

Traffic Commission Meeting  
September 22, 2011

**Meeting Held at Tufts Administration Building, 167 Holland St, 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor**

Meeting called to order @ 6pm by William Roche

**Attendance:**

Members: William Roche, George Manzelli, Lt. James Polito, Thomas Graney

Staff: Donna Amenta, Terence Smith

**Item #1-** Acceptance of Minutes from August 25, 2011 Traffic Commission Meeting  
**Accepted unanimous**

**Item #2-** Request for Handicapped Parking

35-37 Everett Ave

Smith reported that the owner of 35-37 Everett Ave submitted a letter against the installation of an HP sign in front of her house.

**Motion Denied** by Roche, 2<sup>nd</sup> Manzelli, unanimous.

97-99 Puritan Rd

Smith reported the location of the HP sign would be partially in front of neighboring property and that applicant attempted to contact owner with due diligence to no avail.

**Motion to Approve** 90 day trail by Manzelli, 2<sup>nd</sup> Roche, unanimous

100 Temple St

Smith state T&P had no objections; however, requested that HP installation be postponed until reconstruction work is complete

**Motion to Approve**

**Item #3-** Request for Loading Zone

153 Highland Ave

Smith stated that T&P was opposed to the application due to presence of a Loading Zone directly across the street. In addition, there are several parking meters directly in front of store as well as a off-street parking lot across the street

**Motion to Deny** by Graney 2<sup>nd</sup> Manzelli, unanimous

**Item #4-** Request Amend City of Somerville “Traffic & Parking Regulations”, Section 5-9-.5 at the end of Section, with “A person shall be allowed to park at a broken meter up to the maximum amount of time otherwise permitted at such meter”.

*“Whenever any vehicle shall be parked adjacent to a parking meter, the owner or operator of said vehicle shall park within the space designated by pavement marking lines and, upon entering such space shall immediately deposit in said meter the required coin or coins of the United States or other approved payment for the maximum legal parking period as indicated or shown on the meter and if so required set the mechanism in motion. The fee for parking meters shall be twenty-five (25) cents for 15 minutes. It shall be unlawful for any person to deposit or cause to be deposited in a parking meter any coin for the purpose of permitting the vehicle of which he is in charge to remain in a parking space beyond the maximum period of time allowed in a particular zone. It shall be unlawful for any person to park a vehicle within a parking meter space unless such vehicle is wholly within the painted lines adjacent to such meter. It shall be unlawful for any unauthorized person to open, tamper with, break, injure or destroy any parking meter or to deposit or cause to be deposited in such meter any slugs, device, or metallic substance or any other substitute for the coin or coins required. **{INSERT LANGUAGE NOTED ABOVE}**”*

Smith stated that updating the current regulation would improve parking spot turnover in business districts as well as reduce parking meter vandalism, as observed by other municipalities.

**Motion to Approve** by Polito, 2<sup>nd</sup> Roche, unanimous

**Item #5-**Request for Travel Prohibitions  
Cherry Street at Summer Street  
Sartwell Ave at Cedar Street  
7-9 AM Resident Only restriction

Smith reported that travel prohibitions were implemented the second day of school due to public safety concerns.

Lt. Polito expressed strong support for continuation of the travel prohibitions

**Motion to Approve 90 day trail period** Roche, 2<sup>nd</sup> Manzelli unanimous

**Motion to Adjourn at 6:10pm** by Potito, 2<sup>nd</sup> Manzelli

**Meeting Adjourned at 6:11pm**