

**CITY OF GLOUCESTER
TRAFFIC COMMISSION**

**A meeting was held on Thursday, April 21, 2011 at 6:00 p.m.
in the third floor conference room at Gloucester City Hall.**

**The meeting was opened by Chairman Robert B. Ryan at 6:00 p.m.
Also attending were members Larry Ingersoll and Robert Francis, City
Councilors Jackie Hardy and Ann Mulcahey, Mark Cole from the
DPW, Munsey Lane resident Glen Deckert and #6 Oak Street residents
Matt & Diane Sullivan.**

AGENDA

The following was TABLED at our last meeting:

Order #CC2011-009 (Councilor Mulcahey) Ordered that the GCO Sec 22-287 (Handicapped Parking) be amended by **ADDING:**

One (1) handicapped parking space in front of #6 Oak Street

*(March Meeting) As a result of neither the requestor who was notified by **US Mail** nor a representative to speak on his behalf present to state the reasons for the request, as is the customary procedure established by the Traffic Commission, a motion was made, seconded and passed by a vote of 3 in favor, 0 opposed to **table** Order # CC2011-009 to the next regularly scheduled meeting of the Commission.*

*(APRIL MEETING) After speaking to the family of the requestor and Councilor Mulcahey, a **MOTION** was **MADE, SECONDED** and **PASSED** to **APPROVE** the Order as requested. The sign should be placed in front of #6 Oak Street. The street is restricted to parking on one side only and #6 is on the parking side.*

NEW ORDERS

Order #CC2011-011 (Councilor Verga) Ordered that the Traffic Commission review the traffic flow of the four-way traffic areas of Lexington Avenue, Fuller Street and Flume Road and report their

recommendations to the City Council via the O&A Committee as to whether additional stop or yield signs are needed.

After a review of the 4 way intersections in the area, the Traffic Commission has recommended that the following be considered to make those intersections safer. The ward Councilor should put forward orders to enact these recommendations.

A STOP sign be added to the northeast corner of Fuller Street where it meets Norman Avenue.

A STOP sign should be placed at the southwest corner of Raymond Street where it meets Shore Road.

(These new 'STOP' signs would replace the current 'Yield' signs at this intersection.)

This is in the Magnolia Square intersection that currently has 2 Stop and 2 Yield intersections. The TC feels that a 4-way Stop would make for a safer intersection.

A STOP sign be added to the northeast corner of Lexington Avenue where it meets Hesperus Avenue.

A STOP sign be placed at the southwest corner of Hesperus Avenue and Lexington Avenue.

This is a recommendation for a 4-way Stop intersection where Lexington Avenue meets Hesperus Avenue. Currently, the STOP intersection is for vehicles traveling on Lexington Avenue and could be confusing. A 4 way STOP makes this intersection safer.

The TC found that the 4 way intersections at Flume Road and Lexington Avenue and Hesperus Avenue and Fuller Street are fine the way they are now.

Order #CC2011-015 (Councilor Mulcahey) Ordered that the GCO Sec. 22-283 (Bus Stops & Taxi Stands) be amended by

ADDING: Railroad Avenue, northerly side, three spaces at a point beginning at the east entrance to 33 Railroad Avenue, for a distance of 80 feet AND one space at a point 200 feet in an easterly direction for a distance of 30 feet adjacent to the MBTA train platform.

After a discussion and speaking to Councilor Mulcahey, a MOTION was MADE. SECONDED and PASSED to APPROVE the Order as requested.

The original Order for this location(May 2006) was temporary and has expired. This would make the restrictions permanent.

Order #CC2011-016 (Councilor Hardy) Ordered that the GCO Sec 22-292 (Fire Lanes) be amended by

ADDING: after reference to Munsey Lane as a designated fire lane "traffic calming devices or measures shall be used to assure the safety of this street as a fire lane".

(Background) This order seeks to control excessive traffic on this designated fire lane and should include fire dept. review.

Through use of the JAMAR recorder, the TC has learned that approximately 77 cars have used this road in a 2 1/2 day period. None of those vehicles traveled above 20 MPH. The 85th percentile was 17 MPH. Speed bumps or 'calming devices' can not be installed on a city owned road, regardless of it being public or private. Other options discussed were:

Blocking the road off at the center. The Fire Department would be against this and if instituted, the ends of the road would have to be renamed to coincide with the city's 911 program. It is believed that residents would also be against this plan.

Raising the sidewalk and curb at one end. This was not recommended as it makes the street a 'Dead End' with access only from one end. The only possibility the TC would be in favor of would be to make the street 'One Way' in the direction that the fewest cars use.

After speaking to a resident and Councilor Hardy, at this time the TC made a MOTION which was SECONDED AND APPROVED to TABLE this matter. A longer study with the JAMAR recorder will be done and more input from residents should be gathered.

Order #CC2011-017 (Councilor Mulcahey) Ordered that the GCO Sec. 22-287 (Handicapped Parking) be amended by ADDING:

One handicapped space in front of #25 Perkins Street.

The handicap placard has not been received yet and no one was present at the meeting to speak for the requestor. A MOTION was MADE, SECONDED and PASSED to TABLE this Order.

Order #CC2011-018 (Councilor Hardy) Ordered that the GCO Sec. 22-287 (Handicapped Parking) be amended by ADDING:

One handicapped parking space in front of #39 Mt. Vernon Street.

After a discussion, a MOTION was MADE, SECONDED and PASSED to APPROVE the Order as requested. The sign can be placed in front of #39 Mount Vernon Street.

Chairman Ryan showed the members how the JAMAR recorder works and the information that can be gathered from using it. It is a valuable piece of information for both the Traffic Commission and the Police Department and the TC would like to thank the City and Police Chief Michael Lane for getting this piece of equipment.

ROBET B. RYAN Chairman

LARRY INGERSOLL Secretary