

Traffic Commission Minutes
March 19, 2015

Meeting was held at the Tufts Administrative Building, 167 Holland Street, 2nd floor

Attendance: Stan Koty, Thomas Graney, Robert McWatters, James Polito

Staff: Laura Accaputo, Suzanne Rinfret, Terence Smith

Other: Lauren Clayton, Mr. Latanowich

Minutes from the February 19, 2015 Traffic Commission Meeting accepted unanimously

Item #2 – Request for Stop Signs

Medford St at Pearl St, eastbound and westbound (for the duration of the Green Line Extension Construction)

Motion to Approve made by Lt. Polito, seconded by Thomas Graney. Motion passed: 4-0.

Item #3 – Request for the removal of the Loading Zone at 41 Elmwood St

- Terence Smith explained the business that requested the Loading Zone has moved and the property is now condos.

Motion to Approve made by Robert McWatters, seconded by the Chair. Motion passed: 4-0.

Item #4 – Request for Handicapped Parking

51 Fairmount Av

- Terence Smith stated the application meets requirement and Traffic and Parking has no objection.

Motion to Approve made by Lt. Polito, seconded by Robert McWatters. Motion passed: 4-0.

16 Lee St

- Terence Smith explained the request came as the result of a 2 year renewal. The original applicant is deceased and a family member is requesting to take over the space, which requires a new application. The new applicant owns the property and has a 3 car driveway. Traffic and Parking does not support the request, however would not object as a grandfathered request if required to renew yearly.
- The Chair stated it is difficult to justify approval given the three car driveway. He noted the applicant explained that the driveway is not an option as the vehicle is a van and it trails a scooter and he suggested they use the space for that vehicle only.

Motion to Approve with a yearly renewal made by Lt. Polito, seconded by Robert McWatters. Motion passed: 4-0.

Item #5 – Request for Traffic Commission Signature for Mass Dot Special Speed Regulation #7933 (25 mph on Lowell St, Monroe St, Porter St)

- Robert McWatters thanked Traffic and Parking and the Somerville Police Department for their efforts on this request.

Accepted and Signed by Traffic Commission.

Request by Lauren Clayton to discuss new business with the Traffic Commission. Mr. Clayton distributed pictures of nose cuts on Powderhouse Blvd. and asked the commission to consider removing them as he believes they are dangerous. The Chair explained the design came from OSPCD.

Motion to adjourn the meeting at 6:10pm made by Lt. Polito, seconded by Thomas Graney. Motion passed: 4-0.