

**CITY OF GLOUCESTER
TRAFFIC COMMISSION**

**A meeting was held on Thursday June 26th, 2014 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, Robert Francis, Michael Mulcahey, City Councilors Melissa Cox and Steven LeBlanc, and resident Ann Burbridge.

AGENDA

Approval of previous meeting's minutes.

A MOTION was made, seconded and PASSED to APPROVE the previous meeting's minutes.

Handicap Parking request for #2 Summit Street

After speaking to the requestor, a MOTION was made, seconded and PASSED to APPROVE the request. The requestor was reminded that handicap spaces are not assigned and are available to anyone with a placard. This designated handicap space is to be added to the list of handicap spaces as it is the first that does not require further City Council approval.

Order #CC2014-024 (Councilor Cox)

ORDERED that the GCO Chapter 22, Sec. 22-270 "Parking prohibited at all times" be amended by **ADDING** Pleasant Street, westerly side, at a point 120' from its intersection with Smith Street in a northerly direction for a distance of 50'; and further

ORDERED that the GCO Chapter 22, Sec. 22-291 "Tow-away zones" be amended by **ADDING** Pleasant Street, westerly side, at a point 120' from its intersection with Smith Street in a northerly direction for a distance of 50'.

After a discussion and speaking with Councilor Cox, A MOTION was made, seconded and PASSED to APPROVE the order. This will increase safety for vehicles entering and exiting Sheedy Park. (The area to be prohibited is the current spaces between the entrance and exit on Pleasant Street)

Order #CC2014-027 (Councilor Cox)

ORDERED that the Gloucester Code of Ordinances Chapter 22, Sec. 22-284 entitled “Service or loading zones” and Sec. 22-291 “Tow-away zones” be amended by **DELETING** Pleasant Street #27.

After a discussion, a MOTION was made, seconded and PASSED to APPROVE the order. A MOTION was then made, seconded and PASSED to APPROVE a handicap parking space at #27 Pleasant Street which had previously been there.

Order #CC2014-028 (Councilor Cox)

1. **ORDERED** that the Gloucester Code of Ordinances Chapter 22 “Traffic” be amended as follows:
2. Amend Sec. 22-265 “Turning movements-Generally” by **ADDING:**
3. “While school is in session, Pleasant Street in a northerly direction, no left turn onto Smith Street between the hours of 8:30 a.m. to 9:15 a.m. and 2:30 p.m. to 3:15 p.m.;
4. Amend Sec. 22-159 “Same-Between certain hours and on certain days” by **ADDING:**
5. (4) Pleasant Street. While school is in session, Pleasant Street, from a point beginning at its intersection with Prospect Street, westerly side, in a northerly direction to Smith Street, **no parking** between the hours of 8:30 a.m. to 9:30 a.m. and 2:30 p.m. to 3:15 p.m.
6. (5) Smith Street. While school is in session, Smith Street, southerly side, from its intersection with Pleasant Street in a westerly direction to Maplewood Avenue, **no parking** between the hours of 8:30 a.m. to 9:15 a.m. and 2:30 p.m. to 3:15 p.m. Bus pick-up and drop-off only;
7. Amend Sec. 22-270 “Parking prohibited at all times” by **DELETING** Pleasant Street, westerly side, from Smith Street, southerly direction for a distance of 200 feet;
8. Amend Sec. 22-283 “Bus stops and taxi stands” by **DELETING** Pleasant Street, westerly side, beginning at the point 50’ north of its intersection with Prospect Street for a distance of 120’ in a northerly direction effective from 8:30 a.m. to 9:30 a.m. and 2:30 p.m. to 3:30 p.m. weekdays, excluding the months of July and August.

After a discussion and speaking with Councilor Cox, a MOTION was made, seconded and PASSED to CONTINUE the order until the ward councilor can have a neighborhood ward meeting concerning the changes.

The TC has learned that there is already an ordinance in place for item #5 in the order, but no signs are present.. From looking at maps of the area, some on the TC feel that a better traffic flow would be for busses to drop off on Pleasant Street and parents to drop off on Smith Street. There was a big concern in the requested plan with school busses being able to make the left turn from Smith Street onto Pleasant Street. There was also a question concerning parking during church holy days that fall on school days during the week (ie: Ash Wednesday, Holy Thursday etc.). Also, the TC was concerned where teachers and other school workers would park.

Order #CC2014-029 (Councilor LeBlanc)

ORDERED that the GCO ch.22 (Traffic) sec. 22-270 (Parking Prohibited at all times) be amended by DELETING:

The reference to Emerson Avenue, northerly side from the easterly entrance of the City Home, and ADDING:

northerly side from the westerly corner of the intersection of Griffen Court and Emerson Avenue; and by ADDING:

Emerson Avenue, from the westerly end of driveway at #28 Emerson Avenue, to the beginning of the way to the City Boat Ramp past #30 Emerson Avenue and including to the end of Emerson Avenue.

Also, a request that the TC perform a speed study on Emerson Avenue from its intersection with Lincoln Avenue to its westerly end, and based on this study, suggest speed limits for Emerson Avenue.

This was an old ordinance on the books that needed the wording clarified and brought up to date. After a discussion and speaking with Councilor LeBlanc, a MOTION was made, seconded and PASSED to APPROVE the order. A speed study will also be done and the results given to Councilor LeBlanc.

Discussion concerning the answer from the state concerning speed bumps.

A message was received from the DPW director that said it would be doubtful that any support for speed bumps whether permanent, temporary or portable would be granted at this time. The TC will agree with this decision for the present time.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:55 p.m.

ROBERT B. RYAN, Chairman

LARRY INGERSOLL, Secretary