

**MEETING OF THE
CITY OF WOBURN
TRAFFIC COMMISSION
FEBRUARY 17, 2022 – 4:00 P.M.
COUNCIL CHAMBER
WOBURN CITY HALL**

Attending: Comm. Tina Cassidy, Comm. John Corey, Comm. John Duran, Comm. Lou DiMambro, Comm. Joseph Foley, Comm. Anthony Langone, Comm. Peter Socorelis, Comm. Charles Stokes, Comm. Jeffrey Dillon (Chair).

Absent: None.

2021-15

On the request for crosswalk on Winn Street at intersection with Linden Street, Comm. Duran stated he marked a crosswalk in pink about 75 feet north of Linden Street. Comm. Duran stated he split the difference between Shield Street and Linden Street. Comm. Duran stated he believed this was the ideal location at least related to site distance. Comm. Corey stated he agreed because of the eastbound dip restricts the line of site and this was the best site distance. Motion made and 2nd to open the discussion to the public, all in favor, 9-0. The petitioner, Joanna Dardonis, 8 Linden Street, stated it is closer to Shields Street. Comm. Duran stated the marking was 75 feet north of Linden Street between Elijah Street. Comm. Corey stated that a sign would be a separate issue. Comm. Foley stated he was originally concerned with emergency vehicles being able to stop. Comm. Foley stated he was not aware that the flashing sign would be a separate issue when he made the suggestion. Comm. Duran stated that he will not put up a crosswalk if there is a safety issue. Ms. Dardonis stated that anything is better than what is there now. Comm. Duran stated that he would not be doing the crosswalk until the spring. Motion made and 2nd to approve the crosswalk based on the Superintendent of Public Works specifications, all in favor, 9-0.

2021-18

On the request for a handicapped parking space at 14 Mt. Pleasant Street, Comm. Dillon stated he spoke to the applicant who would like the matter carried over to the March meeting. Motion made and 2nd to continue the matter to the next meeting, all in favor, 9-0.

2022-01

On the request for no parking signs on East Dexter, Comm. DiMambro stated he filed this petition because neighbors are having a problem up on East Dexter Avenue. Comm. DiMambro stated that it could be because of the condo association built by Scott Seaver. Comm. DiMambro stated that the residents are asking for no parking signs. Comm. DiMambro stated he spoke with

Comm. Duran, Comm. Foley, and Police Chief Robert Ferullo about the matter. Comm. DiMambro stated there are several cars parked on the road at 100 East Dexter Avenue and it is hard for that neighbor to back in and out of this driveway. Motion made and 2nd to accept pictures presented as part of the permanent record, all in favor, 9-0. Comm. DiMambro stated that a plow driver would have a difficult time navigating with the cars on the streets. Comm. DiMambro stated that the one picture shows the hill and cars coming in opposite direction. Comm. DiMambro stated on Baldwin Avenue, James Burke has a very hard time with his truck, trailers, and ski mobiles. Comm. DiMambro stated that there were complaints from the resident at 28 Chester Avenue as well. Comm. DiMambro stated one of the neighbor's requests was to have no parking along Mr. Burke's property. Comm. Stokes stated he took a ride to inspect. Comm. Stokes stated that because of a fire hydrant and proximity to a corner street it is not unreasonable to have no parking on the right side, which most likely will only effect three vehicles. Comm. Stokes also stated that in the winter, there is no parking on the even side and that number 100 is on the right hand side. Comm. Duran stated he was not for the no parking 20 feet from Baldwin Avenue. Comm. DiMambro stated Mr. Burke is on the even side. Comm. Stokes stated he was worried that other streets in the area will want the same request for no parking. Comm. DiMambro stated that there are not a lot of houses in the area. Comm. DiMambro stated that Mr. Seaver will have 41 more condos down on Merrimack Street and will continue to park there. Comm. Duran stated to switch the no parking at night and put it on the odd side. Comm. Stokes stated he does not want to rubber stamp no parking all the way down the street. Comm. Stokes stated that there will be problems during the winter. Comm. Duran stated that it was a dangerous precedent moving parking for a couple of people. Comm. Corey stated that Baldwin Avenue is a paper street/driveway. Comm. Corey stated that there is a landscaping company using that driveway and that he has the ability to widen the driveway to improve. Comm. Corey stated that the traffic is small in the area and the city can only restrict so much. Comm. DiMambro stated that in the condo bylaws the condo residents are not allowed to park on the street. Comm. DiMambro stated there are three to four cars continually parking on the street. Comm. Cassidy stated that there are two parking spaces per unit at the condo development, and no visitor parking. Clerk Higgins stated she would check the special permit conditions for next meeting. Comm. Corey stated East Dexter Avenue is still a public way, thus legal parking. Comm. Stokes stated no parking should not be the whole length of the road. Comm. DiMambro stated that the other complaint has to do with parking on the hill, from a resident at 28 Chester Avenue. Comm. Dillon stated to take one issue at a time. Comm. Dillon stated that the commission can invite Mr. Burke to the next meeting. Motion made and 2nd to draft a communication to the condo association reminding them of the restrictions in their by-laws, all in favor, 9-0. Comm. DiMambro stated that Mr. Burke is using the trailers for personal and business use. Comm. Corey stated that the issue on the hill is an 8% or 8.5% grade which should be enough at 30 m.p.h. Clerk Higgins stated that the matter was all one petition filed by Comm. DiMambro. Comm. Dillon read the complaint. Comm. Corey stated the 28 feet of pavement leaves six feet for cars and two 10 foot lanes of driving. Comm. Duran stated that the street was reduced to 24 feet wide. Comm. DiMambro stated that it was pretty tight with cars for emergency vehicles and plows. Motion made and 2nd to table the matter, all in favor, 9-0.

Motion made and 2nd to waive the reading of the minutes of the previous meeting and to accept, all in favor, 9-0.

Motion made and 2nd to adjourn, all in favor, 9-0. Meeting adjourned at 4:34 p.m.

A TRUE RECORD ATTEST:

Lindsay E. Higgins
City Clerk and Clerk of Traffic Commission