

Traffic Commission Minutes
April 17, 2014

Meeting was held at the TAB Building, 167 Holland St

Meeting was called to order at 6:04pm

Attendance: Lt. Polito, Thomas Graney, Robert McWatters, Stan Koty
Staff: Laura Accaputo, Suzanne Rinfret, Terence Smith, Austin Faison
Other: Lauren Clayton, Sarah Spicer, Cindy Larson

Item #1- Minutes from March 20, 2014 Traffic Commission Meeting accepted unanimously.

Item #2 – Request for Bike Corral

- Chestnut St at Fitchburg St

Sarah Spicer explained this comes as the result of a request from Brick Bottom to pay for 3 bike racks at their location. She also noted the Alderman supports the request.

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

Item #3 – Request for Handicapped Parking

- 51 Whitman St
- 28 Sydney St

Terence Smith asked the request from 28 Sydney St be tabled pending input from the Ward Alderman.

Motion to table the request from 28 Sydney St was made by Robert McWatters, seconded by Lt. Polito. Motion passed: 4-0.

Terence smith stated Traffic and Parking does not support the request from 51 Whitman St.

Motion to deny the request from 51 Whitman St was made by Robert McWatters, seconded by Lt. Polito. Motion passed: 4-0.

The Board heard Items #4 -7 together

Item #4 – Request for 2 Hour Parking 8am-8pm Except by Permit; Resident Permit Parking Only 8pm-8am

- Properzi Way, west side, from Somerville Av to Tyler St
- Tyler St, south side, from Properzi Way to the loading dock

- Tyler St, south side, from the loading dock extending east to the No Parking Here to Corner Restriction.
- Tyler St, north side, Tower Ct to Properzi Way

Item #5 – Request for No Parking Anytime

- Properzi Way, west side, 20ft from Tyler St in a northerly direction for a distance of 20ft

Item #6 – Request for Resident Permit Parking Restriction

- Properzi Way, east side, for an additional 45ft from the existing permit parking restrictions

Item #7 – Request for Resident Permit Parking Restriction

- Tyler St, north side, from Dane St to Tower Ct

Terence Smith explained with the addition of new businesses in the area Traffic and Parking and the Ward Alderman received inquiries to review the parking on Tyler St and Properzi Way. In an effort to balance the needs of both businesses and residents, while also addressing public safety concerns, the requests outlined in Items 4-7 are being presented for the Commissions consideration and have the support of the Ward Alderman.

Motion to approve Item #4 – Item #7 as requested was made by Robert McWatters, seconded by Thomas Graney. Motion passed: 4-0.

Item #8 – Prior Business

- Handicapped Parking, 45 Baystate Av. (Approved for 90 day trial Jan 2014)
- Handicapped Parking, 11 Putnam St (Approved for 90 day trial Jan 2014)
- Drop Off/Pick Up, School Zone, 7am-8am and 2:30pm-3:00pm, Monday-Friday, September-June on Cross St at the Edgerly School replacing the existing restriction No Parking School, 7am-3pm, Monday-Friday, September-June. Revert to Residential Permit Parking during non restrictive periods. (Approved for 90 day trial Jan 2014)
- Drop Off/Pick Up, School Zone, 7am-8am and 2:30pm-3:00pm, Monday-Friday, September-June on Morrison Av between Willow Av and Josephine Av currently restricted for Residential Permit Parking. Revert back to Residential Permit Parking during non restrictive periods. (Approved for 90 day trial Jan 2014)

Terence Smith stated there were no complaints received by Traffic and Parking for any of the trial period items under Item #8 (a,b,c,d).

Motion to approve (all) permanently was made by Robert McWatters, seconded by Lt. Polito. Motion passed 4-0.

LATE ITEMS

Item #9 – Request for Fire Lanes

- White Street Place, south side, from White Street extending 250ft east
- White Street Place, north side, extend the existing fire lane to a total length of 35ft (currently 19ft)

Thomas Graney stated the Fire Department was having trouble getting a ladder truck down the street. The Chair stated this has been reviewed by the Commission on three other occasions and asked why this was being requested again at this time. Mr. Graney explained it was brought to the attention of the Fire Chief by the Director of Operations at DPW.

Motion to table was made by Lt. Polito, seconded by the Chair. Motion passed: 3-1.

Motion to adjourn at 6:10pm was made by Lt. Polito, seconded by the Chair.

Motion passed: 4-0.