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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, February 22, 2023, at 10:00 am. (The meeting was also recorded and is available to view online at the City of Marlborough's website (www.marlborough-ma.gov). Members present: Chairman - Police Chief David Giorgi, Fire Chief Kevin Breen and City Clerk Steve Kerrigan. Also present: City Engineer Tom DiPersio, Assistant Civil Engineer Ashley Miller and Sgt. Ron Ney and Officer Andy Larose from the MPD Traffic Services Unit.

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

Chief Giorgi started recording the meeting at 10:05 a.m. and began by welcoming everyone and making introductions.

1- Minutes

Review of the minutes of the Traffic Commission meeting of Wednesday, November 30, 2022.

(NOTE: December 2022 and January 2023 meetings were canceled.)

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

2 - New Business

2a) Accident concerns in the area of Winter Street/Winter Street Ext./Lincoln St.

This agenda item was added at the request of local resident, Sally Boyd. She is very concerned about the number of accidents at this location. She is proposing that Lincoln Street at Winter Street become a Do Not Enter. This would force drivers to not be able to take a right off Winter Street Ext. and go up Lincoln and not allow drivers coming up Lincoln St. from Bond St. to go all the way up. She also suggested not allowing drivers

from Winter St. and Winter St. Ext. to turn up on Lincoln Street or having some type of flashing lighted sign showing "Dangerous Curve".

Chief Giorgi reviewed her request and noted that it ties into Agenda item 2c., request to make Winter Avenue a one-way street. The Chief also noted that the Traffic Commission has received requests recently for a guardrail and rocks in this area. Tom DiPersio recalled that this request was related to trucks trying to make the turn here. GPS is sending trucks this way from Elm Street to the highway. They had talked about increasing signage to make drivers more aware.

Sgt. Ney advised that he reviewed the accident history here. He found that from 1/1/23 through yesterday, 2/21/23 there were 9 accidents in total. Six were coming from Broad Street and were due to weather conditions – ice and snow. Two were coming out of Winter Street and were due to solar glare, the other one didn't know the area and wasn't aware of the stop.

Chief Giorgi agreed that additional signage is warranted. Tom DiPersio and Sgt. Ney agreed that it's a tough right coming out of Winter Avenue or coming over the hill. He will have Engineering look into this further. He noted that Winter Avenue is a Private Road but open to the City. They may be able to do something here if it is a public safety issue. Officer Larose pulled up a photo of the area for reference.

MOTION was made, seconded, duly VOTED to REFER to ENGINEERING to look into this further.

2c) Request to make Winter Avenue a one-way street.

This request came from Christopher Evangelous, resident of Winter Street. It was also discussed above with Agenda Item 2a). Tom DiPersio will check with the Legal Department since Winter Avenue is a private way. They can advise as to what action can be taken. Steve Kerrigan noted that Winter Avenue is very narrow, and you need to pull up onto the side if a car is coming in the opposite direction.

MOTION was made, seconded, duly VOTED to REFER to ENGINEERING to discuss this with the Legal Department and to Chief Giorgi to update Mr. Evangelous.

2b) Request for stop sign in the area of St. Martin Drive and D'Angelo Drive.

This request came from Councilor Navin. There have been some close calls with tanker trucks and vehicles in the area. Ken's Foods has put up a stop sign on their property to encourage their employees to stop before exiting the parking lot and taking a left onto D'Angelo drive heading towards Simarano Drive. He feels there is a need for another stop sign from the other direction of St. Martin Drive and D'Angelo Drive.

Officer Larose pulled up a photo of the area for reference. Chief Giorgi agreed that it is kind of a "free for all" coming out of here, however, this area would not meet the warrants for a stop sign. Maybe some type of warning sign could be used instead. For example, "Traffic Does Not Stop". It was discussed that the majority of the traffic here is trucks coming in and out of the MWRA. It was suggested that the Traffic Commission could also contact the MWRA directly and ask that they tell their drivers to be cautious.

Ken's Foods is straight across, and their trucks are turning right. The congestion is coming from 3 different lines. They can also have the same conversation with Ken's Foods as the two businesses are having the same issues. There is hardly any traffic coming in and out of the Treatment Plant. St. Martin Drive is not the issue here.

MOTION was made, seconded, duly VOTED to REFER to Chief Giorgi or Sgt. Ney to contact the two businesses (MWRA & Ken's Foods) and advise them of the discussion and ask them to speak to their drivers.

3-Old Business

3a) 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, however, he did send a follow-up email to the DOT this morning.

3b) Request for a crosswalk on Elm Street/Broad Street Area.

Update: Chief Giorgi advised that he reached out to Councilor Irish again but does not have any update at this time.

That there being no further business of the Traffic Commission held on this date, the meeting adjourned at 10:19 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 February 22, 2023, including meeting agenda.
- Draft of Traffic Commission Minutes from Wednesday, November 30, 2022.
- Email from Trish Bernard, on behalf of Councilor Navin, to Chief Giorgi, dated 2/10/23, re: Traffic Concerns in the area of St. Martin Drive and D'Angelo Drive.
- Email from Sgt. Ney to Chief Giorgi, dated 2/6/23, re: Accident concerns in the area of Winter Street/Winter Street Ext./Lincoln St. – as requested by Sally Boyd.
- Email from Trish Bernard, on behalf of Christopher Evangelous, to Chief Giorgi, dated 2/16/23, re: Request to make Winter Avenue a one-way street.

Additional Handouts

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