

**CITY OF GLOUCESTER  
TRAFFIC COMMISSION**

**A meeting was held on Thursday February 7th, 2013 at 6:00 p.m.  
in 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, City Councilor Steven LeBlanc and residents or representatives from the Centennial Avenue area Mike Devlin, Barbara Devlin and Mike Williams.**

*AGENDA*

Order #CC2012-068 (Councilor Leblanc) ORDERED that the GCO Sec. 22-287 “Disabled veteran, handicapped parking” be amended by

DELETING 133 Washington Street (in front of the Azorean Restaurant) one space on the easterly side, beginning at a point 65 feet in a southerly direction from pole #27-1, for a distance of 20 feet (one space), and by

ADDING a space on Washington Street, easterly side, from a point 173 feet from Railroad Avenue for a distance of 22’ in a northerly direction; and further

ORDERED that the GCO Sec. 22-274 “Two-hour parking” be amended by

DELETING Azorean lot, after the current entrance, and beginning ten feet from pole #27-1, in a southerly direction, on the easterly side, for a distance of 65 feet (approximately three spaces), and by

ADDING Washington Street from its intersection with Railroad Avenue, easterly side, in a northerly direction for a distance of 173 feet and from a point 195 feet, easterly side, in a northerly direction, a distance of 105 feet to the MBTA train tracks.

*After a discussion, a MOTION was made, seconded and PASSED to APPROVE the order as written. This order slightly relocates the handicapped space in front of the Azorean Restaurant to better serve their handicapped entrance.*

Order #CC2013-003 (Councilor Verga) ORDERED that the City Council amend Chapter 22 “ Traffic and Motor Vehicles\*” by

ADDING language to Sections 22-270 “Parking Prohibited at all times – Magnolia Avenue” and 22-291 “Tow-away zones – Magnolia Avenue” specifying the type and location of signage based on the recommendation of the Traffic Commission; and further

ORDERED that this matter be referred to the Ordinances and Administration Committee and to the Traffic Commission for recommendations to be made to the Ordinances and Administration Committee by the Traffic Commission concerning whether traffic signage at the area beginning at the intersection of Essex Avenue and Magnolia Avenue and continuing to the train bridge over Magnolia Avenue is clear and sufficient and recommending any additional or different signage.

*The TC has found that there are already ordinances on the books that restrict parking on Magnolia Avenue but there are no signs, painted over signs or missing signs to enforce the ordinance. CC Verga was notified of this and will contact the DPW for proper signage in the area.*

Order #CC2013-004 (Councilor LeBlanc) ORDERED that the Gloucester Code of Ordinances Chapter 22 “ Traffic and Motor Vehicles\*”, Sec. 22-270 “Parking prohibited at all times” and Sec. 22-291 “Tow-away zones” be amended by ADDING

No parking, Centennial Avenue easterly side, from its intersection with Commonwealth Avenue, a distance of 185 feet in a northerly direction (pole #1347)

*After a discussion, speaking to area residents and reading communications that were sent to the TC, a MOTION was made, seconded and PASSED to **NOT RECOMMEND** the order (3-1 vote with member R Ryan opposed). The TC received 2 phone calls from area residents not in favor of this ordinance and one email (from the DPW Director) in favor of the ordinance, explaining that there is not sufficient width in that area and that he would like a consistent line on the street. Three residents spoke against the order and mentioned that the current temporary center line is off center, making it look like there is little room for parked cars. They also mentioned it would be an increased burden in the neighborhood when sporting events are held at the Oval causing spectators to find other parking in the neighboring streets. TC Member Ingersoll mentioned that Centennial Avenue closer to Western Avenue allows some parking and is narrower than the area around Commonwealth Avenue, which seems to be one*

*the widest on that street. Member Bertolino mentioned that this seems to be an issue where it doesn't seem to have a problem yet a solution is being planned for a problem that doesn't exist. Most agreed that there is no need for a dividing line on Centennial Avenue. CC LeBlanc said that he has received a lot of communication from area residents and no one is in favor of the ordinance.*

Order #CC2013-005 (Councilor LeBlanc) ORDERED that the Gloucester Code of Ordinances Chapter 22 "Traffic and Motor Vehicles\*", Sec. 22-287 "Disabled veteran, handicapped parking" be amended by ADDING:

one (1) handicapped space in front of Middle Street #13

*After a discussion and speaking to CC LeBlanc who was speaking for the requestor, a MOTION was made, seconded and PASSED to APPROVE the order as written. The TC was concerned that there seems to be adequate parking in the rear of the building, but was informed that due to her handicap, the requestor is unable to walk that much of a distance (which also includes steps). The TC mentioned that there are presently NO handicapped spaces on Middle Street from the Legion to the Boulevard. NOTE: The handicapped placard provided expires at the end of June 2013. A new one should be provided when received.*

**The meeting was adjourned at 6:30 p.m.**

**ROBERT B. RYAN, Chairman**

**LARRY INGERSOLL, Secretary**