

The monthly meeting of the Malden Traffic Commission was held on Tuesday, January 17, 2023, at 5:00 p.m. in Conference Room #105 at City Hall.

**Meeting was called to order at 5:02 p.m.**

**MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE:**

Chief Glenn Cronin, Chairman  
Chief William Sullivan, Fire  
Mr. Charles Ioven, Planning  
Mr. William Coleman, DPW  
Mr. Yem Lip, Engineering  
Kathleen Hannan, Clerk

**PRESENT AND HAVING BUSINESS BEFORE THE COMMISSION:**

Counc. Peg Crowe, Ward 1  
Counc. Barbara Murphy, Ward 5  
Counc. Stephen Winslow, Ward 6  
Lt. Evan Tuxbury, Traffic  
Carol Burgess, 161 Central Ave  
John O'Brien, Resident  
Galvin Murphy, Resident  
Malcolm Irani and family, Resident

Accept minutes of the December 20, 2022 meeting.

A motion was made by Mr. William Coleman, seconded by Chief Sullivan and unanimously voice voted to accept the minutes of the December 20, 2022 meeting.

NEW BUSINESS:

HANDICAPPED PARKING:

Ralph Flibotte

40 Auburn St

(Tabled from the December 20, 2022 meeting to allow the applicant to obtain a letter from the neighbor whose house the sign will be installed in front of stating that they approve of the installation)

The applicant submitted a letter from the resident whose home the sign will be installed in front of, stating they have no objection to the sign being installed in front of their home. A motion was made by Mr. William Coleman, seconded by Mr. Charles Ioven and unanimously voice voted to approve the installation of a handicapped parking sign to be located in front of 34 Auburn St.

Ernest Pearlstein

1 Fairview Avenue

After discussing this request and based on the recommendation of Lt. Tuxbury and the fact that the resident does not have a driveway, a motion was made by Mr. William Coleman, seconded by Mr. Yem Lip and unanimously voice voted to approve the installation of a handicapped parking sign to be located opposite 76 Granville Avenue.

**Removable Speed Bumps  
Bainbridge Street**

**Barbara Murphy, Counc. Ward 5**

Requests the Traffic Commission approve the installation of removable speed bumps/humps on heavily traveled roads in densely populated neighborhoods (i.e. Bainbridge Street).

After discussing this request and hearing input from Counc. Murphy, Mr. O'Brien and Mr. Irani, a motion was made by Mr. William Coleman, seconded by Chief Sullivan and unanimously voice voted to table this request until the February 21, 2023 meeting. Between this meeting and the February meeting the following research will be conducted to present at the February meeting. Yem Lip will contact Ron Hogan for data from speed signs which are currently in place. Yem Lip and John Alessi will determine the location of the bumps and determine the best method whether it be a calming mat, traffic counter strip, rubber bump or hard bumps. Engineering will also determine a protocol for future requests for speed bumps.

**Stripe No Parking Zone  
Salem St @ Church St**

**Stephen Winslow, Coun. Ward 6**

Requests the Traffic Commission approve striping the "No Parking Zone" on Salem Street at Church Street.

After discussing this request and hearing input and safety concerns from Counc. Winslow and Mr. Murphy, a motion was made by Mr. William Coleman, seconded by Mr. Charles Ioven and unanimously voice voted to approve the painting of 70 feet of hash marks on Salem Street at the intersection of Church Street to reinforce the "No Parking" zone.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

**Winter Parking  
Dutton St between  
Glen Rock Cir/Beltran St**

**Amanda Linehan, Coun Ward 3**

Requests the Traffic Commission discuss a change to the winter parking rules to be presented at this meeting.

**(Tabled December 20, 2022 for more information from Counc. Linehan)**

**Granite St at Olive Av  
Elwell St at Beachview Av  
Semi-truck notifications**

**Yem Lip, Engineering**

Requests the Traffic Commission accept a vehicle length limit or post advisory signs at these locations advising semi-trucks of the inability to navigate these corners.

**(Tabled September 20, October 18 and November 15, 2022 meetings for Engineering to review the area.)**

After discussing this request and hearing the concerns of Ms. Burgess in regards to needing a street light installed in front of her residence for the safety of pedestrians who must walk in the street due to the lack of sidewalks, a motion was made by Mr. William Coleman, seconded by Mr. Charles Ioven and unanimously voice voted to table this request until the February 21, 2023. Chief Cronin will contact Counc. Sica to have her submit a request to the City Council for the installation of the street light.

**Highland Avenue  
Safety Issues**

**Marina Jokic, Resident  
740 Highland Avenue**

Requests the Traffic Commission consider ways to make Highland Avenue safer either through extra signage such as "Slow" or "Children" or narrowing the street.

Also, would like the issue of noise pollution from motorcycles and cars with modified mufflers to be addressed.

**(Tabled September 20, October 18 and November 15, 2022 meetings to have Engineering perform a study of the area)**

**TABLED INDEFINITELY:**

**965 Main St to Pine Banks  
Resident Parking**

**Barbara Murphy, Counc. Ward 5**

Requests the Traffic Commission approve adding resident permit parking on the odd side of Main Street wherever possible between 965 Main Street and the entrance to Pine Banks Park.

**(Tabled June, September and October, 2019, January, 2020 meetings until construction is completed in the area)**

**MBTA Sign Installation**

**Yem Lip, Engineering**

Requests the Traffic Commission approve the proposal as submitted to reinstall 9 bus stop signs as follows (Stop ID # 5424, 5386, 5416, 5343, 9030, 9340, 5447, 9025, 5459)

**(Tabled June, September, October and November, 2019, January, 2020 meetings)**

**Speed Safety Zone** **Neal Anderson, Counc. Ward 7**  
**Lincoln Commons/Suffolk Manor** **Stephen Winslow, Coun-at-lge**

Requests the Traffic Commission study the appropriateness of designating a speed safety zone of 20 miles per hour as allowed by Chapter 90 Section 18B of the Massachusetts General Laws next to Lincoln Common and Suffolk Manor. Such study shall also consider the placement of a pedestrian impact recovery sign and other signs necessary to better alert motorists of the presence of the crosswalk from Suffolk Manor to the bus stop on Bryant Street by Lincoln Common.

**(Tabled September, October and November, 2019, January, 2020 meetings)**

**Speed Safety Zone** **Paul Condon, Counc. Ward 2**  
**Devir Park** **Stephen Winslow, Coun-at-lge**

Requests the Traffic Commission study the appropriateness of designating a speed safety zone of 20 miles per hour as allowed by Chapter 90 Section 18B of the Massachusetts General Laws next to Devir Park along Malden Street and Emerald Street. Such study shall also consider the placement of speed monitoring signs to alert motorists of their speed in relation to the posted speed.

**(Tabled September, October and November, 2019, January, 2020 meetings)**

**Resident Parking** **Barbara Murphy, Counc. Ward 5**  
**Richardson Street**

Requests the Traffic Commission approve adding Richardson Street to the resident parking program.

**(Tabled December, 2019 and January, 2020 meetings)**

**Bus Stop Changes  
Highland Ave**

**Yem Lip, Engineering**

Requests the Traffic Commission approve creating a new stop at Highland Ave and Malden Street. This would be a consolidation of the stops located at Highland and Thacher and Highland and Oakland.

**(Tabled November, December, 2019 and January, March, and September and October, 2020, January, 2021 meetings)**

**Automated Speed Limit Signs Ryan O'Malley, Coun. Ward 4**

The residents of Autumn, Kenmore, Rosemont, Wedgemere and Fairlawn Streets would like automated speed limit signs posted on the streets entering from Main and Winter Streets.

**(Tabled June, September, October and November, 2021 meetings pending funding)**

**Oak Grove Station  
Safety Issues**

**Sylvia Chin, Resident**

Requests the Traffic Commission review the area around Oak Grove Station to prevent potential car accidents. Recommends removing the parking spaces so drivers can get a better view from cars on the curve.

**(Tabled October and November, 2021 meetings)**

**Crosswalk  
143 Main St**

**Peg Crowe, Counc. Ward 1**

Requests the Traffic Commission approve the installation of a crosswalk across Main Street at Bell Rock Park, in front of 143 Main Street where the bus stop is located.

**(Tabled October and November, 2021 meetings)**

**Traffic Calming Initiatives      Barbara Murphy, Counc. Ward 5  
Lebanon Corridor**

Counc. Murphy would like to discuss the Lebanon corridor, from Sylvan Street to the Melrose Line, to determine what can be implemented in the way of traffic calming initiatives.

**(Tabled October and November, 2021 meetings)**

**Valet Parking                                      Ron Hogan, Parking  
Commercial Street**

That the traffic commission approve the designation of a 'valet parking drop off zone' on Commercial Street in front of 110 Grille and Eviva Trattoria, on Thursday through Sunday from 4pm to 9pm.

**(Tabled February and March, 2022 meetings for City Engineer and Transportation Planner to evaluate the area)**

**Lane Modifications                                      Ron Hogan, Parking  
Commercial St**

That the Traffic Commission approve modifications to the eastern most travel lane on Commercial St. between Centre Street and Pleasant Street to convert the travel lane to a parking and valet service lane to support the area businesses.

**(Tabled February and March, 2022 meetings for City Engineer and Transportation Planner to evaluate the area)**

**Stop Signs    Lt. Evan Tuxbury, Traffic  
Central Ave**

Request the Traffic Commission discuss/investigate the stop signs on Central Ave (Truman Drive and Kennedy Drive).

**(Tabled February, 2022 meeting for study to be conducted by City Engineer)**



**American Legion**

**43 Wigglesworth St**

Requesting (2) Additional Spots

**(Tabled March and April 2022, meetings)**

**Resolve Final Paper 63-22**

**City Council**

**Traffic Lights**

**Franklin St @ Eastern Av**

Resolve: That the Traffic Commission conduct a feasibility study on installing traffic lights at Franklin Street and Eastern Avenue.

**(Tabled until the June 21, 2022, meeting to determine Councillor who sponsored the request and funding if approved)**

**Resolve Final Paper 64-22**

**City Council**

**No Parking**

**110 Rich St to 102 Rich St**

Resolve: That the Traffic Commission install "No Parking" signs from 110 Rich Street to 102 Rich Street.

**(Tabled until the June 21, 2022, meeting for review by Traffic Dept)**

**Signage and street paint**

**Lt. Evan Tuxbury, Traffic**

**Broadway @ Salem Street**

Requests the Traffic Commission approve the proposal to paint and add signage for right turn only lane on Broadway (southbound) at Salem Street.

**(Tabled until the June 21, 2022 meeting)**

**No Parking Boxes  
Salem Street**

**Kevin Duffy, Mayor's Office**

Requests the Traffic Commission approve painting "No Parking Boxes" at the corner of Salem Street and Church Street and at the corner of Salem Street and Spruce Street for safety reasons.

**(Tabled October 18, 2022 meeting pending complete list of streets)**

**No Parking  
Devir Street**

**Joseph Mandarini  
Field Rep, Local 22**

Requests the Traffic Commission approve extending the "No Parking" restriction on Devir Street near Highland Avenue an additional 25 feet. This restriction would be in the area of the Laborers' Local 22 building, not on the residential side of Devir Street.

**(Tabled October 18 and November 15, 2022 meetings for more information from Mr. Ron Hogan)**

**Central Avenue  
Traffic Issues**

**Brianna Lutz, Resident**

Requests the Traffic Commission consider methods to reduce speeding, improve street visibility and reduce non-residential traffic on Central Avenue.

**(Tabled September 20, October 18 and November 15, 2022 meetings to have Engineering complete a study and make recommendations to address these concerns and the "Stop Signs" on Central Avenue. Tabled December 20, 2022 to allow Council time to work together with the residents and determine any recommendations and bring them before the Commission for consideration.)**

**No Trucking Signs  
Medford Street  
(Main to Green)**

**Peg Crowe, Counc. Ward 1**

Requests the Traffic Commission approve the installation of "No Trucking" signs on Medford Street between Main St and Green St.

**(Tabled December 20, 2022 meeting pending a study and approval by the Department of Transportation)**

**A motion was made by Mr. William Coleman, seconded by Chief Sullivan and unanimously voice voted to adjourn this meeting at 5:45 p.m.**