



CITY of GLOUCESTER TRAFFIC COMMISSION

Robert B. Ryan, Chairman
Larry Ingersoll, Secretary

A meeting of the Gloucester Traffic Commission was held on Thursday, October 26, 2017 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 Anthony Bertolino, Larry Ingersoll, Michael Mulcahey, Robert Francis, City Councilors Val Gilman and Sean Nolan, and residents Meagan Sanborn-Marrone, Kendra Carrancho, Jenelle Dombrowski (Gee Avenue), Sandy Lawrence (Annisquam Church)

AGENDA

Approval of the minutes from our 9/21/17 meeting

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

Handicapped Parking requests

- One space at 48 Cleveland Street

(August Meeting) The requestor was not present. A MOTION was made, seconded and PASSED to CONTINUE the request.

(September Meeting) Once again, the requestor was not present. He has received two letters notifying him of the meeting. A MOTION was made, seconded and PASSED to CONTINUE this request for one more meeting.

With no contact from the requestor concerning this, a MOTION was made, seconded and PASSED to NOT APPROVE the request.

- One space at 6 Commonwealth Avenue

(September Meeting) The requestor was not present. A MOTION was made, seconded and PASSED to CONTINUE the request.

The requestor was spoken to by phone and after a discussion a MOTION was made, seconded and PASSED to APPROVE the request.

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At the same time, a MOTION was made, seconded and PASSED to **DELETE** a space at #4 Commonwealth Avenue that is not being used.

The DPW can just move the sign at #4 to in front of #6 Commonwealth Avenue.

- One space on Leonard Street
Adjacent to the entrance of the Annisquam Village church.

After a discussion with Councilor Gilman and a church representative, a MOTION was made, seconded and PASSED to **APPROVE** the request.

The TC suggested that a **portable sign** be used until pending church ADA remodeling can be finished. This has been done before in at least a couple of occasions.

The TC is asking for the DPW to provide a portable sign that the church can put out when needed.

- Removal of the sign at #11 Pearl Street

A MOTION was made, seconded and PASSED to **DELETE** the space at #11 Pearl Street and have the sign removed.

ORDER #CC2017-039 (Councilors Cox & Orlando) ORDERED That the GCO ch. 22, sec. 274 (Two Hour Parking-Between Certain Hours) be **AMENDED** by **DELETING:**

Commercial Street, for a distance of 27 feet from its southerly intersection with Beach Court.

FURTHER ORDERED that the GCO ch.22. sec. 277 (One Hour Parking-Generally) be **AMENDED** by **ADDING:**

Commercial Street, for a distance of 27 feet from its southerly intersection with Beach Court.

After a discussion, a MOTION was made, seconded and PASSED to **CONTINUE** the matter as the TC had some questions how this would affect the two businesses in the area.

ORDER #CC2017-040 (Councilor Nolan) **ORDERED** that the Gloucester Code of Ordinances, Chapter 22, Sec. 22-267 "One-way streets- Generally" be **AMENDED** by **ADDING**:

Park Lane from Norman Avenue to Linden Road

After a discussion and speaking with Councilor Nolan, a MOTION was made, seconded and PASSED to APPROVE the order.

It should be worded Park Lane from Norman Avenue in a southerly direction to Linden Road.

ORDER #CC2017-043 (Councilor Gilman) **ORDERED** that the Ordinances & Administration Standing Committee request that the Traffic Commission perform a speed study on Gee Avenue from the intersection of Cherry Street to the parking area of Goose Cove Reservoir to determine whether there should be a speed limit of 20 mph.

FURTHER ORDERED that the Ordinances & Administration Standing Committee, depending on the results of the speed study, shall recommend to the City Council that the Council request that the MassDOT approve a 20 mph speed limit for said area.

After a discussion and speaking with Councilor Gilman and residents of the area, a MOTION was made, seconded and PASSED to APPROVE the request of a 20 MPH speed limit.

The results of a speed study showed the 85th percentile was between 22-25 MPH in the area which has a prime facie speed of 30 MPH as there are currently no posted restrictions.

Currently, Gee Avenue is 20 MPH from Washington Street to Cherry Street and that speed should be continued on the remainder of the street, which ends as a cul de sac. It is a residential area with no sidewalks and used by children walking to Beeman School from that area. There is also a public water supply at the end of the street which has walking trails and adds to the traffic.

Following the agenda items, the members of the TC reviewed the handouts concerning the state's Open Meeting Laws.

The members also thanked member Robert Francis for his service and dedication to the TC as he is resigning effective November 1, 2017.

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