

Traffic Commission Meeting
August 21, 2014

Meeting was held on Thursday August 21, 2014

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

Meeting was called to order at 6pm

Attendance: Robert McWatters, Thomas Graney, Sgt. Gobiell

Staff: Laura Accaputo, Austin Faison, Suzanne Rinfret, Terence Smith

Other: Nancy Bacci, Lauren Clayton, Sarah Spicer

Item #1 – Minutes from July 17, 2014 Traffic Commission Meeting accepted unanimously

Robert McWatters sat as the Chair

Item #2 – Request for Fire Lanes

- a) **Clyde St** – south side, beginning at the curb cut between #37 and #39 Clyde St and extending 17ft easterly
- b) **Warwick St** – beginning at the bend on the north side and extending 20ft westerly and 20ft northerly
- c) **Norfolk St** – west side, at the curb opening between #411 and #429 Norfolk St extending 5 ft on either side

Motion to Approve made by Thomas Graney, seconded by Robert McWatters.

Motion passed: 3-0.

Item #3 – Request for Handicapped Parking

- a) **40 Partridge Av**
 - Terence Smith stated T&P does not support the request as the applicant owns the property and has a driveway.

Motion to Deny made by Thomas Graney, seconded by Robert McWatters. Motion passed: 3-0.

- b) **40 Horace St**
 - Terence Smith stated T&P does not support the request as the applicant owns the property and has a driveway.

Motion to Deny made by Thomas Graney, seconded by Robert McWatters. Motion passed: 3-0.

- c) **22 Mt. Pleasant St**
 - Terence Smith stated T&P recommends tabling this request as the application is incomplete.

Motion to Table made by Thomas Graney, seconded by Robert McWatters. Motion passed: 3-0.

- d) **43 Madison St**

- Terence Smith stated T&P does not support the request as applicant owns the property and has a driveway. Robert McWatters explained the applicant has several family members coming to the house to help care for her and they use the driveway; he recommends approval. Mr. Smith suggested granting approval for a 90 day trial period.

Motion to Approve for a 90 day trial period made by Sgt. Gobiell, seconded by Robert McWatters. Motion passed: 3-0.

e) **148a Summer St** (sign to be placed at 40 Central St)

- Terence Smith stated T&P has no objections.

Motion to Approve made by Sgt. Gobiell, seconded by Robert McWatters. Motion passed: 3-0.

Item #4 – ADA Coordinator requests for Handicapped Parking

f) **Foss Park**, (first 3 spaces currently restricted for 2 Hour Parking; for a total of 2 Handicapped Spaces)

g) **Assembly Row**, (7 spaces total: Grand Union Boulevard K01, K21; Assembly Row K51, K52, K89; Great River Road K113, K114)

- Terence Smith stated both requests came from the City’s ADA Coordinator and T&P has no objections.

Motion to Approve made by Thomas Graney, seconded by Robert McWatters.

Motion passed: 3-0.

Item #5 – Request for a Loading Zone for “Live Deliveries” Tuesday, Thursday, Friday 10am-1pm.

Merriam St

- Terence Smith explained this request came from Bantam Cider as they were having troubles getting deliveries via water tanker. He noted the Ward Alderman supports the request. Thomas Graney asked the location on Merriam St and Mr. Smith answered between Somerville Av and Target.

Motion to Approve made by Sgt. Gobiell, seconded by Robert McWatters. Motion passed: 3-0.

Item #6 – Request to change time limits

Columbia Street – 2 spaces opposite Beech St, from 2 Hour Parking 8am to 2:30am and Resident Permit Parking 2:30am to 8am to 30 Minute Parking Only.

- Terence Smith explained this came as the result of a joint effort by Traffic and Parking and the Ward Alderman in an effort to help businesses in the area.

Motion to Approve made by Thomas Graney, seconded by Robert McWatters.

Motion passed: 3-0.

Item #7 – Request for No Parking Anytime

Sycamore St, north of Medford St, one space on the west side extending 40ft northerly and two spaces on the east side extending 60ft northerly

- Terence Smith explained this request is being made due to the recent construction of bump outs at this intersection and is necessary for the ease of buses traveling to the school. Traffic and Parking supports the request.

Motion to Approve made by Sgt. Gobiell, seconded by Robert McWatters. Motion passed: 3-0.

Item #8 – Request for a change to the Traffic Pattern on Gilman St between the bridge and McGrath Highway from one-way travel eastbound to two-way travel for approximately 18 months during construction.

- Terence Smith explained this request came as the result of the reconstruction of the Gilman Street Bridge. The street will be closed at McGrath Highway and therefore two way travel is necessary for residents to access their property.

Motion to Approve made by Thomas Graney, seconded by Robert McWatters. Motion passed: 3-0.

Item #9 – Request for No Parking for a distance of 20ft on either side of the crosswalk at the main entrance to the West Somerville Neighborhood School (pavement to be striped).

- Terence Smith explained this request came from the School Safety Officer. Thomas Graney stated he felt 20ft was excessive and recommended reducing it down to 10ft and approving for a 90 day trial. Mr. Smith stated T&P has no objection to the request for 20ft.

Motion to Approve as requested made by Sgt. Gobiell, seconded by Robert McWatters. Motion passed: 3-0.

LATE ITEM

Item #10 – Request to relocate the Hubway Station on Beacon St to Washington St during construction

- Terence Smith explained the Ward Alderman has requested this item be tabled as she did not have enough time to look into it.

Motion to Table made by Thomas Graney, seconded by Robert McWatters. Motion passed: 3-0.

Motion to adjourn at 6:15pm was made by Thomas Graney, seconded by Robert McWatters. Motion passed: 3-0.