

**CITY OF GLOUCESTER
TRAFFIC COMMISSION**

**A meeting was held on Thursday January 20th, 2011 at 6:00 p.m.
at the third floor conference room at Gloucester City Hall**

The meeting was opened by Chairman Robert Ryan at 6:00 p.m. Also attending were members Larry Ingersoll, Anthony Bertolino, Michael Mulcahey and Robert Francis. Also present was Beth Fosberry, a resident of Gloucester Avenue and an employee of a business on Gloucester Avenue.

AGENDA

The following was tabled at our last meeting:

Order #2010-080 (Councilor Curcuru) Ordered that GCO Sec 22-287 (Handicapped Parking) be amended by ADDING:

Washington Street, One handicapped parking space in the vicinity of #197

(December Meeting) After a discussion, this matter was TABLED until the TC can speak to the requestor and also look into the ownership of the area suggested for the Handicapped Parking space. The requestor had notified the TC that he would be unavailable for several weeks.

(January Meeting). After a discussion, a MOTION was made, seconded and PASSED to NOT RECOMMEND the order. The TC has learned that although the area requested for a handicapped space is on City owned property, the requestor has not appeared before the Committee to discuss the request. The TC also noted that the request is not consistent with typical requests for Handicapped Spaces. (i.e.: in front of their home)

NEW ORDERS

Order #2010-083 (Councilor Mulcahey) Ordered that the GCO Sec. 22-287 (Handicapped Parking) be amended by ADDING:

Summit Street, one handicapped parking space in the vicinity of #4B

A MOTION was made, seconded and PASSED to TABLE this request as no handicapped placard has been provided and the TC isn't aware of who is requesting the space.

Order #2010-084 (Councilors Mulcahey and Curcuru) Ordered that the O&A Committee with the assistance of the Traffic Commission review the traffic flow and direction of traffic on the side streets impacting Washington Street in a northerly direction for the following side streets to alleviate congestion on Washington Street:

Gloucester Avenue (east), Riverside Avenue (east), Madison Avenue (west), Knowlton Square (east), Whittemore Street (east), Grove Street (west), Centennial Avenue (east), Commonwealth Avenue (east), Derby Street (west), Railroad Avenue (west), Pearl Street (west), Addison Street (west), Exchange Street (east), Beacon Street (east), Foster Street (east), Pine Street (west), Granite Street (east), Orchard Street (east), Washington Square (east), Mansfield Street (east), Middle Street (west) and all other affected side streets.

After a discussion, a MOTION was made, seconded and PASSED to make NO RECOMMENDATION at this time. The TC feels that this is a major issue that needs professional analysis or consultations and the scope of the request is beyond the expertise and reach of the TC. Public input from a joint meeting of the O&A Committee and the TC should also be heard. The TC is aware that there is a traffic issue on Washington Street but is unsure if changing the flow of side streets would help the problem. The TC noted that any changes would adversely affect the other main streets (Maplewood Ave/Centennial Ave) in the area.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:45 p.m.

ROBERT B. RYAN, Chairman

LARRY INGERSOLL, Secretary