

Traffic Commission Meeting
October 24, 2013

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

Meeting was called to order @ 6pm

Attendance: Stan Koty, Thomas Graney

Staff: Laura Accaputo, Suzanne Rinfret, Terence Smith

Other: Rebecca Gewirtz, Dennis Sullivan, Peter Clemons, Frances Canina

Alderman Sullivan was appointed as temporary replacement for Robert Trane

Alderman Sullivan moved to suspend the rules and go to Item #8

Item #8 – Request for Handicapped Parking

99 Heath St

- Alderman Sullivan spoke on behalf of applicant
- Smith stated T&P does not support request, applicant owns property with driveway
- Sullivan outlined access issues with driveway
- Property Owner stated that driveway is used for his commercial vehicle which cannot be parked on the street
- Chair discussed issues with approving this request
- Sullivan asked for a temporary 90 day approval to see if complaints are received
- Chair recommended tabling the request until next month

Sullivan made a motion to Table, 2nd Koty, unanimous

While under suspension of the rules Sullivan asked to take up Item #7

Item #7 – Traffic Calming on Kidder Ave

- Gewirtz asked if Smith would read his report which was recorded into the minutes of September's meeting
- Smith re-stated his report
- Clemons distributed an informational packet to the Traffic Commission
- Koty asked Smith to confirm that the City of Somerville had requested through Mass DOT a reduced speed limit on Kidder Av
- Smith confirmed that the request was submitted
- Clemons discussed his concerns with many issues that Mass DOT does not take into account. Stated he was grateful that street will no longer have double yellow lines as 90% of cars straddle it
- Gewirtz clarified that she asked for no yellow lines but wasn't sure if it was going to happen
- Clemons asked for a review of Summit St and Francesca Av traffic patterns and consider changing both

- Chair stated that Smith would review the information submitted by Clemons and report back next month
- Gewirtz thanked Smith and Clemons for all of the work they have put into this issue

Motion to Table until next month made by Koty, 2nd Graney, unanimous

Item #1 – Minutes from September 19, 2013 Traffic Commission Meeting accepted unanimously

Item #2 – Request for Handicapped Parking

45 Baystate Av

89 Cedar St

16 Princeton St

Motion to Table (all) made by Koty, 2nd Graney, unanimous

Item #3 – Request for No Parking Here to Corner

Bonair St, north side, at Walnut St

Motion to Approve made by Sullivan, 2nd Graney, unanimous

Item #4 – Capuano School safety assessment recommendations:

a) Request for Do Not Enter (abutters and drop offs allowed only)

Franklin St at Pearl St

b) Request to extend “Parent Drop Off Area”

Franklin St (school side) before the school bus drop off area

Motion to Approve (both) made by Sullivan, 2nd Graney, unanimous

Item #5 – East Somerville Community School safety assessment recommendations:

a) Request for No Parking 7am-3pm

Cross St at the school bus island

Motion to Approve made by Sullivan, 2nd Graney, unanimous

Prior Business:

Item #6 – 48 Hour Parking Rule

Motion to Table made by Graney, 2nd Chair, unanimous

Meeting adjourned @ 6:20pm