MEETING OF THE
CITY OF WOBURN
TRAFFIC COMMISSION
FEBRUARY 20, 2020 – 4:00 P.M.
COUNCIL CHAMBER
WOBURN CITY HALL

Attending: Comm. John Corey, Comm. Jeffrey Dillon, Comm. John Duran, Comm. Robert Ferullo, Comm. Anthony Langone, Comm. Daniel Orr, Comm. Charles Stokes.

Absent: Comm. Stephen Adgate, Comm. Peter Socorelis.

Motion made and 2nd to waive the reading of the minutes of the previous meeting and to accept, 7 in favor, 0 opposed, 2 absent (Adgate, Socorelis absent).

Motion made and 2nd to take the next two matter collectively, 7 in favor, 0 opposed, 2 absent (Adgate, Socorelis absent).

2020-3

On the request for pedestrian-actuated crossing signal on Arlington Road at Clapp Park at Fleming Field.

2020-4

On the request for no parking adjacent to crosswalks on Arlington Road at Clapp Park at Fleming Field

Alderman Campbell stated that when the parked was designed it was anticipated that there would be a pedestrian crosswalk light, that she seeks Traffic Commission approval for the signal before the project moves to the next step, that she spoke to the Mayor about the proposal, that the Mayor indicated he is committed to improving pedestrian safety at the street crossing, that she wants a rapid flash crosswalk signal to give notice to motorists that pedestrians are ready to cross the street, that in addition vehicles are parking up to the edge of the crosswalk and it is difficult for drivers to see pedestrians as they approach the crosswalk and pedestrians are beginning to cross in the crosswalk, and that having no parking areas at the sides of the crosswalk will improve the line of sight for approaching vehicles. Comm. Corey stated that the construction of the park was done under grant funding, that the grant money had to be used on site, that the crosswalk signal was not part of the grant funding, that the Department of Public Works has a price for the signal which includes strobes, that the MUTCD requires there be no parking next to a crosswalk, and that the alternative is a bump-out at the crosswalk but these hinder snowplowing and drainage. Comm. Stokes stated that the crosswalk further up the street should be removed as drivers would see the flashing light and lose focus of pedestrians at this other crosswalk. Comm. Corey stated that many pedestrians use that crosswalk further up the street, and that no parking blocks can be painted on the roadway at both crosswalks. Comm. Duran

stated that he wants to visit the site, that he agrees there is a lot of vehicle and pedestrian traffic in that area, and that he opposes installing a bump-out in that area. Alderman Campbell stated that she is not seeking the installation of a bump-out in that area. Comm. Langone stated that he also opposes the bump-out, and if technology is available to improve pedestrian safety then the city should use the technology. Motion made and 2nd to continue the matters to the next meeting to allow a site visit by the Superintendent of Public Works, Police Department and City Engineer, 7 in favor, 0 opposed, 2 absent (Adgate, Socorelis absent).

Motion made and 2nd to take the following matter out of order, 7 in favor, 0 opposed, 2 absent (Adgate, Socorelis absent).

2020-2

On the request for speed patrols on Lakeview Avenue. Corinne Genova, 22 Innitou Road stated that her request should have been as to Hudson Street not Lakeview Avenue, that many vehicles travel on Hudson Street to get from Main Street, that signs do not slow vehicle speed, and that speed patrols can change driver behavior. Comm. Stokes stated that the Police Department can heighten speed patrols on the street, that police vehicles have been at the location, that survey equipment can be installed to determine the best time to station patrols on the street, that this is likely more a vehicle volume issue as opposed to a vehicle speed issue, and that he will place a unit at the location this week. No further action was taken.

2020-1

On the request for flashing stop signs at the crosswalk at 29 Montvale Avenue. Pastor Sallo Dalla Benetta stated that vehicles do not stop at the stop sign on Prospect Street when people are crossing Montvale Avenue from the parking lot, that a flashing stop sign would be beneficial, vehicles traveling on Montvale Avenue do not stop nor do vehicles traveling from Prospect Street to Montvale Avenue, and that the issue is on Montvale Avenue just before the intersection with Prospect Street. Comm. Corey stated that he could visit the site to see if crosswalk signs are needed, and that there are two crosswalks in this area with one on Montvale Avenue and one on Prospect Street. Comm. Stokes stated that a crosswalk sign installed before the stop sign may be help the situation. Motion made and 2nd that the Superintendent of Public Works, Police Department and City Engineer conduct a site visit, 7 in favor, 0 opposed, 2 absent (Adgate, Socorelis absent)

Motion made and 2nd to adjourn, 7 in favor, 0 opposed, 2 absent (Adgate, Socorelis absent). Meeting adjourned at 4:20 p.m.

A TRUE RECORD ATTEST: _____

William C. Campbell, City Clerk
and Clerk of Traffic Commission