

Traffic Commission Minutes
August 16, 2018

Attendance: Stan Koty, Thomas Graney, Lena Webb

Staff: Laura Accaputo, Anna Rebelo, Suzanne Rinfret, Nancy Salamoun, Terence Smith, Mike Tremblay

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

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

Item #1 – Minutes from the July 19, 2018 Traffic Commission Meeting accepted unanimously

Item #2 – Request for Handicapped Parking

15 Russell Rd

- Terence Smith stated Traffic and Parking does not support the request as the applicant owns the property and has a driveway.
- Nancy Salamoun stated she supports the request as the driveway is very narrow and she does not think it will negatively impact the neighbors as all the other houses on the street have driveways. She stated there was medical information to support the request and the Chair stated the Commission would have to go into Executive Session to discuss any medical information. He suggested the item be moved to the end of the agenda.

Thomas Graney made a motion to move the item to the end of the agenda, 2nd by Lena Webb. Motion passed: 3-0.

Item #3 – Request for Handicapped Parking

7 Dell St

- Terence Smith stated Traffic and Parking does not support the request as it appears the applicant owns the property and has a driveway.
- Thomas Graney stated there is an HP space at 9 Dell St and asked about the medical documentation. The Chair stated the Commission would have to go into Executive Session to discuss any medical information. He suggested the item be moved to the end of the agenda.

Thomas Graney made a motion to move the item to the end of the agenda, 2nd by Lena Webb. Motion passed: 3-0.

Item #4 – Request for Handicapped Parking

37 Ash Av

- Terence Smith stated Traffic and Parking does not support the request as the applicant owns the property and has a driveway.
- Nancy Salamoun stated she supports the request as access to the house from the driveway is difficult and at least a 100ft walk. She stated there was medical information to support the request and the Chair stated the Commission would have to go into Executive Session to discuss any medical information. He suggested the item be moved to the end of the agenda.

Thomas Graney made a motion to move the item to the end of the agenda, 2nd by Lena Webb. Motion passed: 3-0.

Item #5 – Request for Handicapped Parking

97 Jaques St

- Terence Smith stated Traffic and Parking has no objection to the request, the applicant is a tenant and her daughter owns the property.

Thomas Graney made a motion to Approve, 2nd by the Chair. Motion passed: 3-0.

Item #6 – Request for a Fire Lane

Village St – extend the existing fire lane on the north side an additional 30ft for a total length of 369ft

- Terence Smith stated Traffic and Parking reviewed the location with the Fire Department and determined as a result of build-up in the area it is necessary to extend the fire lane to make the neighborhood more accessible for emergency vehicles.

Thomas Graney made a motion to Approve, 2nd by Lena Webb. Motion passed: 3-0.

Item #7 – Request for a Fire Lane

Innerbelt Rd – extend the existing fire lane on the south side an additional 20ft for a total length of 110ft

- Terence Smith stated Traffic and Parking reviewed the location with the Fire Department and has determined as a result of a sub-standard culvert it is necessary to extend the fire lane to allow trailers to drive straight through the tunnel without crossing the center line.

The Chair made a motion to Approve, 2nd by Thomas Graney. Motion passed: 3-0.

Item #8 – Request for No Parking 8am-5pm, Resident Permit Parking Only 5pm-8am

16 Glen St – between the 2 driveways, approximately 22ft

- Terence Smith stated this request is due to the significant amount of trucks accessing the parking lot on Glen St for a business on Broadway.

Thomas Graney made a motion to Approve, 2nd by Lena Webb. Motion passed: 3-0.

Item #9 – Request to change the Traffic Commission Meetings from the 3rd Thursday of each month to the 2nd or 4th Thursday of each month

Thomas Graney made a motion to approve changing the meeting day to the 2nd Thursday of each month, 2nd by Lena Webb. Motion passed: 3-0.

Item #10 – Request for a Loading Zone

Stone Av – in the first two metered spots, Monday-Friday 8am-12noon; will revert back to metered parking from 12noon-8pm (ending on 9/1/19)

- Terence Smith stated with the extensive construction in Union Square the loss of parking spaces has put businesses at a disadvantage. This loading zone will be beneficial for the businesses.

Lena Webb made a motion to Approve, 2nd by Thomas Graney. Motion passed: 3-0.

Added Item:

Item #11 – Request to implement 4-way stop control

At the intersection of Summer Street/Cherry Street on a one-year trial basis, pending the results of a traffic study to be conducted by T&I after the Cedar Street projects are fully implemented.

- Terence Smith deferred to Traffic and Infrastructure.
- Mike Tremblay amended his initial request from a 4 way stop to a 3 way/all way stop control. He stated there were 6 car crashes in this location that would have been preventable with an all

way stop, he also stated the sight distance barely meets minimum requirements and does not meet sight distance requirements for vehicles traveling over the speed limit. They will conduct a study after the Cedar Street projects are complete to see if the volume of traffic lessens.

Lena Webb made a motion to Approve, 2nd by Thomas Graney. Motion passed: 4-0.

A motion was made by Thomas Graney to go into Executive Session at 5:40pm to discuss Items #2, 3, and 4, seconded by the Chair. A roll call vote was taken: Thomas Graney answered yes; Lena Webb answered yes; Stan Koty answered yes. Motion passed 3-0. The July 19, 2018 Traffic Commission Meeting went into Executive Session at 5:40pm.

The Traffic Commission came out of Executive Session at 5:50pm.

Item #2 Lena Webb made a motion to approve for a 6 month trial period, seconded by Thomas Graney. The Chair called for a roll call vote on the motion to approve: Thomas Graney – yes; Lena Webb – yes; Chairman Koty – yes. The motion to approve passes: 3-0.

Item #3 Lena Webb made a motion to deny, seconded by Thomas Graney. The Chair called for a roll call vote on the motion to deny: Thomas Graney – yes; Lena Webb – yes; Chairman Koty – yes. The motion to deny passes: 3-0.

Item #4 Thomas Graney made a motion to approve for a 6 month trial period, seconded by Lena Webb. The Chair called for a roll call vote on the motion to approve: Thomas Graney – yes; Lena Webb – yes; Chairman Koty – yes. The motion to approve passes: 3-0.

Thomas Graney made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 5:55pm, 2nd by Lena Webb. Motion passes 3-0.