

**CITY OF GLOUCESTER
TRAFFIC COMMISSION**

**A meeting was held on Thursday April 16th, 2015 at 6:00 p.m.
in the first floor Conference Room
at Gloucester City Hall**

The meeting was opened at 6:02 p.m. by Chairman Robert B. Ryan. Attending were members Anthony Bertolino, Larry Ingersoll, Robert Francis, City Councilors Melissa Cox and William Fonvielle and residents Sean Nolan, Barbara Sheehan and Gerald Olson.

AGENDA

Approval of minutes from the 2-19-15 meeting

*A MOTION was made, seconded and PASSED to **APPROVE** the minutes as written.*

HANDICAP PARKING REQUESTS:

One space at #26 Prospect Street (Andrea Napoli)

*Due to circumstances, the requestor has asked us to continue this matter until our next meeting. (January Meeting) A MOTION was made, seconded and PASSED to **CONTINUE** the request.*

*Once again, the requestor and/or his designee is unable to attend and have asked us to continue. (February Meeting) A MOTION was made, seconded and PASSED to **CONTINUE** the request*

*The TC has not heard from the requestor in months. A MOTION was made, seconded and **PASSED** to **NOT APPROVE** the request at this time. The requestor can re-apply at any time if the handicap space is still desired.*

One space at 89 Maplewood Avenue (Gerry Olsen)

*After speaking to the requestor ,a MOTION was made, seconded and **PASSED** to **APPROVE** the space. There are no other spaces on Maplewood Avenue.*

There is currently an ordinance in place that will have to be DELETED before the handicap signage can be installed.

Councilor LeBlanc will need to place an order to **DELETE** the following:

Sec. 22-280.Fifteen- Minute Parking. Maplewood Avenue, easterly side in a northerly direction from a point 154' from Derby Street for a distance of 62' between the hours of 9:00 am to 9:00 pm on Fridays and between 9:00 am and 5:30 pm on other weekdays.

One space at 14 Trask Street (Barbara Sheehan)

*After speaking to the requestor, a MOTION was made, seconded and **PASSED** to **APPROVE** the space. There are no other handicapped spaces on Trask Street.*

NOTE: All requestors are informed that this is not a personal space and can be used by anyone with a valid handicapped permit.

The TC took notice that the City Council will be deleting handicapped spaces at 13 Chestnut Street and 14 Liberty Street.

ORDER #CC2015-006 (Councilor Fonvielle) ORDERED that the Ordinances & Administration Committee together with the Traffic Commission review existing parking restrictions contained in Code of Ordinances, Chapter 22, "Traffic" sections 22-270 "Parking prohibited at all times" and 22-291 "Tow-away zones" for Kondelin Road from its intersection with Magnolia Avenue for its entire length and also review existing Kondelin Road signage for consistency with Chapter 22.

FURTHER ORDERED that following the review and recommendation of the Traffic Commission the Ordinances & Administration Committee amend sections 22-270 and 22-291 as necessary in connection Kondelin Road.

*After a discussion and speaking to Councilor Fonvielle and Sean Nolan, a business owner on Kondelin Road, A MOTION was made, seconded and **PASSED** to **RECOMMEND** the following:*

There is a current ordinance in place that will have to be DELETED.

This ordinance restricts parking on both sides of Kondelin Road from 10 p.m. to 4 a.m.(22-270 and tow zone 22-291)

A new ordinance will need to be submitted that restricts parking on Kondelin Road, from its intersection of Magnolia Avenue, for its entire length, on the westerly side (even numbered properties) from 10 p.m. to 4 a.m. The tow zone (22-291) wording will also need to be included.

*This change will allow parking on the easterly (magnolia side-odd numbered properties) at all times. Kondelin Road is wider than most city streets and **should also have street lights installed.***

There are also some non-city installed signs that have different hours for parking restrictions and these should be removed by the DPW.

ORDER #CC2015-013 (Councilor Cox) ORDERED whether the City Council wishes to petition the state to lower the speed limit on Burnham Street from 30 miles per hour to 20 miles per hour; and

FURTHER ORDERED that this matter be referred to the Traffic Commission for review and recommendation to determine whether the Council should request approval of a posted speed limit from Mass DOT.

After a discussion and speaking to Councilor Cox, a MOTION was made, seconded and PASSED to CONTINUE the issue until our next meeting.

The speed study has been completed but the TC has not been able to review the results. The area in question is residential/commercial and is in the area of a ballfield/playground that is used heavily and also a dance studio.

Councilor Cox is also planning to speak to our state representatives about looking into the lowering of non-posted prime-facie speed laws that currently have a 30 mph limit.

ORDER #CC2015-016 (Councilor Cox) ORDERED that the Traffic Commission review the area of the stairs (top and bottom) at Herrick Court and make their recommendation to the Ordinances and Administration Committee on whether the Gloucester Code of Ordinances Sec. 22-270 "Prohibited parking at all times" be amended accordingly.

FURTHER ORDERED that this matter be referred to the Traffic Commission and the Ordinances & Administration Standing Committee for review and recommendation.

After a discussion and speaking with Councilor Cox, it was learned that the Main Street side of Herrick Court does not have an ordinance in place that prohibits parking at all times although signs stating such are posted. There is a tow-away ordinance in place.

*A MOTION was made, seconded and **PASSED** to APPROVE the following **RECOMENDATIONS**:*

*To **AMMEND** the current ordinance by **ADDING**: **FIRE LANE (22-292)** Herrick Court, both sides, from its intersection with Main Street in a northerly direction for a distance of 100 feet (to the bottom of the stairs)*

*To **ADD** the following:*

Herrick Court, (Friend Street side) Parking Prohibited at all Times (22-270) and Tow-Away Zone (22-291) both sides, for a distance of fifteen feet from the top of the stairs in a northerly direction.

The issue was cars parking at the landings of the stairs making it impassable for people to access the stairs.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:06 p.m.

ROBERT B. RYAN, Chairman

LARRY INGERSOLL, Secretary