

**MEETING OF THE
CITY OF WOBURN
TRAFFIC COMMISSION
JUNE 18, 2026 – 3:30 P.M.
COUNCIL CHAMBER
WOBURN CITY HALL**

Attending: Comm. Matthew Littleton, Comm. William Pappalardo, Comm. Ryan Malaquias, Comm. Mark Smith, and Comm. Charles Stokes.

Absent: Comm. John Duran, Comm. Richard Jolly, Comm. Peter Socorelis, and Chair Charles Viola.

Motion made and 2nd to choose Comm. Pappalardo as the Chair pro tempore for the meeting, ROLL CALL: Littleton – Yes; Duran – Absent; Jolly – Absent; Pappalardo – Yes; Malaquias – Yes; Smith – Yes; Socorelis – Absent; Stokes – Yes; Viola – Absent. Comm. Pappalardo assumed the Chair.

Motion made and 2nd to waive the reading of the minutes of the previous meeting and to accept, all in favor, 5-0-4 (Duran, Jolly, Socorelis, and Viola Absent).

Complete Streets Update

Comm. Malaquias stated there were no updates at this time.

2026-09

On the request for parking enforcement and no parking signs on Walnut Hill Park near 16 Walnut Hill Park, the petitioner, Michael Langone, trustee and property owner at 16 Walnut Hill Park, stated that at the last meeting he felt defensive and unable to hear the discussion clearly and that he is not the party causing the ongoing issues. Mr. Langone stated the problems stem from his neighboring property, whose occupants frequently park vehicles haphazardly and leave the surrounding area in significant disarray. Mr. Langone stated that his position has not changed since the previous discussion: he firmly believes that “No Parking” and “No Overnight Parking” signs should be installed in the appropriate sections of the street to address the recurring violations. Comm. Smith stated that although the parking violations themselves are not a primary fire department concern, he explained that what is happening inside the neighboring property appears to be contributing to unsafe spillover conditions outside. Comm. Smith stated that upon finally visiting the location earlier that day, he observed multiple safety issues within the property related to storage, spacing, and the presence of emergency vehicles undergoing repair. Comm. Smith stated these conditions could compromise firefighters’ ability to respond effectively in an emergency and noted that while these internal safety issues fall outside the

Commission's jurisdiction, they are nonetheless connected to the clutter and parking overflow affecting the street. Comm. Smith stated he supports the Commission taking action to resolve the exterior parking problems, while also stating that he intends to address the internal fire code issues directly with the property owner. Chair Pro Tempore Pappalardo stated that he reviewed the minutes from the previous meeting and observed that two action items had been expected: cleaning up unused materials onsite to create additional parking and engaging with the neighboring business owner, and for the parties to collaboratively resolve the ongoing issues. Mr. Langone stated that these steps had not taken place. Mr. Langone stated that he was directed to communicate with his neighbor, but he has no authority over where the neighboring business parks its vehicles, reiterating that enforcement is the responsibility of the city. Mr. Langone stated that there has been virtually no communication from the other party. Comm. Stokes stated that his understanding from the last meeting was that both neighbors would meet and attempt to work out a resolution, but that clearly had not occurred. Mr. Langone stated that he had little control over the situation and questioned what compromise he was expected to reach, as his only request is that the neighboring business follow city regulations. Mr. Langone stated he had concerns about snow removal, explaining that the neighbor's parking habits hinder plowing operations and have created dangerous and burdensome conditions during winter storms. Mr. Langone questioned why the neighboring business is seemingly permitted to park overnight in an industrial zone, which he believes is inconsistent with regulations applied elsewhere in the city. Comm. Stokes stated that the entire side of the street in question is already designated as a no-parking zone and that the question is whether the city should officially post the signs. Comm. Stokes stated if the signs are installed, the neighboring business would be required to find legal parking, including on the opposite side of the street where space exists and parking would be lawful. Mr. Langone stated that he does not understand what compromise is expected, since the problem is simply noncompliance with existing laws. Comm. Stokes stated that engineering, police, fire, and DPW should meet down there and discuss the issues. Comm. Stokes stated that if they start towing down there it will only make matters worse. Motion made and 2nd that the matter be continued to the next meeting September 17, 2026, all in favor, 5-0-4 (Duran, Jolly, Socorelis, and Viola Absent).

2026-11

Request for stop sign on Center Street at intersection with Park Street, City Clerk Higgins stated the stop sign was not in the current code, and that she left a message to the petitioner about the meeting. Comm. Stokes stated a stop sign would be beneficial to prevent a crash situation. Comm. Malaquias stated adding a stop sign does not hurt, but people should be slowing down to take the turn, and that he did not see a stop sign there before. Motion made and 2nd to approve the following for a first reading, all in favor, 5-0-4 (Duran, Jolly, Socorelis, and Viola Absent):

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

CENTER STREET – Stop sign southbound at Park Street.

Motion made and 2nd that the DPW install the stop sign on Center Street due to safety concerns, all in favor, 5-0-4 (Duran, Jolly, Socorelis, and Viola Absent).

2026-12

On the order to cancel July and August meetings, motion made and 2nd that the order be adopted, all in favor, 5-0-4 (Duran, Jolly, Socorelis, and Viola Absent).

Motion made and 2nd to adjourn, all in favor, 5-0-4 (Duran, Jolly, Socorelis, and Viola Absent). Meeting adjourned at 3:47 p.m.

A TRUE RECORD ATTEST:

Lindsay E. Higgins
City Clerk and Clerk of Traffic Commission