

**MEETING OF THE
CITY OF WOBURN
TRAFFIC COMMISSION
DECEMBER 17, 2020 – 3:00 P.M.
HELD AS A VIRTUAL ONLINE MEETING
PURSUANT TO GOVERNOR’S DECLARATION OF
STATE OF EMERGENCY**

Attending: Comm. Anthony Langone, Comm. Daniel Orr, Comm. Keith Peary, Comm. Charles Stokes, Comm. Jeffrey Dillon.

Absent: Comm. John Corey, Comm. John Duran, Comm. Robert Ferullo, Comm. Peter Socorelis.

Motion made and 2nd to waive the reading of the minutes of the previous meeting and to accept, ROLL CALL: Corey – Absent, Duran – Absent, Ferullo – Absent, Langone – Yes, Orr – Yes, Peary – Yes, Socorelis – Absent, Stokes – Yes, Dillon – Yes.

2020-16

On the request for no parking on Brentwood Road at Main Street. Motion made and 2nd that the matter be given a second reading and adopted, ROLL CALL: Corey – Absent, Duran – Absent, Ferullo – Absent, Langone – Yes, Orr – Yes, Peary – Yes, Socorelis – Absent, Stokes – Yes, Dillon – Yes.

2020-19

On the request for no parking on Court Street. Motion made and 2nd that the matter be given a second reading and adopted, ROLL CALL: Corey – Absent, Duran – Absent, Ferullo – Absent, Langone – Yes, Orr – Yes, Peary – Yes, Socorelis – Absent, Stokes – Yes, Dillon – Yes.

2020-14

On the request for crosswalk signal light on Lexington Street at Willow Street. Comm. Langone stated that he received a communication from MassDOT concerning the matter which included crash data and recommendations, that there were twelve reported crashes none of which involved pedestrians, that a rapid flashing beacon would be preferable rather than a complete traffic signal that the area could be upgraded as part of an ADA upgrade project, and that he will follow up with MassDOT. Motion made and 2nd to lay the matter on the table to the next meeting, ROLL

CALL: Corey – Absent, Duran – Absent, Ferullo – Absent, Langone – Yes, Orr – Yes, Peary – Yes, Socorelis – Absent, Stokes – Yes, Dillon – Yes.

2020-20

On the request for review of traffic pattern at intersection of Commerce Way/Atlantic Avenue, Presidential Way and I-93 ramp. Comm. Dillon stated that he spoke to the City Auditor regarding mitigation money for work on this intersection, and that the City Auditor is working on a proposal to present to the City Council to fund the study. Alderman Mercer-Bruen stated that she can assist with moving the matter along. Motion made and 2nd that the matter be laid on the table, ROLL CALL: Corey – Absent, Duran – Absent, Ferullo – Absent, Langone – Yes, Orr – Yes, Peary – Yes, Socorelis – Absent, Stokes – Yes, Dillon – Yes.

2020-21

On the request for handicapped parking space at 16 Hudson Street. Comm. Dillon stated that the Commission on Disability may be meeting in January 2021 at which time they could prepare a recommendation on establishing this accessible parking space. Motion made and 2nd that the matter be laid on the table to the next meeting, ROLL CALL: Corey – Absent, Duran – Absent, Ferullo – Absent, Langone – Yes, Orr – Yes, Peary – Yes, Socorelis – Absent, Stokes – Yes, Dillon – Yes.

2020-23

On the request for handicapped accessible parking space at 9 Highland Street. Comm. Dillon asked the Clerk to send another blank application to the petitioner so that it may be reviewed by the Commission on Disability. Motion made and 2nd that the matter be received and placed on file pending receipt of a completed application from the petitioner, ROLL CALL: Corey – Absent, Duran – Absent, Ferullo – Absent, Langone – Yes, Orr – Yes, Peary – Yes, Socorelis – Absent, Stokes – Yes, Dillon – Yes.

2020-24

On the request for speed limit reduction on Dragon Court. Alderman Mercer-Bruen stated that she often obtains requests for speed reduction in her Ward and understands the process to do so, that she filed the petition on behalf of a resident who is concerned about speeding on this street and she agrees with the concern, that before this is sent to the State she wants to be certain that speed limit data would justify a reduction, that she wants a speed study conducted to obtain preliminary information as to what the speed of vehicles are currently, and that morning and midday are the target times. Comm. Stokes stated that he anticipates performing a new speed study, that he will install the radar machine and conduct the study over six weeks, that the average speed of the last study indicated 24.9 miles per hour, that there are several signs posted

on the street indicating a speed limit of 25 miles per hour, that the volume of traffic on the street was not as high as he expected, that reducing the speed lower than 25 miles per hour would be difficult, and that the road is straight. Alderman Mercer-Bruen stated that the road was in poor condition last year, that the road was repaved recently, that the improved condition of the paving and the straight layout of the road encourages vehicle speeding. Comm. Stokes stated that the Police Department has increased enforcement on the street, that the matter could be continued to the February 2021 meeting to give sufficient time to conduct the speed study, that the city has two speed radar units, that it costs \$4,000.00 to purchase a speed radar unit, and that there is yearly maintenance fee of \$1,500.00 each unit. Motion made and 2nd that the matter be continued to the February 2021 meeting to await the Police Department speed study, ROLL CALL: Corey – Absent, Duran – Absent, Ferullo – Absent, Langone – Yes, Orr – Yes, Peary – Yes, Socorelis – Absent, Stokes – Yes, Dillon – Yes.

Motion made and 2nd to adjourn, ROLL CALL: Corey – Absent, Duran – Absent, Ferullo – Absent, Langone – Yes, Orr – Yes, Peary – Yes, Socorelis – Absent, Stokes – Yes, Dillon – Yes. Meeting adjourned at 3:30 p.m.

A TRUE RECORD ATTEST:

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