

3-Old Business

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

Update: Ashley Miller finally received an answer back from MassDOT. They don't feel that the changes on Ames Street are necessary. Lori Shattuck stated in her email, "Ames Street would experience lengthy delays and queues with the single right turn lane

if there's re-occupancy of the vacant buildings in the area and we don't have the resources to make the changes and then go back and change it again.". Commissioner Divoll does think we should continue to monitor the area post pandemic. All agreed.

3b) Traffic Pattern Concern at Rte. 20, Boston Post Road E & entrance to Raytheon.

Update: Tom DiPersio advised that he does not have any update on this issue at this time.

3c) Intersection concerns, West Main St. & Winthrop/Orchard Street

Update: At the last meeting, all agreed that this would be a good location for a flashing beacon. It is now a matter of implementation.

MOTION was made, seconded, duly VOTED to REFER to the DPW to find money in the budget and proceed with installation.

Additional discussion regarding an item no longer on the agenda:

Bigelow Street Stop Signs.

Commissioner Divoll said that the DPW is ready to remove the stop signs. The sign board, with a notice, has been moved over here. An additional message can note that the signs will be removed at the start of the year. They can proceed with removal and evaluate electronic speed signs later. This gives a month's notice with the sign board so people who only occasionally use this area may also see it. Warning signs will be placed on Evelina stating that cross traffic no longer stops and also advance warning signs on Bigelow where you come down the hill.

Chief Giorgi advise that he has already notified Councilor Brown and Karen Boule. He will also follow up with the Mayor's Office. Ashley Miller said that she has already sent the request to have the advance warning signs made.

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 the Traffic Commission Meeting on November 30, 2022, including meeting agenda.

- Draft of Traffic Commission Minutes from Wednesday, September 28, 2022.
- Email from Councilor Irish to Chief Giorgi, dated 11/2/22, re: Crosswalk Elm St./Broad St.
- 2 Emails from Slava (last name unknown) to Chief Giorgi, dated 11/18/22 & 11/21/22, re: Sidewalk Crosswalk Devens & Washington St.
- Copy of email from Lori Shattuck (MassDOT Highway Division) to Ashley Miller from 10/22, re: Ames Street / Route 20 "No Right on Red".

Additional Handouts

- Email from Katlyn LeBold to Chief Giorgi, dated 11/18/22, re: Devens Street – Crosswalk, including photo.