

**MEETING OF THE
CITY OF WOBURN
TRAFFIC COMMISSION
MARCH 17, 2016 – 4:00 P.M.
COMMITTEE ROOM
WOBURN CITY HALL**

Attending: Comm. Joanne Campbell, Comm. Tina Cassidy, Comm. Myles Collins, Comm.-designee Brett Gonsalves, Comm.-Michael Pacheco, Comm.-designee Keith Peary, Comm. Peter Socorelis, Chair Comm. Lindsay Higgins.

Absent: Comm. John Duran.

Motion made and 2nd to waive the reading of the minutes of the previous meeting and to accept, 8 in favor, 0 opposed, 1 absent (Duran absent).

No. 2015-16

Relative to a request for a no parking restriction on Blueberry Hill Road near intersection with Holton Street. Appearing was Attorney Joseph R. Tarby, Murtha Cullina LLP, 600 Unicorn Park Drive, Woburn, Massachusetts 01801 and he stated that he met at the site today with Mr. Spry and Mr. Dorr of E.A. Spry & Co., Inc. and with a representative of ArborJet, Inc., that neither party has an issue with establishing no parking for three parking spaces on the opposite side of the roadway near the ArborJet driveway, that the alternative is to have Mr. Spry have an employee inform people not to park in that area, that at 10:00 a.m. this morning there were no vehicles parked near ArborJet or the buildings across the street, and that the business of Spry spikes depending upon demand for their services. A document dated March 17, 2016 was received from Superintendent of Public Works John Duran as follows:

“I will not be able to make this afternoons Traffic Commission Meeting. However, I wanted to issue my comments on the Agenda Items from the DPW perspective for both Old Business items and the requests from citizens. (3A) I spoke with Attorney Tarby (who represents both property owners, as well as tenants at Arbor Jet) on progress of meetings with property owners on Blueberry Hill Road. He has not been able to meet with the group together and propose an amicable solution. As previously stated, I do not want to start a bad precedent of installing No Parking signs on a public way given that the use directly abuts a residential subdivision and will most likely transfer the problem to this area. This matter may have to be tabled unless Counselor Tarby presents the solution at the meeting.”

Motion made and 2nd that the communication be received and made part of the record, 8 in favor, 0 opposed, 1 absent (Duran absent). John Manganiello, ArborJet, Inc. stated that they prefer that signs be installed prohibiting parking Monday through Friday from 7:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. David Dorr, E.A. Spry & Co., Inc. stated that no parking signs are acceptable. Motion made and 2nd that the following Order be given a first reading, 8 in favor, 0 opposed, 1 absent (Duran absent).

ORDERED Blueberry Hill Road – No parking northerly side beginning at a point 100 feet from Fox Road easterly a distance of 78 feet Monday through Friday between the hours of 7:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

No. 2016-01

Relative to a request for reduction in the speed limit on Russell Street to 30 mph and for installation of school bus stop warning signs. Comm. Higgins stated that school bus stop signs were installed, that there has also been increased enforcement by the Police Department, and that Comm. Corey was to compile information for MassDOT but requested additional time to complete the work. Comm. Gonsalves stated that the Engineering Department had downloaded crash data for Russell Street from 2001 through 2013, and that the matter should be deferred to the next meeting so that additional information can be obtained. Motion made and 2nd that the matter be continued to the April 21, 2016 Traffic Commission meeting, 8 in favor, 0 opposed, 1 absent (Duran absent).

No. 2015-30

Relative to heavy trucking on Nashua Street at Draper Street and Holton Street. In response to a question, the Clerk replied that the intention was to remove the no heavy trucking sign and therefore he entered the action as a first reading to repealed the regulation. Comm. Gonsalves stated that MassDOT determined that the restriction was illegal and no further action seems necessary.

ORDERED That the no heavy commercial vehicle restriction on Holton Street between the hours of 10:00 p.m. and 6:00 a.m. be repealed.

Motion made and 2nd that the ORDER be ADOPTED, 8 in favor, 0 opposed, 1 absent (Duran absent).

No. 2016-03

Relative to the Order prohibiting parking outside parking space lines.

ORDERED Be it Ordered that Section 5-1 of the 2016 Woburn Traffic Code be amended as follows:

1. By adding a new Section 5-1 General Prohibitions a new paragraph (p) as follows:

p. Outside of or across an official line or mark designating a parking space, or between such lines in a maneuvering area.

2. By adding to Section 9-1 Penalties the following:

Parking outside parking space line or in maneuvering area \$15.00

Motion made and 2nd that the ORDER be ADOPTED, 8 in favor, 0 opposed, 1 absent (Duran absent).

No. 2016-04

Relative to technical corrections to be made to the Traffic Code with respect to parking restrictions on Montvale Avenue.

ORDERED Be it Ordered that Schedule 1 Parking Restrictions of the 2016 Woburn Traffic Code be amended by making the following technical corrections:

1. By striking “No Parking” after “Montvale Avenue - No parking southerly side from Eastern Avenue westerly a distance of 400 feet” and insert in its place “Two Hours between 8:00 a.m. and 2:00 p.m.”
2. By striking “Montvale Avenue – one hour parking southerly side starting at a point 40 feet easterly of Main Street to Prospect Street any time between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 9:00 p.m. any day except Sundays and public holidays – One Hour”

Motion made and 2nd that the ORDER be ADOPTED, 8 in favor, 0 opposed, 1 absent (Duran absent).

No. 2016-05

Relative to a request for a pedestrian-activated crosswalk signal light at 237 at Winn Street. No one appeared concerning the petition. Motion made and 2nd that the MATTER be CONTINUED TO THE APRIL 21, 2016 TRAFFIC COMMISSION MEETING, 8 in favor, 0 opposed, 1 absent (Duran absent).

No. 2016-06

Relative to a request for resident traffic only or private way sign on Kerrigan Way. No one appeared concerning the petition. Comm. Higgins stated that this is a dead-end street and not a through way, and that if the petitioner is requesting no parking signs that this would prohibit residents from parking as well. A document dated March 17, 2016 was received from Superintendent of Public Works John Duran as follows: “I will not be able to make this afternoons Traffic Commission Meeting. However, I wanted to issue my comments on the Agenda Items from the DPW perspective for both Old Business items and the requests from citizens. (5B) Resident only parking restrictions are not allowed in public ways as has been discussed on many previous occasions at the Traffic Commission.” Comm. Cassidy stated that this is a subdivision road, that the road would need to be accepted as a public street, and that once the road is accepted as a public way it would no longer be a private way. Comm. Pacheco stated that making a private way would not address any concerns of the petitioner, that the roadway could still be used by motorists, and that if the road was designated as a private way the

petitioner may lose trash collection service, plowing, repairs and similar services. Comm. Cassidy stated that she is not certain that a dead-end street with little traffic is suitable for a no parking restriction. Comm. Gonsalves stated that there are only five or six houses on the street and there is minimal traffic. Motion made and 2nd that a communication be forwarded to the petitioner advising that the Traffic Commission will take no action on the petition and leave the status as is, 8 in favor, 0 opposed, 1 absent (Duran absent). Motion made and 2nd that the matter be placed on file, 8 in favor, 0 opposed, 1 absent (Duran absent).

Motion made and 2nd to adjourn, 8 in favor, 0 opposed, 1 absent (Duran absent). Meeting adjourned at 4:24 p.m.

A TRUE RECORD ATTEST:

William C. Campbell, City Clerk
and Clerk of Traffic Commission