

CITY OF GLOUCESTER TRAFFIC COMMISSION

**A meeting was held on Thursday February 17th, 2011 at 6:00 p.m.
at the third floor conference room at Gloucester City Hall**

The meeting was opened at 6:00 p.m. by Chairman Robert B. Ryan. Also attending were members Larry Ingersoll, Anthony Bertolino and Michael Mulcahey. Also present were City Councilor Ann Mulcahey and Robert Brooks Sr.

AGENDA

The following was tabled at our last meeting:

Order #2010-083 (Councilor Mulcahey) Ordered that the GCO Sec. 22-287 (Handicapped Parking) be amended by ADDING:

Summit Street, one handicapped parking space in the vicinity of #4B

(January Meeting) A MOTION was made, seconded and PASSED to TABLE this request as no handicapped placard has been provided and the TC isn't aware of who is requesting the space.

(February Meeting) After a discussion and speaking to the requestor, a MOTION was made, seconded and PASSED (3-0 vote, one abstention [B Ryan]) to APPROVE the order as requested. The sign can be placed in front of 4 Summit Street.

NEW ORDERS

Order #CC2011-002 (Councilor Theken) Ordered that the GCO Sec 22-270 (Parking Prohibited at all Times) be amended by ADDING:

Magnolia Avenue from under the train bridge to its intersection with Essex Avenue, both sides.

*After a discussion and an e mail from Councilor Theken A MOTION was made, seconded and PASSED to APPROVE the order. **The TC also recommends that the order be amended to add Sec 22-291 (Tow Zone) to better enforce the 'No Parking' ordinance.***

Order #CC2011-004 (Councilor Mulcahey) Ordered that the TC be requested to investigate a vending site and make their recommendation to the O&A; and further ordered that upon approval of this site, that the GCO Chapter 11, Art II sec 11-5 (Fixed vending; site specific locations) be amended to reflect same.

As requested by the O&A Committee, the TC reviewed 13 months of police department records and found that there was only one very minor reported motor vehicle accident at the intersection of Commercial Street and Rogers Street. The traffic issues in the area consist of heavy congestion, stop sign violations at the end of Commercial Street and large vehicles parked for long periods in the 'Loading Zone' along the north side of Commercial Street. These exist regardless of any specific vending site. The previous vending site added to this problem due to an extension of the vending area and vehicles double parking or parking in the crosswalk to speak to the vendor. The vendor was also discouraging other vehicles from parking in the metered space nearby, so as to increase his area.

The TC suggests three vending sites and stresses that any conditions added to them be enforced, (although the TC is unsure of what specific city agency would do the enforcing). They are (in no particular order):

The former 'Duck Boat' area on Rogers Street in front of the Fitz H. Lane parking lot and at the southwest corner of the east entrance to Harbor Loop.

Main Street, southerly side, by the boatyard and in the area across from the area of Scott Street and 360 Main Street. (This area is sometimes used for vending now)

Rogers Street, southerly side, in a metered area (meter #2) that currently exists between the two entrances of St. Peter's Park. Some of the issues mentioned with the previous vending spot would not exist here as the location would force customers to use St. Peter's Park if they wanted to use the vendor.

The TC also recommends that an ordinance be created for a 'Yield' sign to be installed on the northeast corner of Rogers Street where it intersects with Washington Street (on the corner with the Bank of America ATM). This would inform drivers who may be considering traveling from Rogers to Commercial Street that they should yield to the vehicles coming down Washington Street and turning onto Rogers Street.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:57 p.m.

ROBERT B. RYAN, Chairman

LARRY INGERSOLL, Secretary