

**MEETING OF THE  
CITY OF WOBURN  
TRAFFIC COMMISSION  
APRIL 20, 2023 – 4:00 P.M.  
COUNCIL CHAMBER  
WOBURN CITY HALL**

Attending: Comm. Tina Cassidy, Comm. Lou DiMambro, Comm. Joseph Foley, Comm. Peter Socorelis, Comm. Charles Stokes, and Comm. Jeffrey Dillon (Chair).

Absent: Comm. John Corey, and Comm. John Duran.

Vacant: Resident Representative

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Motion made and 2<sup>nd</sup> to waive the reading of the minutes of the previous meeting and to approve, all in favor, 6-0-2 (Corey and Duran Absent).

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**2022-09**

On the request for crosswalk and crosswalk sign on Alfred Street at Forest Glen Road, Chair Dillon stated he spoke with the petitioner and Councilor Demers and that he would like this matter to be tabled until the next meeting. Motion made and 2<sup>nd</sup> to table the matter to the next meeting, all in favor, 6-0-2 (Corey and Duran Absent).

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**2022-20**

On the request for One Hour Parking restrictions in the vicinity of 166 Main Street, the following order was given a first reading at the March 16, 2023 meeting:

**ORDERED** Be it ordered that Schedule 1 Parking Restrictions of the 2017 Woburn Traffic Code, as amended, be further amended by adding the following:

MAIN STREET – One hour parking westerly side from a point beginning 64 feet northerly of Warren Avenue northerly a distance of 80 feet any time.

City Clerk Higgins stated in preparing the language it was brought to her attention that there are two items already in the Schedule 1 Traffic Code that exist and overlap what the Commission intended to update. City Clerk Higgins stated the following two are already in Schedule 1:

<b>Main Street</b>	No parking westerly side from Warren Avenue northerly a distance of 100 feet.	No Parking
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**Main Street**

One hour parking westerly side from a point beginning 100 feet northerly of Warren Avenue northerly a distance of 300 feet any time between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 6:00 p.m. any day except Sundays and public holidays.

One Hour

Upon inquiry from Comm. Cassidy, City Clerk Higgins stated that the portion of the parking spots the Commission indicated they wanted for nonrestricted on the map were not included in the order as it is not a restriction indicated in Schedule 1. City Clerk Higgins stated only the portion that restricts to one hour parking would be included. Councilor DiMambro stated there were no lines as of now. Comm. Cassidy stated that it would be helpful to see the physical layout and that if the Engineering Department could map out the current ordinance so that they could compare. Comm. Cassidy stated could implement the current order and then repeal the others. City Clerk Higgins stated you could do that but that the repeal of what is currently in there would need two readings before going on to the City Council and then the Mayor. John Flannagan, representing the petitioner, stated he would like to implement the plan that was discussed at the last meeting as it would be the best. Mr. Flannagan stated there is a no parking sign for the bus stop. Upon inquiry from Comm. DiMambro, Comm. Stokes stated that there is typically 20 feet from intersection no parking, but the code currently says 100 feet because of the crosswalk there. Comm. Stokes stated he would prefer to get the Engineering Department out there and to get this right. Motion made and 2<sup>nd</sup> to lay the matter on the table and to ask the Engineering Department to map out the current code for this area of Main Street for the next meeting, all in favor, 6-0-2 (Corey and Duran Absent).

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**2022-23**

On the request for stop sign on Patriot Road at the intersection with Independence Drive, the following order was given a second reading at the March 16, 2023 meeting:

**ORDERED** Be it ordered that Schedule 3 Stop Signs of the 2017 Woburn Traffic Code, as amended, be further amended by adding the following:

**PATRIOT ROAD – Southeastbound at Independence Drive.**

City Clerk Higgins stated this matter was continued from the last meeting at the request of Comm. Duran wanting to take a second look at the sign location. Comm. Stokes stated there is no issue with the line of sight and he would be against adding stop signs since there have been no crashes and would just add confusion. The petitioner, Mark Kelly, 42 Independence Drive, stated there used to be a stop sign years ago. Mr. Kelly stated that there have been a number of times that he has driven down Patriot Drive and almost been hit on Patriot Road. Comm. DiMambro stated he sees the sign creeping back. Mr. Kelly stated that you have to veer to the right side of Patriot Road. City Clerk Higgins asked the Commission to be specific if it is Patriot Road or Patriot Drive, as many seem to be using interchangeably. City Clerk Higgins stated there are no stop signs in the code on Patriot Road. Comm. Cassidy stated there are requirements for four-way stop signs being installed prior to putting in a traffic signal, and there may be requirements for three-way stop signs. City Clerk Higgins stated the only stop sign in the code for Independence Drive is at Revere Road. Motion made and 2<sup>nd</sup> to the continue the discussion to the

next meeting and have the Engineering Department comment on any regulations and do some research to authorize stop signs in the area, all in favor, 6-0-2 (Corey and Duran Absent).

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**2023-03**

On the request for stop signs on Belmont Street at Arlington Street, the following order was given a first reading at the March 16, 2023 meeting:

**ORDERED** That the 2017 Woburn Traffic Code, as amended, be further amended by adding to Schedule 3 Stop Signs the following:

BELMONT STREET – Southwestbound at Arlington Street and  
Northeastbound at Arlington Street.

Comm. Stokes stated for safety reasons these signs were already put up. Comm. Stokes stated this is the opposite of Independence Drive issue and that he feels strongly there should be stop signs. Motion made and 2<sup>nd</sup> to approve the following for a second reading and to adopt, all in favor, 6-0-2 (Corey and Duran Absent).

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**2023-06**

On the request for speed bumps on Salem Street, Comm. Stokes stated the City does not allow speed bumps as the City would need to adopt special law to allow them. Comm. Stokes stated that the speed bumps would create havoc on Salem Street as opposed to slowing people down. Edin Mujcin, 80 Salem Street, stated this is a busy street and people are flying from the top of the hill to the center by the storage unit building. Mr. Mujcin stated that the location is right behind the school bleachers. Mr. Mujcin stated when someone hits a pole and hydrant they are without power for a night. Mr. Mujcin stated if they cannot put speed bumps, do not know what they can tentatively do because the cars are flying. Mr. Mujcin stated it is not safe for the kids or school. Mr. Mujcin stated a car jammed into his neighbor's fence. Comm. Stokes stated that it is more reasonable to put data collector out, as the police do enforce many streets. Comm. Stokes stated he will add enforcement and add the data collector but he cannot do the speed bumps. Mr. Mujcin stated the petitioner went for speed bumps, but there are no school speed signs in the area near the school bleachers. The petitioner, Marcia De Oliveira, 89 Salem Street, stated she is worried about traffic and that someone hit her fence and her child's room is right there as the houses are close to the street. Ms. De Oliveira stated people are diving drunk or crazy. Upon inquiry from Comm. Stokes, Mr. Mujcin stated her driveway is long and the police could probably back in at the end of the driveway if they back in, and that the police usually park on the other side of the storage unit, which is No. 55. Ms. De Oliveira stated twice a car hit her when the lights turned. Ms. De Oliveira stated she is okay with the police using her driveway.

Chair Dillon stated there will be more speed enforcement and data collecting sign. Comm. Stokes stated the collector will monitor volume and speed. Motion made and 2<sup>nd</sup> that the request be denied, all in favor, 6-0-2 (Corey and Duran Absent). Chair Dillon stated there will be more traffic enforcement and data collection. Upon inquiry, City Clerk Higgins stated this area is not a designated school zone and that the Commission heard a similar request a few months back. Comm. Stokes stated this was accurate.

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**2023-05**

On the resignation of Anthony D. Langone Jr. from the Woburn Traffic Commission, Chair Dillon wished Mr. Langone good luck and thanked him for all he has done. Comm. Cassidy and Comm. DiMambro agreed. Motion made and 2<sup>nd</sup> that the matter be received and placed on file, all in favor, 6-0-2 (Corey and Duran Absent).

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Motion made and 2<sup>nd</sup> to adjourn, all in favor, 6-0-2 (Corey and Duran Absent). Meeting adjourned at 4:36 p.m.

A TRUE RECORD ATTEST:

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Lindsay E. Higgins  
City Clerk and Clerk of Traffic Commission