



CITY OF GLOUCESTER TRAFFIC COMMISSION

9 Dale Avenue • Gloucester, Massachusetts 01930

MINUTES

A Zoom meeting of the Gloucester Traffic Commission was held on Thursday, March 31st, 2022. The meeting was called to order at 6:00PM by Chairman Robert B. Ryan. Commission members in attendance were Anthony Bertolino, Mike Mulcahey, Drew White and Lt. Michael Williams. Also in attendance was Councilor Tracy O'Neil and President of the Gloucester Fraternity Club Christopher Silva.

After commission members were introduced, all were informed that all votes taken would be taken by roll call vote.

The first order of business was the approval of the January 27th, 2022, meeting minutes. A motion was made to approve the minutes by Mike Mulcahey, and seconded, by Lt. Michael Williams. The motion carried unanimously.

The second order of business:

ORDERED that the Gloucester Code of Ordinance Chapter 22 "Traffic and Motor Vehicles," Sec. 22-287.Disabled Veteran/Handicapped Parking. Be **AMENDED** by **ADDING**:

63 Perkins Street

Chairman Robert B. Ryan shared with the Commission members the Handicapped Placard provided by the requestor Faith Silva.

Faith Silva who was unable to attend was represented by Councilor Tracy O'Neil. Councilor O'Neil proceeded to relate to the Commission members the fact that a new wheelchair ramp was installed at Ms. Silva's home and that she was in dire need for the space in order for her to safely exit her vehicle and use the ramp to get into her house.

A motion was made by Mike Mulcahey, and seconded by Anthony Bertolino, to approve the order. After a roll call vote, the order carried unanimously.

The next order of business was the request of a no parking and tow-away zone area in front of the Gloucester Fraternity Club.

ORDERED that the Gloucester Code of Ordinances Chapter 22 "Traffic and Motor Vehicles" Sec. 22-270. "Parking prohibited at all times" be amended by **ADDING** Webster Street, easterly side, from a point 160' from its intersection with Sadler Street Extension, in a southerly direction for a distance of 45.' (in front of number 27 Webster Street)

ORDERED that the Gloucester Code of Ordinances Chapter 22 "Traffic and Motor Vehicles" Sec. 22-291. "Tow-away zones" be amended by **ADDING** Webster Street, easterly side, from a point 160' from its intersection with Sadler Street Extension, in a southerly direction for a distance of 45.' (in front of number 27 Webster Street)

Christopher Silva, the President of the Gloucester Fraternity Club, spoke in favor of the order for safety reasons. He related to the Commission the fact that there have been numerous accidents occurring with members having difficulty exiting the property and both cars and trucks parking up to the Club's walls blocking the Main entrance stairs to the Club creating a safety issue should the Club have to vacate as a result of an emergency.

Secondly, Mr. Silva stated the safety problem is compounded when school is in session with parents parking anywhere and everywhere making for a congested and unsafe condition.

Councilor O'Neil concurred with Mr. Silva pointing out the request was necessary for "safety reasons."

Lt. Michael Williams made a motion to recommend both orders as written, and the orders were seconded by Mike Mulcahey. With a roll call vote, the orders were approved unanimously.

Lastly, a motion was made by Mike Mulcahey to adjourn the meeting, and it was seconded by Anthony Bertolino. After a roll call vote, the motion to adjourn the meeting at 6:25PM was unanimously approved.