



**CITY OF MARLBOROUGH
OFFICE OF TRAFFIC COMMISSION
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MARLBOROUGH, MASSACHUSETTS 01752**

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:
To TABLE.

3b) High School parking regulations.

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

3d) Traffic Commission rules and regulations update.

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

3e) Buses on local roads going to NESC.

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

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

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

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.