

**CITY OF GLOUCESTER  
TRAFFIC COMMISSION**

*A meeting was held on Thursday June 23rd, 2016 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. Attending were members Larry Ingersoll, Michael Mulcahey and Robert Francis, City Councilor Melissa Cox and Linda Bruno.**

**AGENDA**

Approval of minutes from our 5/26/16 meeting

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

Handicapped Parking request: one space at #8 Maple Street

*After speaking to the requestor and a discussion, a MOTION was made, seconded and PASSED to **APPROVE** the request.*

***Due to no parking on the even side of the street, the space will have to be in across the street from #8 Maple Street.***

*There are no other handicapped spaces in the area and the landlord does not allow the tenant to use the driveway.*

**ORDER CC#2016-028 (Councilor Cox) ORDERED** that the Gloucester Code of Ordinances Chapter 22 be amended as follows:

Amend Sec. 22-265 "Turning movements-Generally" by **DELETING** as follows:  
"Pleasant Street. While school is in session 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."

Amend GCO Sec. 22-159 "Same-Between certain hours and on school days" by **DELETING** as follows: "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 9:15 a.m. and 2:30 p.m. to 3:15 p.m. on school days."

Amend GCO Sec. 22-291 "Tow-away zones" by **DELETING** as follows: "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 9:15 a.m. and 2:30 p.m. to 3:15 p.m. on school days."

*A MOTION was made, seconded and PASSED to APPROVE the DELETIONS from the ordinances.*

*This order removes the parking restriction put in place for the use of St. Ann's by the West Parish School.*

**ORDER CC#2016-032 (Councilor LeBlanc) ORDERED** to request that the Traffic Commission review the traffic patterns and no parking at the intersection of Maplewood Avenue and Gloucester Avenue; and that the Traffic Commission make a written recommendation to the Ordinance & Administration Standing Committee on the findings of their review including whether any traffic ordinance amendments are recommended.

*After a discussion, a MOTION was made seconded and PASSED to RECOMMEND the following change:*

*Amend Sec. 22-270 (Parking Prohibited etc.) by ADDING: Maplewood Avenue, easterly side, from it's intersection with Gloucester Avenue, in a southerly direction, for a distance of 100 feet (pole #1371)*

*Amend Sec.22-291 (Tow Zones) by ADDING: Maplewood Avenue, easterly side, from it's intersection with Gloucester Avenue, in a southerly direction, for a distance of 100 feet (pole #1371)*

*Since the reconfiguration of the corner, there is an unsafe condition that exists in front of #135 Maplewood Avenue. This matter has been looked into by Councilor Steven LeBlanc and DPW Director Mike Hale before being brought up to the TC.*

*The following was continued from our January meeting:*

**Order #CC2016-002 (Councilor Cox) ORDERED** that the City Council request that the Traffic Commission conduct a study of the tractor trailer parking on Rogers Street, and that their study include (1) what areas are currently tractor trailer parking; (2) what areas are currently tractor trailer parking but are not being used as such; and that the Traffic Commission make a written recommendation to the Ordinance & Administration Standing Committee on the findings of their review including whether any traffic ordinance amendments are recommended.

*(January meeting) After discussion the matter with Councilor Cox and viewing maps of the area, it was decided to CONTINUE the matter until more research into the current use as well as a meeting with the area businesses which would be concerned can be held.*

*The TC may be in favor of moving some of the truck parking on Harbor Loop (making that area more tourist friendly) onto Rogers Street. Signs for truck parking are in poor shape and will need to be replaced and after that, better enforcement of the area is needed.*

*Councilor Cox suggested continuing the matter until at least March.*

*A MOTION was made, seconded and PASSED to CONTINUE the matter.*

*(June meeting) After a discussion with Councilor Co, (who also met with the business owners who would be concerned, a preliminary meeting and viewing maps of the area, A MOTION was made, seconded and PASSED to **RECOMMEND the following changes:***

***DELETE: Sec.22-285 (Parking of trucks, trailer trucks and other commercial vehicles) subsection (d): Harbor Loop, easterly side, space shall be provided for the parking of one trailer truck from a point beginning 392 feet from its intersection with Rogers Street, in a southerly direction for 142 feet.***

***DELETE: Sec. 22-286 (Parking of trailers, semi-trailers and tour busses) subsection (b): Rogers Street, southerly side, from a point 425 feet from its intersection with Rowe Square, for a distance of 80 feet in a westerly direction.***

***ADDING: Sec. 22-286 (Parking of trailers, busses etc.) Rogers Street, southerly side, from a point beginning 120 feet from its intersection with Manuel F. Lewis Street, (easterly side entrance to Americold), in an easterly direction, for a distance of 430 feet (to the westerly side of the entrance of the Gorton's plant parking lot).***

*This removes truck parking on Harbor Loop (which has now become more of a tourist area) while still keeping abundant parking for trailer trucks and tour busses on Rogers Street. It also adds some additional vehicle parking near Gorton's.*

*Most of the current signs need to be replaced as most are unreadable.*

*The TC also recommended that meters be installed on the now available spaces on Harbor Loop.*

**The meeting was adjourned at 6:25 p.m.**

**ROBERT B. RYAN, Chairman**

**LARRY INGERSOLL, Secretary**