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**CITY OF MARLBOROUGH
OFFICE OF TRAFFIC COMMISSION
140 MAIN STREET
MARLBOROUGH, MASSACHUSETTS 01752**

Traffic Commission Minutes

The Regular Meeting of the Traffic Commission was held on Wednesday, January 28, 2026, at 10:00 am. (The meeting was also recorded and is available to view online at the City of Marlborough's website (www.marlborough-ma.gov). Members present: Chairman - Police Chief David Giorgi, Fire Chief Jeffrey Gogan, DPW Commissioner Ted Scott and City Clerk Steve Kerrigan. Also present: City Engineer Tom DiPersio, Assistant Civil Engineer Ashley Miller, Officer Andrew Larose from the MPD Traffic Unit and City Councilor Katie Robey.

Minutes taken by Karen Lambert, MPD - Public Safety Administrative Assistant.

Chief Giorgi started recording the meeting at 10:02 a.m. and began by welcoming everyone and making introductions.

1- Minutes

Review of the minutes of the Traffic Commission meeting of December 10, 2025.

VOTE TO APPROVE. All in Favor - Accept and Place on File.

2 - New Business

2a) Request to review Beach Street traffic pattern.

A resident came into the station and submitted a hand drawn diagram of the Beach Street area. He is looking for a redesign of the intersection at Beach Street and West Main Street due to truck traffic. If a truck is traveling eastbound on Route 20, there is a sign at Beach Street that says No Trucks. In his diagram, he notes several types of trucks - trailer trucks, 18 wheelers, 10 wheelers, car carriers and box trucks. The resident said that the truck is already into the turn when they see the sign. He thinks it would be better

if this entrance were blocked off. There are currently 2 entrances to Beach Street off West Main Street. He indicated on his diagram that regular vehicles could then take the other 90 degree turn onto Beach Street.

Tom DiPersio said that Ashley Miller had brought up this same issue a while ago as an option that would help with cut through traffic. Steve Kerrigan said that most of the truck traffic is probably deliveries, which is allowed. Tedd Scott said that the intersection could possibly be reconfigured so trucks can still enter but slower. Officer Larose brought up a photo of the intersection on the screen for reference. Fire Chief Gogan asked if the sign could be placed prior to the turn? In the photo this doesn't look too difficult. Tom DiPersio said that West Main Street is part of the state layout. Chief Giorgi asked if we would have to go to the state with this? Tom DiPersio advised that yes, we would need permission from them to do this. Engineering can investigate this further.

MOTION was made, seconded, and duly VOTED to REFER to ENGINEERING for further review.

2b) Request for a traffic light at the intersection of Crowley Drive and Fitchburg Street.

Chief Giorgi advised that this request came through the mayor's office. He read through the email submitted by Jane Audrey-Neuhauser. She is concerned for all the residents and workers at Pheasant Hill due to how unsafe this intersection is. She said that with the addition of their 150-unit residence there is a significant increase in traffic entering Fitchburg Street from Crowley Drive. It's also almost a blind intersection since the road curves at that point and the sight distance is greatly decreased. She also noted that the Rail Trail crossing is at this same intersection, and that Assabet Regional Vocation High School is nearby. She feels that a traffic light at this intersection would be a "much needed safety enhancement" and would like to see this process get started before a serious, or fatal accident, occurs.

Steve Kerrigan asked if this intersection would meet the warrants for a traffic light. Tom DiPersio added that this area is another state layout. In looking into the history, it did not meet the warrants in the past, however, the proposed usage of the area has changed. In 2019, they looked at the projected usage of "over 55 townhouses" and met the requirements to examine it but the area did not meet the warrants. He advised that we would probably have to do a new study locally and present it to the state. Councilor Robey said at the time of that study, the units were not full.

Tom DiPersio said that Engineering can inquire with the state as to whether they would do the study or if the city would need to do it and provide them with the data. Chief Giorgi thought that he remembered that years ago, the intersection was designed to have a signal if/when it met the warrants. Engineering can investigate this further.

MOTION was made, seconded, and duly VOTED to REFER to ENGINEERING to investigate this further and provide an update at the next meeting.

2c) Constituent concerns – various streets – submitted by Councilor Sargent.

Chief Giorgi received an email from Councilor Sargent regarding constituent concerns.

In summary –

- 1- **Stacey Road** – During school pick up and drop off, cars park on both sides of Stacey Road, causing it to become essentially a single lane. Residents of Stacey Road then have difficulty turning off Hosmer Street to get to their homes. He is asking if one side of Stacey Road, closest to Hosmer St., can be made no parking.
- 2- **Myles Standish and Simpson** – Speeding is an issue, and the small curbing does not prevent people from cutting the corner “causing head on traffic conditions”. Speed and lane crossing are the main concerns.
- 3- **Grove Street crosswalk** – This crosswalk across Hildreth Street is almost like a blind driveway. Can something be done to make it more visible?
- 4- **Cetrina and Grace Circle** – Concern with speeding during school pick up and drop off.
- 5- **Hosmer Street & Myles Standish crosswalk** – This is a busy crosswalk by the beach. Could this be better lit or have lights that light up when someone is crossing.
- 6 – **Hosmer Street Apt crosswalk** – the crosswalk at Royal Crest is not striped well. This is a high traffic and busy pedestrian area. What can be done?

Chief Giorgi advised that Sgt. Ney, from the Traffic Unit, has addressed some of these concerns. He pulled up an email onto the screen that he received from Sgt. Ney with his findings.

Stacey Road - Sgt. Ney said that the Traffic Officers have been monitoring the parking issue on Stacey Road and have spoken to a few people. It seemed to be getting better but it could be happening again. He said that maybe a No Parking sign on the north side of Stacey Road from the intersection of Hosmer to about 20 feet east of the fire hydrant would help as he doesn't see the school issue being corrected anytime soon.

Myles Standish – The Traffic Officers will monitor this area and deal with any speeding issues.

Grace Circle – Officer Carty has been out here recently and has not witnessed any speed issues but more of a “sheer volume of traffic problem with all the cars coming and going and doing U-turns on Grace Circle”. Sgt. Ney said that they would continue to monitor this area.

Chief Giorgi said that the issues on Stacey Road and Grace Circle are all related to the Jaworek School pick up and drop off procedures.

Ted Scott advised that the two crosswalks on Hosmer Street have been repainted. He agreed that they “were in tough shape before”. He also noted that the crosswalk near the beach is probably the busiest during the day when the sun is out. Chief Giorgi said that

the Grove Street crosswalk needs to be looked at. Steve Kerrigan said that he looked at the regulations this morning and he does not see a regulation for this crosswalk. Ted Scott said that the line painting here should be in good shape because they just did it.

Ashley Miller advised that if the no parking area was to extend 10 feet past the hydrant on Stacey Road, it would need to be regulated before they could put up a sign. Commissioner Scott questioned how far the fire hydrant is from the intersection. Officer Larose pulled up a google maps photo of the area showing the location of the fire hydrant. Cars park on both sides during pick up and drop off. Tom DiPersio said that when people are pulling in at the same time as someone pulling out, there is only room for 1 car. Commissioner Scott noted that there is already a city ordinance for no parking within 20 feet of an intersection. Parents who are there dropping off their children may not really care about a no parking sign. Ashley Miller said that this has also come up on other streets. People kind of park wherever they want to drop their kids off at a bus stop. Since the city ordinance is already there for not parking within 20 feet of intersection, it seems to be just a matter of putting up a sign about 10 feet from the fire hydrant stating No Parking from Here to Corner.

MOTION was made, seconded, and duly VOTED to REFER to the DPW to install a No Parking from Here to Corner sign and to the POLICE DEPARTMENT'S Traffic Unit to continue monitoring the areas in question. Also, REFER to ENGINEERING to take a look at the Grove Street crosswalk.

2d) Review of Traffic Commission Meeting Schedule for 2026,

The meetings are scheduled to fall on the last Wednesday of the month, except for the November/December meetings, which have been combined and scheduled for Wednesday, December 16th due to the Thanksgiving and Christmas holidays. All meetings are posted on the city's website.

MOTION was made, seconded, and duly VOTED to APPROVE the 2026 meeting schedule.

3-Old Business

3a) Review of City of Marlborough Traffic Calming Policy

Update: No further update at this time. Snowstorms have taken precedent.

MOTION was made, seconded, and duly VOTED to TABLE.

3b) Safety Concerns on Stevens St., Chandler St. and at the intersection of Bolton St. and Union St.

Update: No further update at this time. Snowstorms have taken precedent.

MOTION was made, seconded, and duly VOTED to TABLE.

3c) Safety Concerns at the intersection of Algosi Rd. and Stevens St.

Update: No further update at this time. Snowstorms have taken precedent.

MOTION was made, seconded, and duly VOTED to TABLE.

Chief Giorgi took a moment to welcome Fire Chief Gogan and to thank Fire Chief Breen for his years of service to the city.

That there being no further business of the Traffic Commission held on this date, the meeting adjourned at 10:25 am.

Respectfully submitted,

Karen L. Lambert
Public Safety Administrative Assistant
Marlborough Police Department

List of documents and other exhibits used at the meeting:

- City of Marlborough Meeting Posting for the Traffic Commission Meeting on January 28, 2026, including meeting agenda.
- Draft of Traffic Commission Minutes from Wednesday, December 10, 2025.
- Hand drawn diagram of Beach Street area with notes, submitted by resident.
- Email from Amanda Belliveau to Chief Giorgi, dated 12/17/25, re: Crowley Dr. Intersection – forwarding an email from a resident that was submitted to the Mayor’s Office.
- Email from Councilor Sargent to Chief Giorgi, dated 1/21/26, re: Traffic Commission (i.e. constituent concerns on various streets).
- Proposed Traffic Commission Meeting Schedule for 2026.

Additional Handouts and/or Displayed on Screen at Meeting

- Email from Sgt. Ney with his responses to the constituent concerns brought up by Councilor Sargent.