

Traffic Commission Meeting
October 11, 2018

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

Attendance: Thomas Graney, Stan Koty, Lt. Polito, Mark Niedergang
Staff: Laura Accaputo, Suzanne Rinfret, Nancy Salamoun, Terence Smith
Other: Lucas Pyle, Tufts University

The Chair called the meeting to order at 5:30pm

Item #1 – Minutes from the September 20, 2018 Traffic Commission Meeting accepted unanimously

Item #2 – Request for Handicapped Parking

19 Delaware St

- Terence Smith stated Traffic and Parking does not support the request as the applicant owns the property and has a driveway.
- Nancy Salamoun stated there is 1 space in the driveway and 3 cars in the household, due to work schedules there is always a conflict with parking in the driveway and therefore she recommends approval.

Mark Niedergang made a motion to approve for a 90 day trial period, 2nd by Lt. Polito. Motion passed: 4-0.

Item #3 – Request for Handicapped Parking

71 Rush St

- Terence Smith stated Traffic and Parking does not support the request as the applicant owns the property and has a driveway.
- Nancy Salamoun stated the property has a 4 car driveway and she does not oppose the recommendation from Traffic and Parking.

Mark Niedergang made a motion to deny the request, 2nd by Lt. Polito. Motion passed: 4-0.

Item #4 – Request for Handicapped Parking

50 Evergreen Av, City Hall Annex

- Terence Smith stated the request came from Capital Improvements and he deferred to Nancy Salamoun.
- Nancy Salamoun stated she believes the request is due to a ramp for the building on Thurston St. The Commission referred to an attachment with the agenda showing a picture of the requested location for the space.
- Terence Smith stated the space should be located in the first available space next to the ramp and Nancy Salamoun asked if the item could be tabled until the November meeting so Rob Cassano of CI could speak to the location.

Thomas Graney made a motion to table the item, 2nd by Mark Niedergang. Motion passed: 4-0.

Item #5 – Request for Fire Lane

Spring Hill Terrace, from the existing sign post at #18-20 Spring Hill Terrace for a distance of 48ft southerly.

- Terence Smith explained the street is L shaped and the request would allow for safe passage of fire apparatus around the bend of the street. He stated Traffic and Parking has no objection to the request and deferred to the Somerville Fire Department.
- Thomas Graney noted this request came as the result of a complaint from Engine 7.

Thomas Graney made a motion to approve, 2nd by Mark Niedergang. Motion passed: 4-0.

Prior Business

Item #6 – Bike Corral on the east side of Webster Av, just south of Everett Av, approved for a 90 day trial period in July 2018

- Terence Smith explained this is a Traffic and Infrastructure item and would defer to them but noted that Traffic and Parking had not received any complaints. The Chair suggested tabling the item since there wasn't anyone from T&I in attendance.

The Chair made a motion to table the item until the November meeting, 2nd by Mark Niedergang.

Motion passed: 4-0.

Lt. Polito made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 5:40pm, 2nd by Thomas Graney. Motion passed: 4-0.