

**CITY OF GLOUCESTER
TRAFFIC COMMISSION**

**A meeting was held on Thursday February 28h, 2013 at 6:00 p.m.
in the third floor conference room
at Gloucester City Hall**

The meeting was opened at 6:01 p.m. by Chairman Robert B. Ryan. Also attending were members Larry Ingersoll, Robert Francis and Anthony Bertolino and City Councilors Steven LeBlanc and Melissa Cox.

AGENDA

Order #CC2013-009 (Councilor Cox) **ORDERED** that the Gloucester Code of Ordinances Sec. 22-287 entitled “Disabled Veteran, handicapped parking” be amended by **ADDING**:

one (1) handicapped parking space in front of Warner Street #56

Councilor Cox spoke for the requestor, who was not present. After a discussion, a MOTION was made, seconded and PASSED to APPROVE the order as requested. There is presently a space at #44 Warner but the TC felt that the addition of one space will not harm the parking situation in the area. The home of the requestor has NO off-street parking.

Order #CC2013-010 (Councilors Romeo-Theken and LeBlanc) **ORDERED** that the Gloucester Code of Ordinances, Chapter 22 “Traffic”, Sec. 22-270.1 “Resident Sticker Parking Only, as amended 4/10/12, be **AMENDED** by **ADDING** the following streets:

“Beach Court for its entire length”, Fort Square for its entire length”, and
“Commercial Street for its entire length excluding areas designated for 30 minute parking under Sec. 22-279”.

*After a discussion and speaking to Councilors LeBlanc and Cox, a MOTION was made, seconded and PASSED to **TABLE** this order so that the Councilors could have adequate time to schedule a neighborhood meeting to discuss this issue with residents. Councilor LeBlanc said that this order came from neighborhood 'fear' of parking issues from the proposed hotel, but is not an immediate concern. Councilor Cox would like to meet with residents (she represents this area) and asked for more time to inform them of the possible drawbacks of residential only parking. The TC mentioned that Beach Court is already under a resident only parking ordinance that runs seasonal (May 1-Sept. 15) and that the residential area of 17-21 Commercial Street is also seasonal resident restricted parking. The TC and Councilors want the Fort Square residents to be aware that if resident only parking is in place, visits from out of town family members will be difficult as parking will be for resident stickers only. Also, possible parking by hotel employees who reside in Gloucester would also not be prohibited in the area. All agreed that there is adequate time to discuss this further before a vote is needed.*

The meeting was adjourned at 6:41 p.m.

ROBERT B. RYAN, Chairman

LARRY INGERSOLL, Secretary