Traffic Commission Minutes
October 6th, 2026 at 5:30pm

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Attendance: Chair Eric Weisman, Councilor Naima Sait, Lena Webb, Lt. Michael Holland

Staff: Jackie Stagnari, Suzanne Rinfret, Justin Schreiber

Public: Darryl Mcbride

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

Roll Call

Chair Eric Weisman – present
Councilor Naima Sait – present
Lena Webb – present
Lt. Michael Holland – present
Asst. Chief Sean Tierney – absent

Prior Business

Item #1 – Request to change the effective days of the three loading zone 8am-2pm spaces at 231-235 Holland St from Monday-Saturday to Monday-Friday. (Tabled from 9/1/26 meeting)

Jackie Stagnari, Staff Liaison, shared an email from Councilor Hardt on screen that stated she had spoken to Basma Café and they confirmed they do not receive any deliveries on Saturdays. Suzanne Rinfret, Director of Parking, displayed meter payment and ticket issuance data she collected for the Commission. She noted there was not a lot of meter revenue or tickets issued for the Holland St meters. She stated this was the data the City was able to provide for these meters, in the absence of having cameras out there. Chair Weisman noted the recent fire in Teele Square and wondered what the impact of an unmanned truck in the loading zone might have been.

Jackie Stagnari noted that this request would only remove Saturdays from the three loading zone spaces at 231-235 Holland St, and the three spaces at 223-225 Holland St that were subject to discussion last month would remain in effect Monday through Saturday. There was discussion about what the Commission was voting on tonight, and if there was a motion to amend this item. There was no motion made to amend this item. Councilor Sait and Lena Webb expressed support for voting on the item as is and if there were requests for additional changes, they could be considered in the future.

A roll call vote was taken – Councilor Sait-yes, Lena Webb-yes, Lt. Holland-yes, Chair Weisman-no. The item was approved 3-1.

New Business

Item #2 – Approval of the Minutes from the September 1st, 2026 Traffic Commission meeting.

A roll call vote was taken – Councilor Sait-yes, Lena Webb-yes, Lt. Holland-yes, Chair Weisman-yes. The item was approved 4-0.

Item #3 – Request for an accessible parking space at 35 Century St.

Jackie Stagnari shared this application was from a resident for a space in front of their home. Staff reviewed the application and recommended it for approval. Councilor Sait inquired if review of accessible parking space applications in general take into consideration if the resident has a driveway. Jackie shared that is a question on the application, but there can be several mitigating factors. The property may have a driveway, but the resident may not have access to it (such as if they are a tenant), or it may be inaccessible – not wide enough, or further from the front door. Lena Webb noted she has learned even if you have a driveway, sometimes you may need to load/unload from your car (such as a mobility device) and that can't be done in a narrow driveway.

A roll call vote was taken – Councilor Sait-yes, Lena Webb-yes, Lt. Holland-yes, Chair Weisman-yes. The item was approved 4-0.

Item #4 – Request for a fire lane on the odd side of Eustis St from Beacon St to approximately 48 ft south of Beacon St.

Jackie Stagnari shared the letter from Chief Breen detailing this request.

A roll call vote was taken – Councilor Sait-yes, Lena Webb-yes, Lt. Holland-yes, Chair Weisman-yes. The item was approved 4-0.

Item #5 – Requests following Mobility Division coordination with the Somerville Council on Aging:

a) Regarding the curb on the south side of Winslow Ave east of College Ave, request to convert approximately 15 feet of accessible parking and 15 feet of 7AM-10PM 30 Minute Loading Zone to be regulated as approximately 55 feet of accessible parking

spaces and 40 feet of a 7AM-7PM Loading Zone (5 min passenger vehicle, 20 min commercial vehicles).

b) Regarding the curb on the east side of Holland St from approximately 200 feet north of Paulina St to approximately 340 feet north of Paulina St, request to convert approximately 140 feet of permit parking only to two-hour parking except by permit 8:00am-2:30am, permit parking only 2:30am-8:00am.

c) Regarding the curb on the east side of Holland St from approximately 40 feet south of Paulina St to approximately 90 feet south of Paulina St, request to convert approximately 50 feet of permit parking only to two-hour parking except by permit 8:00am-2:30am, permit parking only 2:30am-8:00am.

Justin Schreiber, Senior Transportation Planner-Mobility, shared he was presenting these items after coordination with the Somerville Council on Aging. Councilor Sait noted she would have to leave for another meeting and asked if this item was informational or recommended for approval. Justin confirmed this item was seeking approval. Jackie confirmed this meeting would still have quorum if the Councilor had to leave.

Justin explained for item 5a, Mobility received a request from the residents of Ciampa Manor, and their team had two meetings with them over the last couple months to discuss parking regulations on Winslow Ave. This request will expand the accessible parking area to be able to fit three vehicles and shorten the loading zone to the city-standard 40 ft loading zone with an updated time of 7am-7pm with 20 minutes for commercial plates and 5 minutes for passenger plates. Chair Weisman asked if there was any concern from the residents about removing the 30 minute loading zone. Justin explained the residents were in support of converting it from the 30 minutes to the standard 20/5 minutes.

Justin explained item 5b concerns the area directly in front of the Council on Aging, located in the Tufts Administrative Building. When the Holland St project was implemented, the parking was regulated as permit parking only at the request of the Council on Aging. Typically parking on the city's commercial/arterial streets would be 2 hour except by permit. The Council on Aging requested the parking be changed back to 2 hour except by permit to allow visitors and vendors of CoA who may not have a parking permit to use the parking spaces. Mobility supported this request to convert the parking to 2 hour except by permit to match other commercial/arterial streets.

A roll call vote was taken –Lena Webb-yes, Lt. Holland-yes, Chair Weisman-yes. The item was approved 3-0.

Motion to adjourn the meeting made at 5:33pm by Lena Webb, seconded by Lt. Holland. A roll call vote was taken –Lena Webb-yes, Lt. Holland-yes, Chair Weisman-yes. The motion to adjourn was approved 3-0.

Referenced Documents:

- Eustis St Fire Lane Request Letter