

TRAFFIC COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES
Wednesday, June 26, 2019 at 6:00p.m.
Room 314, City Hall

Chairman Scott Liberty explains the process of the Traffic Commission, announces the commissioner in attendance, and calls the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

Present: Scott Liberty, Brian Gomes, Brad Markey, Richard Simmons, Manuel Silva, Michael Baker, Ian Trombly

Absent: Patrick Sullivan, Jacob Gonsalves

Motion by Commissioner Baker to accept and approve minutes from 06/26/19 Traffic Commission meeting; second by Commissioner Markey, the Ayes have it

PETITION

1. PETITION

Christina Connelly and Laurie Alfonso, on behalf of the Administration, are proposing to create three parking zones within the Downtown Transportation Facilities as set forth in the New Bedford Code of Ordinances, Section 23-48-1 in accord with the Traffic Commission's authority pursuant to Sections 23-30, 32,35 and 37 of the Code. These zones will be differentiated by time limits and meter rates; this petition seeks approval of the zones, associated time limits and meter rates. (Map of zones and time limits is on file).

Commissioner Gomes motioned to table P1, second by Commissioner Baker; the Ayes have it.

Tabled 6-0

2. PETITION

Joanne M Mackay, 15-17 Capitol Street, is requesting **NO PARKING EXCEPT HANDICAP** signs to be installed in front of said residence (A copy of HP card is on file, property owner, there is a driveway).

Commissioner Gomes motioned to table P2, second by Commissioner Silva; the Ayes have it.

Tabled 6-0

3. PETITION

Wayne Martin, 217 Deane Street, is requesting **NO PARKING BETWEEN SIGNS** to be installed on the north side on Coffin Street across from the Taber Mill loading dock there are currently no parking signs on the south side.

Councillor Dunn spoke on behalf of P3, Councillor Dunn stated the request for the signs is because when they have deliveries for Tabor Mills if there are cars parked, they are unable to get the use the loading dock. Chairman Liberty asked if anyone had any questions, Commissioner Silva suggested that we should have no parking on that whole north side. Commissioner Silva motioned to amend P3 to have no parking on this side

of the street on the north side of Coffin Ave between Brook Street and Church Street. Chairman Liberty asked if anyone would like to speak in favor or anyone would like to speak in opposition. Commissioner Silva motioned to approve P3 as amended, second by Commissioner Gomes; the Ayes have it.

Passed 6-0

4. PETITION

Councillor Gomes and Councillor Hugh Dunn are requesting **FOUR WAY STOP** signs at Logan Street and Acushnet Ave; currently there are stop signs on Acushnet Ave.

(Angular Accident Report 2017=6 April, May, June, July, October, November, 2018=1 April, 2019=May)

Councillor Dunn stated that about a year ago he came looking to turn this intersection into a four way stop, he states that it didn't get approved last year so in the meantime we switch the stop signs and in theory that could help but people are not use to that and it has called more confusion. Chairman Liberty asked if there were any questions for the petitioner. Commissioner Simmons asked if there were any bushes or trees that block the view. Councillor Dunn stated there is a fence but there are no stop signs on Acushnet Ave so there is a lot of speeding. Commissioner Gomes stated he has spent time there and its horrendous, they are no coming off Purchase Street east on Logan and picking up speed and when they get to the overpass you can not see what is coming at you. Commissioner Gomes also asked for crosswalks to also be installed there as well. Chairman Liberty asked if anyone would like to speak in favor or in opposition. Commissioner Gomes motioned to amend with crosswalks installed, second by Commissioner Baker; the Ayes have it.

Passed 6-0

5. PETITION

Gail Fortes, Executive Director of YWCA, 20 South Sixth Street, **SCHOOL BUS PARKING ONLY from Mon-Fri 8am-10am and 2pm-4pm signs** on the north side of the corner of School Street and South Sixth Street.

Councillor Morad wrote letter to support P5., letter was accepted to the board and placed on file. Gail Fortes 976 Elliot Street is looking for a safe place to drop off the children. Chairman Liberty asked if there were any questions for the petitioner. Commissioner Silva asked if this new drop zone was between the new driveway and the corner. Chairman Liberty asked if anyone would like to speak in favor. Jane Gonsalves, 2 Clinton Place long time board member of the YMCA spoke in favor of P5. Chairman Liberty if there was anyone else who wanted to speak in favor or opposition. Commissioner Gomes suggested that we just go 8am-4pm and not have the time in between that way we don't have to worry about anyone parking there. Commissioner Gomes amended the petition to change the timeframe from 8am-4pm Mon-Fri. Commissioner Gomes motioned to approve as amended, second by Commissioner Simmons; the Ayes have it.

Passed 6-0

6. PETITION

Arlene Rogers, 100 Smith Street, is requesting **NO PARKING EXCEPT HANDICAP** signs to be installed in front of said residence (A copy of HP card is on file, property owner, there is a driveway).

Arlene Rogers requesting handicap signs in front of her home her health aide spoke on her behalf stating that she does have a driveway, but it would be for when she gets picked up. Commissioner Gomes motioned to approve P6, second by Commissioner Gonsalves; the Ayes have it.

Passed 6-0

Commissioner Silva motioned to approve HP1-HP6, L1 second by Commissioner Gomes; the Ayes have it. Commissioner Silva motioned to approve rescinded HP signs, second by Commissioner Gomes; the Ayes have it.

NO PARKING EXCEPT HP OR V PLATES REQUESTS

HP1.

Benjamin S DeMello, 39 Clifford Street, is requesting **NO PARKING EXCEPT HANDICAP** signs to be installed in front of 42-44 Clifford Street of said residence (A copy of HP card is on file, letter from property owner, there is no access to driveway).

HP2.

Evelyn Marques, 306 Austin Street, is requesting **NO PARKING EXCEPT HANDICAP** signs to be installed in front of said residence, for 22 ft. (A copy of HP card is on file, letter from property owner on file, there is no access driveway)

HP3.

Alicinio Cardoso, 36 Independent Street, is requesting **NO PARKING EXCEPT HANDICAP** signs to be installed in front of said residence (A copy of HP card is on file, letter from property owner, there is no access to driveway).

HP4.

Michael Camara, 189 Tinkham Street, is requesting **NO PARKING EXCEPT HANDICAP** signs to be installed in front of said residence (A copy of HP card is on file, letter from property owner, there is no access to driveway).

HP5.

Maurice Smith, 41 Columbia Street, is requesting **NO PARKING EXCEPT HANDICAP** signs to be installed in front of said residence (A copy of HP card is on file, letter from property owner, no driveway).

HP6.

Connie Brum, 1 Hyacinth St Apt 2, is requesting **NO PARKING EXCEPT HANDICAP** signs to be installed in front of said residence (A copy of HP card is on file, letter from property owner, no driveway).

TABLED ITEMS

T1.

Michael Mathieu, owner of property for 450 Bolton Street, is requesting two **NO PARKING 8am-5pm** signs to be installed in front of business to allow containers to be delivered in and out of the warehouse.

Petition taken off table 06/26/19 TC Meeting

T2.

Chairman Scott Liberty, 51 Elm Street is requesting to review the approved petition from the 03/28/18 Traffic Commission meeting in which the board approved to install a **STOP** sign on South Rodney French Boulevard and Brock Avenue. This stop sign was approved as a temporary measure in order to give SRTA bus time to fix their scheduled route.

Commissioner Silva motioned to table T2, second by Commissioner Gomes; the Ayes have it

T3.

Jeremy Demoranville is requesting to install a **STOP** sign on Nauset Street @ Hathaway Road stopping westbound traffic on Nauset Street (*Angular Accident Report 2017=5, 2018=2, 2019=3*) (Tabled at 04/24/19 TC meeting)

Petition taken off on 06/26/19 TC meeting.

LATE FILE

L1.

George Breault, 975 Stratford Street, is requesting **NO PARKING EXCEPT HANDICAP** signs to be installed in front of said residence (A copy of HP card is on file, property owner, there is a driveway).

Commissioner Gomes motioned to adjourn time 6:25pm; second by Commissioner Silva; the Ayes have it