

CITY OF GLOUCESTER TRAFFIC COMMISSION

*A meeting was held on Thursday September 22nd, 2016 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. Attending were members Anthony Bertolino, Larry Ingersoll and Michael Mulcahey, City Councilors Melissa Cox and Sean Nolan, and residents Deborah Aiello, Josephine Napoli, Collette Kujawa and Mark McDonough.

AGENDA

Approval of our minutes from the 8/25/16 meeting

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

Handicap Parking Requests:

- 18 Summit Street

*After speaking to the requestor and a discussion, a MOTION was made, seconded and PASSED (One negative vote-member Ingersoll) to **CONTINUE** the matter until a site visit can be done. Member Ingersoll believes that a site visit should already have been done by members before this meeting and saw no need to continue this as it could have been decided at this meeting without requiring the requestor to come again.*

- 26 Prospect Street

After speaking to a representative of the requestor and a discussion, a MOTION was made, seconded and PASSED to APPROVE the request. The TC noted there are no other handicapped spaces in that area.

The following was continued from our August meeting:

- 146 Main Street (Santander Bank)

*(August Meeting) After speaking to Councilor Cox and a discussion, a MOTION was made, seconded and PASSED (1 negative vote - member Ingersoll) to **CONTINUE** the request until the TC can speak with a representative of Santander Bank.*

There currently is a handicapped space on Main Street, by the entrance to Bank Gloucester (approx. 60 feet from the Santander entrance) that is used by CVS and the other businesses in that area. There is a bus stop in front of Santander bank. Member Ingersoll feels that the current space is conveniently located and if it is moved, CVS may come forward asking for a space closer to their business which would result in yet

another metered space being removed from Main Street. Santander Bank has 2 spaces in their rear lot, but no handicapped access to the building from that location. Over the past few years, many Handicapped and Loading Zone spaces have been approved for Main Street and the amount of metered parking has been reduced considerably.

*(September Meeting) At the request of Councilor Cox, this matter was **CONTINUED** as the bank manager was unable to attend and would like to speak on this matter.*

Handicap Parking Deletions and Removals:

- 11 School Street
- 89 Maplewood Avenue
- 13 Pearl Street

*After reviewing the requests and a discussion, a MOTION was made, seconded and PASSED to **DELETE** all three of these spaces.*

Order #CC2016-037 (Councilor LeBlanc) **ORDERED** that the Traffic Commission conduct a traffic and speed study on Beach Court 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 **CONTINUE** the matter. The TC has questions to ask Councilor LeBlanc concerning this request and also noted that a speed study has never been done on such a short, dead end street.*

Order #CC2016-038 (Councilor Cox) **ORDERED** that in accordance with Sec. 22-165 the Gloucester Code of Ordinances Sec. 22-279 “Thirty-minute parking” be amended by **ADDING** Commercial Street, for a distance of 27 feet from its southerly intersection with Beach Court.

*After a discussion and speaking to Councilor Cox, a MOTION was made, seconded and PASSED (one negative vote-member Ingersoll) to **RECOMMEND** the order be **AMENDED to GCO Sec. 22-274 Two Hour Parking.***

The dental office has been putting out hand-made signs saying that parking in front of their business was for their patients only. These have been removed. The two hour limit was favored as the TC felt that 30 minutes was not enough if people are in either the dentist office or coffee shop. Member Ingersoll feels that there have been too many of these difficult to enforce time limit parking spaces lately and that parking at St. Peter's Park is an option. The TC also mentioned metering of that area.

Order #CC2016-041 (Councilor Nolan) **ORDERED** that the Code of Ordinances Sec. 22-270 “Parking prohibited at all times” and Sec. 22-291 “Tow-away zones” be amended by **ADDING** Lexington Avenue #44 at the entrance to the building.

After a discussion and speaking to Councilor Nolan, a MOTION was made, seconded and PASSED to APPROVE the request. The order should read Lexington Avenue, northerly side, 80 feet from its intersection with Flume Road, in a westerly direction for 22 feet. By instituting this no parking zone, it improves emergency vehicle access to the front of the building.

Order #CC2016-042 (Councilor Cox) **ORDERED** request the removal of the first two parking meters on Duncan Street from Main Street, and amend GCO Sec. 22-280 “Fifteen-minute parking” to add two (2) fifteen minute parking spaces on Duncan Street with proper signage.

Member Bertolino recused himself from voting on this matter as he is related to someone involved.

After speaking to the owner of the former Alchemy, Councilor Cox and a discussion, a MOTION was made, seconded and PASSED to APPROVE the request. Councilor Cox suggested that the meters removed be installed in another metered area that currently lacks meters.

Order #CC2016-043 (Councilor Nolan) **ORDERED** that the Gloucester Code of Ordinances Sec. 22-270 “Parking prohibited at all times” and Sec. 22-291 “Tow-away zones” be amended by **ADDING** Concord Street, southerly side, from Essex Avenue to the telephone pole past Landing Road.

After a discussion and speaking with Councilor Nolan, a MOTION was made, seconded and PASSED to APPROVE the request with the RECOMMENDATION that it be changed to BOTH SIDES of the street. Order should read Concord Street, both sides, from its intersection with Essex Avenue, for 345 feet in an easterly direction to pole #1766.

This is being requested due to safety issues with the West Parish school.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:50 p.m.

ROBERT B. RYAN, Chairman

LARRY INGERSOLL, Secretary