

Traffic Commission Meeting Minutes
March 15, 2018

Attendance: Stan Koty, Thomas Graney, Alderman Mark Niedergang, Lena Webb
Staff: Laura Accaputo, Anna Rebelo, Suzanne Rinfret, Terence Smith, Nancy Salamoun
Other: Alderman Rossetti, Alderman Ewen-Campen

Meeting was held at the Department of Public Works, 17 Franey Road

The Chair called the meeting to order at 5:30pm and welcomed Alderman Ewen-Campen and Alderman Rossetti to the meeting.

Item #1 – A motion was made by Thomas Graney to approve the minutes from the February 15, 2018 Traffic Commission Meeting, 2nd by the Chair. Motion passed: 4-0.

Item #2 – Discussion regarding the policy/definition for streets exempted from the Snow Emergency Odd-Even Parking Regulation

- Suzanne Rinfret advised the Commission that the Administration was reviewing the policy and would get back to them.
- Alderman Ewen-Campen stated he was inquiring about a policy exception on Crocker St at Tower St next to the hospital and believes it meets policy criteria since there are no houses on one side. This would allow parking in front of these homes during a snow emergency.
- Suzanne Rinfret explained the policy states an exception can be made if there are no buildings on one side of the street and the hospital is a building.
- Alderman Rossetti distributed and read a letter into the record from resident Mike Wiser of 27 Whitman St outlining his concerns about the impact of alternating snow emergency parking on his street. She also stated Alderman Ballantyne supports the request.
- The Chair stated while he doesn't disagree, however he believes it will be difficult to have several streets exempted.
- Suzanne Rinfret stated currently most of the streets that are exempt are those around the schools or those with only one sided parking. She stated she would share the correspondence from the residents with the Administration.
- Alderman Niedergang stated he understands the challenges and believes anything new will have an adjustment period, however there needs to be some discretion with Traffic and Parking. He also expressed his appreciation to the Traffic Commission for granting his prior exception request for no parking on Wilson Av during snow emergencies and stated he thinks these exceptions should also be granted.

Thomas Graney made a motion to Table the request, 2nd by Alderman Niedergang. Motion passes: 4-0.

Item #3 – Request to separate the existing Speed Safety Zone on Florence St between Perkins St and Washington St as follows:

- Florence St between Perkins St and Pearl St
- Florence St between Pearl St and Washington St

- Terence Smith stated Traffic and Parking has no objection to this request, per MassDOT Regulations signs are allowed at the start and end of speed zones and this would allow for additional signage.

Alderman Niedergang made a motion to Approve, 2nd by Thomas Graney.

Motion passes: 4-0.

Item #4 – Request for No Right Turn at Summer St onto Church St from 7am-9am and 4pm-6pm except city residents and bicycles

- Terence Smith stated Traffic and Parking does not support peak hour turning restrictions as they do not convey a clear message and are confusing to the motorist. Unless there is a police presence the signs are unenforceable and ineffective and diminish the respect for all other regulatory signs. Traffic and Parking does not support this request.

Alderman Niedergang made a motion to Approve for a 90 day trial period, 2nd by Thomas Graney.

Motion passes: 4-0.

Item #5 – Request for Renewal of the following Handicapped Parking Spaces

18 Aldersey St; 15 Bartlett St; 32 Bond St; 764 Broadway; 44 Dana St; 6 Delaware St; 9 Dell St; 14 Farragut Av; 33 Farragut Av; 44 Glen St; 57 Heath St; 85 Hudson St; 15 Lake St; 33 Laurel St; 23 Lincoln St; 5 Madison St; 15 Minnesota Av; 12 Miner St; 127 North St; 10 Otis St; 57 Packard Av; 11 Partridge Av; 28 Pennsylvania Av; 28 Puritan Rd; 99 Puritan Rd; 12 Putnam St; 3 Quincy St; 16 Rossmore St; 104 School St; 71 Sterling St; 17 Sunset Rd; 13 Taylor St; 305 Washington St; 10 Wesley St; 13 Wesley St; 15 Wigglesworth St

- Terence Smith stated this was part of the 2 year renewal program and all applications meet criteria. Traffic and Parking has no objection to the request.
- Alderman Niedergang asked if this were all the Handicapped Parking spaces in the city and Terence Smith explained this was approximately 30% of them.

Alderman Niedergang made a motion to Approve for a 90 day trial period, 2nd by Thomas Graney.

Motion passes: 4-0.

Thomas Graney made a motion to adjourn at 5:45pm, 2nd by the Chair. Motion passed: 4-0.