

Traffic Commission Meeting
February 27, 2014

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

Meeting was called to order at 6pm

Attendance:

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

Staff: Laura Accaputo, Suzanne Rinfret, Terence Smith

Other: Peter Clemons

A motion was made by James Polito to go into recess until Robert McWatters arrives, seconded by Thomas Graney. Motion passed: 4-0.

The meeting was reconvened at 6:10pm

Minutes from January 16, 2014 Traffic Commission Meeting accepted unanimously

Robert McWatters motioned to suspend the rules and go to Item #6, seconded by the Chair. Motion passed: 4-0.

Item #6 – Informational Items regarding Kidder Av

- a) Speed Limit
- b) Truck Traffic

- Terence Smith explained Traffic and Parking and the Somerville Police Department collected and sent additional data for the speed study on Kidder Av to Mass DOT. It will be reviewed in the next 4-6 weeks. He also noted a vehicle class study was conducted to determine if Kidder Av meets the criteria for truck exclusion. It was determined that 4/10 of 1% of the vehicles traveling on the street during the study were trucks; per Mass DOT this is an insufficient number of trucks to constitute an exclusion.
- Mr. Clemons asked if Summit Street could be considered and The Chair told him it would have to be at the request of the residents of the street.

Item #2 – Request for Renewal of Handicapped Parking

18 Adams St, 31 Adrian St, 37 Adrian St, 110 Albion St, 18 Aldersey St, 11 Bailey St, 2 Bartlett St, 15 Bartlett St, 55 Bonair St, 129 Boston Av, 764 Broadway, 141 Capen St, 3 Chester Av, 19 Concord Av, 28 Dana St, 44 Dana St, 6 Delaware St, 9 Dell St, 14 Farragut Av, 33 Farragut Av, 41 Fenwick St, 50 Hanson St, 49 Heath St, 57 Heath St, 85 Hudson St, 15 James St, 35 Knowlton St, 15 Lake St, 23 Lincoln St, 18 Lowell St, 5 Madison St, 490 Medford St, 12 Miner St, 72 Moreland St, 74 Moreland St, 15 Minnesota Av, 33 Minnesota Av, 30 Oxford St, 57 Packard St, 11 Partridge Av, 72 Pearson Rd, 28 Pennsylvania Av, 78 Perkins St, 99 Puritan Rd, 12 Putnam St, 21A Putnam St, 3 Quincy St, 16 Rossmore St, 10 School St, 71 Sterling St, 217 Summer St,

19 Taylor St, 6 Trull St, 53 Trull St, 19 Virginia St, 305 Washington St, 61 Webster St, 10 Wesley St, 23 Wesley St.

A motion was made by James Polito to waive the reading of the list and approve as presented, seconded by Thomas Graney. Motion passed: 4-0.

Item #3 – Request for extension of existing Fire Lane located on Broadway, north side, from 435 Broadway, westerly, to the end of the elevated section on Broadway. Request an extension of an additional 24ft easterly.

A motion to approve was made by James Polito, seconded by Thomas Graney. Motion passed: 4-0.

Item #4 – Discussion regarding numbering of Handicapped Parking Spaces

- Terence Smith explained at the last meeting there was a request made for Traffic and Parking to get an opinion from the City Solicitor as to whether or not Handicapped Parking Spaces could be numbered. It is the opinion of the Solicitor that this would be illegal and cannot be done. This will be placed on file.

Item #5 – Complaint regarding Temporary No Parking Signs on Medford St (construction zone)

- Terence Smith explained at the last meeting this restriction was approved through June. Within the past week Traffic and Parking and the Mayor's Office received complaints from three area businesses. Traffic and Parking issued hangtags for the businesses to park on nearby streets. This will be placed on file.

A motion to adjourn at 6:20 was made by Robert McWatters, seconded by the Chair. Motion passed: 4-0.