

CITY OF MARLBOROUGH MEETING POSTING

Meeting Name: Traffic Commission

Date: May 26, 2015

Time: 10:00am

Location: City Hall, 1st Floor, Committee Meeting Room

Agenda Items to be addressed:

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1) MINUTES OF LAST MEETING

2) NEW BUSINESS

- a) Communication from Farm Rd. residents, re: Farm Rd. construction project.
- b) Communication from Maureen Matott, re: Request for yield sign for traffic on East Main St. @ Stevens St.
- c) Communication from Ruben Rassi, re: Lakeside Ave. at Lincoln St./Bond St. intersection concerns.
- d) Communication from Joe Duca, re: Beach St. speeding concerns.
- e) Request for deer crossing sign near 421 Bolton St.
- f) Request for HIP spot in front of 2 Hill Rd. and sign restricting parking within 20' of Hill Rd. and Lakeshore Dr.

3) OLD BUSINESS

- a) Municipal off street parking regulation.
- b) High School parking regulations.
- c) Stop signs on Bigelow St.
- d) Traffic Commission rules and regulations update.
- e) Towing vehicles from municipal lots for snow removal.
- f) Request to consider making Francis St. one way.
- g) Minutes of March meeting

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**CITY OF MARLBOROUGH
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Traffic Commission Minutes

The Regular Meeting of the Traffic Commission was held on Wednesday, April 29, 2015 at 10:00 a.m. in the City Council Committee Room, City Hall. Members present: Chairman - Police Chief Mark Leonard, DPW Commissioner John Ghiloni and Fire Chief Geoff Herald. Also present: City Engineer Evan Pilachowski and Assistant City Engineer Tim Collins. Minutes taken by: Karen Lambert, MPD Records Clerk.

1- Minutes

The minutes of the Traffic Commission meeting of Tuesday, March 31, 2015.

Minutes from last meeting not complete. The completed draft will be presented for a vote at the next meeting on May 26, 2015

MOTION was made, seconded, duly VOTED:
TO TABLE.

2 – New Business

2a) Request to consider making Francis St. one way.

Chief Leonard received an e-mail from a resident of Francis Street on this issue. He said that he has spoken with several of his neighbors who are in agreement. He noted multiple accidents, many children living on the street, vehicles using it as a cut-through and many speeding to beat the light at Lincoln Street.

Chief Leonard mentioned a recent cruiser accident here, which may be prompting this request. He noted however, that the cruiser accident involved extenuating circumstances. Fire Chief Herald questioned which direction he is requesting for the one-way travel. He

also asked if the city has ever done a traffic study here. He was asked if this would present a problem for emergency vehicles. He noted that it is not a street they would use very often as it is a residential street. He would like to drive the street again though to familiarize himself with the specific area.

Chief Leonard mentioned that there are also a couple of two family homes here. If the street were made one way it would have an effect on response time for police vehicles to loop around. He asked if Engineering had counters available as he does not have a good sense of the volume here.

Tim Collins advised that Francis Street is 21 feet wide (as are many streets in the area). He feels that if this were done it would prompt residents of other similar streets to request the same. He also mentioned that he's probably looking for one way from East Main to Bolton and that the residents on the Bolton Street end are not going to want to go the opposite way. He feels that some would still continue to travel both ways if there were no traffic, i.e. "to zip up to their driveway 2 houses in". He also noted that parking is currently allowed on both sides, however, all homes do have driveways.

It was determined that if the counters were available, it makes sense to do a vehicle count and have accurate information to follow up with the resident.

MOTION was made, seconded, duly VOTED to REFER to ENGINEERING to do a traffic count.

3-Old Business

3g) Request to make Brigham St. one way.

Tim Collins sent an email to the Traffic commission on 3/31/15 with additional information on centerline markings. This issue was discussed at the Traffic Commission meeting on 3/31/15. He highlighted the following standards:

- 1) A single solid yellow line shall not be used as a centerline marking for a two-way roadway.
- 2) Centerline marking shall be placed on all paved urban arterials and collectors that have a traveled way of 20 feet or more in width and ADT of 6,000 vehicles per day or greater.

He found that "Brigham Street does not meet the first warrant of the Standard and it is highly unlikely that it could meet the second half of the warrant (volume)". As such, there is nothing to be done at this point.

MOTION was made, seconded, duly VOTED:
To REMOVE this item from the Agenda.

3c) Stop signs on Bigelow Street.

Update: Chief Leonard advised that the funding for the second speed sign is unsure at this point. The cost is more than originally anticipated.

MOTION was made, seconded, duly VOTED:
To TABLE.

Update on item not on this month's agenda:

Farm Road Project – Mr. Pilachowski mentioned that Farm Road is due for reconstruction from Cook Lane to Boston Post Road East which includes the signalization of Broadmeadow Road.

3a) Municipal off street parking regulation.

MOTION was made, seconded, duly VOTED:
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3b) High School parking regulations.

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3d) Traffic Commission rules and regulations update.

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3e) Buses on local roads going to NESC.

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3f) Towing vehicles from municipal lots for snow removal.

MOTION was made, seconded, duly VOTED:
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That there being no further business of the Traffic Commission held on this date, the meeting adjourned at 10:19 am.

Respectfully submitted,

Karen L. Lambert
Records Clerk
Marlborough Police Department

List of documents and other exhibits used at the meeting:

-Meeting Agenda for Wednesday April 29, 2015 (Including City of Marlborough Meeting Posting).

-E-mail from local resident Mike Bonetti to Chief Leonard, dated 4/15/15, re: Bolton St. and Francis St.

-E-mail from Chief Leonard, dated 4/22/15, re: Traffic Commission agenda and packet for **Wednesday April 29, 2015**. (Meeting date changed to Wednesday rather than usual Tuesday.)

Additional Handouts

-E-mail from Tim Collins to the Traffic Commission, dated 3/31/15, re: Double yellow centerline.

Robert Page

April 10, 2015

116D Broad Meadow Street, Marlborough MA 01753

Dear Councilman Page,

We are writing to you to express our concern over the Farm Road construction project that is slated to begin in spring 2015. We have three significant concerns with this project:

First is the addition of a stop light at the intersection of Broad Meadow and Farm Roads. We feel that the light that is being proposed will back traffic up in three directions, each way on Farm Road and down Broad Meadow Road, worsening the traffic that is already on Farm Road. This light will result in traffic that will stack down Farm Road in either direction, making it even more difficult for residents close to the intersection in all directions to be able to pull out of driveways and secondary streets.

The second concern is the increased likelihood that this project will result in significant increases in the overall speed at which traffic flows on Farm Road. When we asked Marlborough Town Engineering if they believed that this was a possibility, they didn't disagree and said it was likely that this would result. We were then directed to contact the Police department to discuss the issue of speeding as well as enforcement of the 2 ½ ton commercial vehicle limit. There is already an issue with speeding through traffic on Farm Road and improvement of the road condition will exacerbate this further.

Our third significant concern is the flooding at the Farm Road and Country Lane intersection. When we asked the town engineering department what they were doing to remedy the issue, they seem surprised there was an issue. Currently when we receive heavy rains from tropical thunderstorms the Marlborough Fire and /or Police departments close Farm road between Helen and Clarke drives and divert the traffic through the secondary roads. The current drawing has one additional catch basin being added in this area; however there does not appear to be any upgrades to the existing underground piping, or re-grading of the road. Without these changes being made, the same flooding will continue to occur.

We do have additional concerns pertaining to the sight lines at the Walker Street intersection, Cook Lane intersection and Kane Elementary School intersection as well as the prevalence and visibility of the crosswalks across Farm Road for the length of the street but those are secondary to the items listed above.

As you are probably aware, this project has been in discussion since 2008, at which time a Massachusetts Highway Hearing was held that you attended and spoke against the street light proposal. Notification for this important public hearing was only published in the newspaper, it was not posted online in the DPW meeting section as they were not hosting the meeting and no letters were sent out to the residents impacted informing them of such an important hearing that would be occurring. This lack of notification did not allow residents to be able to voice their concerns about this plan.

We do question now that the funding has changed from State to Town, is there a requirement for an additional hearing that residents would be able to voice their concerns over? Many residents are not aware of the addition of the light as they only have been sent plot plans of their own land and the accompanying letter does not mention the addition of a traffic light at the Broad Meadow intersection.

We have brought our concern to the Department of Public Works that this project is being considered for completion based on a traffic study completed in 2006. Traffic patterns change frequently and utilizing a nine year old traffic study without knowing if a stop light is still needed based on today's traffic seems imprudent.

The plan for the new traffic light is creating a hardship on 620 Farm Road and their ability to safely leave their driveway, requiring a zoning variance from the town. The current design of the new double entry drive way is poorly thought out and will not function as intended. There is not a sufficient turning radius for a car to turn around on the property so that it can face out into the intersection as intended. At the zoning hearing the abutting neighbor also expressed concern about grading and run-off from this proposed second driveway.

The addition of this light has a significant potential to raise the speed at which cars travel down Farm Road, something that is already a concern now. Requesting a discussion over the addition of speed humps or speed tables to significantly reduce the speeds of traffic on the road to the posted 25 mph has not been successful with the DPW despite studies by independent transportation engineers documenting the success rate (Guidelines for the Design and Application of Speed Humps and Speed Tables, A Recommended Practice of the Institute of Transportation Engineers, ITE, 2011).

Similarly traveled roads in Framingham that also have elementary schools located on them, high pedestrian traffic and motor vehicle usage have successfully used speed humps to calm traffic without impeding on emergency vehicle response time, snow removal and school bus traffic.

We agree that Farm Road needs to be improved and support that project, but it seems like a poorly planned project from an improvement of existing condition while maintaining safety and low speeds perspective. The planning and response to our concerns so far gives us the expectation that once the project is started it will continue to be ill managed, and have cost/schedule over runs. The impression we are left with is that the work will be done and what does not prove successful will be handled after it is completed which does not seem practical for a project of this cost given that it has been in discussion for the significant portion of the time we have owned our homes.

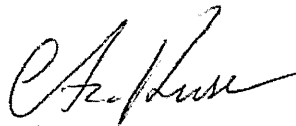
We would welcome a response on how we can approach these concerns that we have and are shared by many of our neighbors, with you and with the town to have an outcome that meets the current needs of the residents and town.

Thank you for your prompt attention to our concerns.

Regards,



Deborah Jakubowski Russ

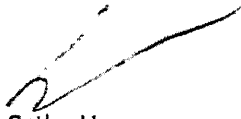


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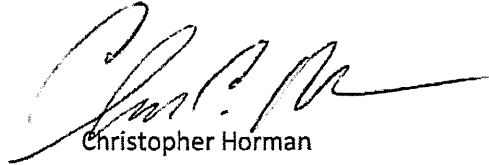
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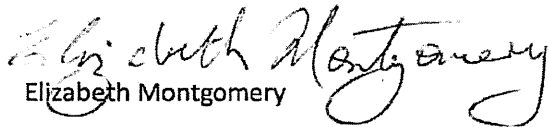
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Mark Leonard

From: mkmatott@aol.com
Sent: Thursday, April 23, 2015 4:17 PM
To: Mark Leonard
Subject: Traffic sign needed

Dear Police Chief Leonard,

My name is Maureen Matott and I live at 41 Ridge Rd. I was hoping you could help resolve a very dangerous issue that has been happening for years (I've been here 21) at the intersection of Stevens St and Rt 20. I have asked many people and they all agree, and if we remember our Driver's Ed correctly... the people at the light (with the gas station on their left) staying straight to go onto Steven's (heading towards the schools) have the right of way from the people coming out of Steven's that are taking a left onto Rt 20 East towards Price Chopper. That's correct isn't it...they should be yielding to oncoming traffic going straight onto Steven's?

Today was the final straw for me when a woman in a small blue SUV decided to turn onto RT 20 East right in front of me as my daughter and I were almost through the intersection heading home...it was very close. I can't tell you how many other times I have almost been hit by a car/truck/bus...you name it...turning left onto RT 20 East as I am going straight onto Steven's, or how many times I have seen others almost get hit too. I'm sure adding a light with a green arrow for those turning onto RT 20 East would be very expensive, but also very appreciated, since that can be a very tough left during rush hour. If that is not an option...is there any way at least a sign saying "left turn yields to oncoming traffic" could be placed there?

I appreciate any help in resolving this dangerous situation.

Thank you for your time.

Sincerely,

Maureen Matott
41 Ridge Rd, Marlboro MA 01752
508-485-7287

Mark Leonard

From: Evan Pilachowski
Sent: Monday, May 4, 2015 3:36 PM
To: Mark Leonard
Subject: Intersection of Lincoln St and Lakeside Ave

Mark,

Can you please add a discussion of Lincoln St and Lakeside Ave to the next Traffic Commission agenda? I believe you saw the issue raised by Ruben Rassi on SeeClickFix already. Since the issue was assigned to the Police Department, I won't close the issue, but I will send a message to Mr. Rassi saying that Engineering will provide a recommendation at the next Traffic Commission meeting. Please let me know if you have any questions. The message from Mr. Rassi is copied below.

Thank you,

Evan

Evan Pilachowski, P.E.
City Engineer
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135 Neil Street
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Hi my name is Ruben Rassi, I live on Bond St. and this is the second time a car almost hits my wife and kids driving up the wrong way on Lincoln from Route 20. There has to be a better way to prevent people from speeding up this one way other than just a One Way sign. Here are some suggestions: 1. Eliminate the double line on the road that extends to RT 20. This only encourages people to drive up illegally as they have there own lane up a one way. 2. Speed bump at the end of Lincoln St. This would at least slow down cars trying to come up illegally, they will usually drive up just as fast as they where driving on Rt 20. 3. Put a sidewalk path and shorten the exit to Rt. 20 to just one lane. The side walk path will also make it safer for the pedestrians who have to walk up Lincoln St on the street having to avoiding traffic. It's dangerous, person are sometimes walking at night. These are hard working people coming off shifts from Dunkin Donuts and the shops at the RK center. There will also inevitably be more pedestrians as the new Overlook homes are completed. There are lots of moms and dads with kids on Bond St that would love to walk up Lincoln safely towards the center of town to catch the bus or go to 7-11 or just to take a walk around the neighborhood. I would just like to see this be a safer street and neighborhood for the families and workers in the area. Thanks for your time.

also asked...

Q. Location of the problem

A. End of Lincoln intersecting Rt 20

Q. Please provide us with a phone number in case additional information is required.

A. 6174614144

May 13, 2015

Chief Mark Leonard
Marlborough Police Department
355 Bolton Street
Marlborough, MA 01752

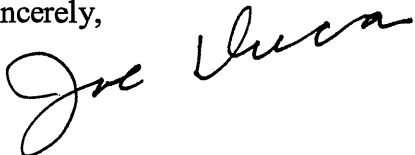
Dear Chief Leonard,

I would like to request that an item be place on the agenda for the next Traffic Commission Meeting.

I am requesting that the city install speed bumps on Beach Street at the intersection of Beach and Clover Hill Street and also in the area of 147 Beach Street to help slow traffic on this road. If it is not possible to install speed bumps then I am requesting an increase in police patrols in the area to help with speeding. It would be best to have the patrols between the hours of 6:00 AM to 9:00 AM and then again from 4:00 PM to 6:00 PM.

Please contact me if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Joe Duca". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Joseph Duca
99 Beach Street
Marlborough, MA 01752

Mark Leonard

From: Priscilla Ryder
Sent: Tuesday, May 12, 2015 12:18 PM
To: Mark Leonard
Subject: Dee crossing signs....Bolton St.

Hi Mark,

Richard Cochrane who lives at the tree farm at 421 Bolton St. indicated that there was almost an accident on Bolton St. yesterday when two deer crossed the road along the sewer taking on the west side of Bolton St. to the east side into the tree farm property. He's seen this happen on quite a few occasions and wondered if it would be wise to put up deer crossing signs in this area to alert motorists.

I said I'd pass this information along to you since you and the traffic commission would make such a decision.

Thanks!

*Priscilla Ryder
Conservation Officer
140 Main St. City Hall;
Marlborough, MA 01752 ; phone: 508-460-3768*



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Traffic Commission Minutes

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1- Minutes

The minutes of the Traffic Commission meeting of February 24, 2015.

MOTION was made, seconded, duly VOTED:
TO APPROVE.

2 – New Business

2a) Towing vehicles from municipal lots for snow removal.

Chief Leonard and Commissioner Ghiloni have already had a brief discussion on this issue. There have been some legitimate concerns on post storm cleanup, including some irate people, with regard to no notice and no signage in some locations. The Chief said that he “could sympathize with some of them”. He mentioned two vehicles that were towed within the hours when parking was allowed in order to clean lots.

Chief Leonard said he was not sure as to the best way to notify people. Maybe a “blackboard” message about what area is next or temporary signs stating “Plowing Tonight – No Parking”. Commissioner Ghiloni was in agreement that a better plan is needed and thought the temporary signage was a good idea. Chief Leonard also thought that we need to post additional notices to address long term parking issues, for example -

No Parking for more than 72 hours etc. As we head into next year he would like to see a notification plan in place. The Chief also mentioned parking around Senior Housing, where some people aren't driving for many days.

Commission Ghiloni asked that this item remain on the agenda and he will talk with the DPW and come up with a plan.

MOTION was made, seconded, duly VOTED to REFER to Commissioner Ghiloni to work with the DPW on a notification plan for next year.

2b) Request for speed limit signs near 406 Lincoln St., and Mechanic St. at Granger Blvd. traffic concerns.

Part 1 (406 Lincoln Street) - Chief Leonard advised that 406 Lincoln street is the location of "The Lofts". He noted that the Traffic Commission has looked at this area several times. The crosswalks were highlighted and he has had officers there to monitor speed.

Tim Collins advised that there is no special speed zone for Lincoln Street. It is a Business Zone in this section with a speed limit of 30mph. A yellow advisory sign indicating "thickly settled" is all that could be used. Chief Leonard said that this is clearly a thickly settled area and that there is enough signage there already. Tim Collins agreed that too much signage becomes "part of the landscape". He noted that if someone truly wants to cross safely they should go up to the light and cross there. The crosswalk in front of 406 Lincoln Street is there for "convenience only".

MOTION was made, seconded, duly VOTED to ACCEPT AND PLACE ON FILE. It will also be REFERED to the Police Department for continued enforcement.

Part 2 (Mechanic St. @ Granger Blvd.) - Mr. Daly asked if the light at Mechanic and Granger could be changed to include a yellow arrow with a sign that states "Left Turn Yield on Flashing". He said that he has seen this used in other towns. He finds this intersection to be dangerous as "people either try to race to beat other drivers with right of way or are just clueless to right of way procedures".

Tim Collins said that there is no exclusive left turn here and that the "rule of the road" is that whichever vehicle gets there first has the right of way. As long as people use their directionals and follow the rules, this should not be a problem. Commissioner Ghiloni said that sometimes you can fit two lanes here but not always as you go further back. Neither Tim Collins nor Chief Leonard have seen a situation like this here and feel that everyone has a chance to make the left and other vehicles can fit and go straight through the intersection.

MOTION was made, seconded, duly VOTED to ACCEPT and PLACE ON FILE.

2c) Communication from Councilor Irish, re: parking concerns and signage requests on Central St.

Three issues were discussed:

1) Vehicles parking at the corner of Central St. and Mechanic Street.

It was discussed that there is no parking allowed within 20 feet of an intersection.

2) Vehicles parking in front of Central Auto Rebuilders (blocking the entrance).

Tim Collins advised that there is a very wide driveway opening here and this should really not be a problem.

3) More signage needed – no parking any time and adding a one way sign.

The Traffic Commission feels this area is very clearly marked. There are currently five signs in place. Parking is allowed between Mechanic Street and the driveway and there is no parking on the entire South Side.

MOTION was made, seconded, duly VOTED to REFER to the POLICE DEPARTMENT for enforcement. Chief Leonard advised that he can highlight this area with his officers and have them ticket cars that are parked illegally.

2d) Request to make Brigham St. one way.

Engineering received a request on this issue. There was a concern related to the width and site distance along Brigham Street. Karen Lambert sent Engineering copies of all police reports for accidents on this street from 2010 to 2015. Tim Collins summarized the accidents as follows: of the 22 accidents noted, 12 involved driver error, 5 were weather related, 2 were unknown and 3 involved vehicles swerving to avoid head on collisions (of these 1 involved an animal in the road).

Engineering's review did not find anything (relative to crashes) that would substantiate the request to make this road one way. Tim Collins also noted that the road is 8,300 feet long and is residential. If the road were one way residents would have to travel for a very long stretch of roadway out of their way to be able to travel in the opposite direction. He noted that vehicles would need to travel 5,000 feet to Clover Hill and circle around. If Brigham Street is ever done over the road would be widened and many trees taken down.

Chief Leonard said that he had meant to check on the center line marking which would help to keep people within their lane. Tim Collins advised that this road may not meet the criteria for a center line. He noted that a single center line is not recognized by the MUTCD. He has not used one in the last 15 years.

MOTION was made, seconded, duly VOTED to REFER to the DPW to check on the criteria for a center line.

2e) Parking concerns on Pleasant St. between West Main St. and Lincoln St.

Chief Leonard received an e-mail on this issue from a local resident. He was specifically concerned about the area in front of Slattery's Funeral Home. He noted that the street parking here essentially creates a one-way street, especially during rush hour, and it can be very dangerous understanding who has the "right of way" on the normally two way street.

Chief Leonard advised that when the police department is made aware of a large wake they have made this area one way (allowing traffic to go southbound from Lincoln to West Main) to avoid this situation. In these situations an officer is posted at each end to direct traffic. It was further discussed that all the buildings on the west side have parking lots although Slattery's does not have enough parking to accommodate a large wake. Parking is already restricted on the opposite side. The Traffic Commission is not sure what else can be done.

MOTION was made, seconded, duly VOTED to REFER to Chief Leonard to speak with the local resident and advise him of the Traffic Commissions discussion.

2f) Winter parking ban exemption for 169 Lincoln Street.

The owner of the two family house here is having problems with parking. He noted that when he purchased the house the 2nd floor tenant used the driveway while the 1st floor tenant used the grass area on Short Street. He was advised by the City that he could no longer use the grass area and he was advised by Engineering that he could not extend or widen the driveway. He is now having trouble renting the 1st floor apt. which he feels is mainly due to the parking situation.

Chief Leonard said that there are typically 4 or 5 streets that are exempt from the parking ban, however, all cars still have to be moved in a snow emergency. Tim Collins said that a two family with six bedrooms in total should actually have parking for 8 cars. He said the driveway is wide enough for one car and long enough for three. There is also a dirt area where cars can park which probably has enough room for 3 cars. He noted that parking in the core of Marlborough is a huge issue. Chief Leonard said that this house has been there for a long time, however, we've never had this issue come up before. Chief Leonard questioned where the cars would go when plowing was required.

Chief Leonard will contact the homeowner and advise that the Traffic Commission cannot make the exemption. They have never done this for individuals just for stretches of roadways. Tim Collins also said that other houses have the same issue and would be requesting an exemption as well.

MOTION was made, seconded, duly VOTED to REFER to Chief Leonard to advise the homeowner.

2g) Crosswalk on Williams St. near courthouse.

Chief Leonard prepared the regulation to add the new crosswalk as presented by Tim Collins at the last meeting. An aerial photo with specifications was also provided.

MOTION was made, seconded, duly VOTED to APPROVE the regulation adding the new crosswalk on Williams Street at Robin Drive. ALL IN FAVOR.

Chief Leonard will forward it to Lisa Thomas for advertisement.

3-Old Business

Update on item previously removed from Agenda.

Parking concerns on Northboro Road West @ Elm Ridge Condominiums.

Tim Collins advised that he received a copy (from the State) of the no parking regulation that can be cited if someone questions a ticket received at this location. He said that "Per MADOT 720 CMR" will be out on the bottom of the No Parking Signs.

3e) Buses on local roads going to NESC.

Update: Lisa Thomas advised that she still needs to check on the gate conditions (at Embassy Suites). She was going to check through the "Special Permits" to see if there were any specific conditions when the permit was issued. She noted that all of this information is in "docushare" and is readily accessible.

3d) Traffic Commission rules and regulations update.

A brief discussion followed as to where the Traffic Commission left off on this issue. Tim Collins advised that he has gone through all of the streets but needed to get it into a better format. When spring construction is underway he will have more time available. Lisa Thomas mentioned that it was time to recodify the other City Code and that it would be nice to do them both at the same time but it doesn't look like that will happen. Lisa Thomas said she would ask General Code if they could separate the City Code from the Traffic Commission.

MOTION was made, seconded, duly VOTED:
To TABLE.

Commissioner Ghiloni brought up a couple of issues not on the agenda.

Plowing of Moffa Lane:

The City is responsible for plowing Moffa Lane up to the chain across the road at the opposite end. The VanBuskirk family is supposed to take the chain down so trucks can drive all the way through out to Lincoln Street. Moffa Lane is a public way from Tremont to the VanBuskirk's property (a shared driveway with 2 houses). The City is essentially plowing a private driveway. He agrees that it is more convenient for the City when the chain is down but asked why we are doing this? John's issue was that the chain was not always down and trucks would have to back up. Why is it not open all year?

Requests for Speed Bumps on Farm Road:

Commissioner Ghiloni was not exactly sure how to answer the continued request for speed bumps on Farm Road. Chief Leonard said that speed bumps actually create more issues than they solve. This is a very heavily traveled road. The last count he can recall, which was several years ago, was 8,000 cars per day. It would be a major issue if all these cars had to continue to slow down and then speed up. There is also the question as to where to put speed bumps since they need to be placed on a straight roadway and Farm Road has many curves. Farm Road is also a major response road for emergency vehicles. It is also difficult for plows to maneuver and creates a safety issue for motorcycles. Speed bumps have also been known to create drainage problems. There is also the maintenance issue.

Chief Leonard went on to say that traffic calming measures are a better alternative. For example, visuals created with shoulder lines which cause a roadway to narrow and then open up cause cars to slow in certain areas. Another possibility is doing something on the curve to highlight it or the use of specific striping. He would definitely prefer to stay away from speed bumps.

See Click Fix

There are some issues that have come up on this link that should be addressed by the Police Department, however, Commissioner Ghiloni was not sure who was handling them. Chief Leonard advised that at this point, they can be forwarded to his attention. It appears that the main concerns are speed issues. The requestor can be advised that the issue has been forward to the Police Department. Chief Leonard said that he would normally advise that directed patrols be assigned to problem areas. There will probably be more activity on this site as the weather gets nicer.

3c) Stop signs on Bigelow Street.

MOTION was made, seconded, duly VOTED:
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3a) Municipal off street parking regulation.

MOTION was made, seconded, duly VOTED:
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3b) High School parking regulations.

MOTION was made, seconded, duly VOTED:
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Notice from Chief Leonard regarding next month's meeting.

NOTE: April meeting needs to be rescheduled from Tuesday, April 28th to Wednesday, April 29th. Time will remain the same: 10:00 am.

That there being no further business of the Traffic Commission held on this date, the meeting adjourned at 11:03 am.

Respectfully submitted,

Karen L. Lambert
Records Clerk
Marlborough Police Department

List of documents and other exhibits used at the meeting:

- Meeting Agenda for Tuesday, March 31, 2015 (Including City of Marlborough Meeting Posting).
- Draft of minutes from Tuesday, February 24, 2015.
- E-mail from Chief Leonard to Commissioner Ghiloni, dated: 2/27/15, re: Towing cars from municipal lots.
- E-mail from Evan Pilachowski to Chief Leonard, dated 3/9/15, re: Traffic Commission Request (See Click Fix).
- E-mail from Jo Daly to Chief Leonard, dated 3/9/15, re: Traffic Commission Agenda (several items relative to Lincoln St., Mechanic St. and Granger Blvd.)
- E-mail from Councilor Irish to Chief Leonard, dated 3/12/15, re: Central Street parking.
- E-mail from Evan Pilachowski to Chief Leonard, dated 3/24/15, re: Traffic Commission (One way on Brigham Street).
- E-mail from Adam Moreschi to Chief Leonard, dated 3/23/15, Re: New Resident: Street Parking on Pleasant St. between W. Main St. and Lincoln St.
- Letter form William Wyskoczka to Chief Leonard, (undated), re: 169 Lincoln Street Parking.
- Aerial photo of William St. with proposed crosswalk indicated.
- Amended regulation to add the crosswalk on Williams Street to the section labeled "Crosswalk Locations".

Additional Handouts

- Summary of Brigham Street Accident Reports from 2010 to 2015.