

**CITY OF GLOUCESTER
TRAFFIC COMMISSION**

**A meeting was held on Thursday June 25th, 2015 at 6:00 p.m.
in the third floor Conference Room
at Gloucester City Hall**

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The meeting was opened at 6:03 p.m. by Chairman Robert B. Ryan. Attending were members Larry Ingersoll, Michael Mulcahey and Robert Francis, City Councilor Paul McGeary and Carlo Favazza (Liberty Street). Residents concerned about the Plum Street order; O. Vincent and Kathleen Cafasso, Annette Kennedy, David Murray, Johanna Joyce, and Judith Nast. Residents concerned about the Atlantic Road order; Paul Richards and Gillian and Anthony Palumbo. A resident concerned about the Plum Street order, Enrique Gonzalez, came after the vote was taken on the order. He was informed as to what transpired and was given the time to voice his opinion. He was advised to attend the O&A meeting when the item was going to be heard.

AGENDA

Approval of the minutes from the 4-16-15 meeting

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

Handicapped Parking Request:

One space at #4 Liberty Street

After speaking to the requestor, a MOTION was made, seconded and PASSED to APPROVE the request. The sign can be placed in front of #4 Liberty Street.

Although not on the agenda, a request was received from a Plum Street resident asking for a Handicapped Parking space at #6 Plum Street. The requestor was at the meeting and after the vote was taken on the Plum Street order, he withdrew his request.

The following was CONTINUED from our last meeting:

ORDER #CC2015-013 (Councilor Cox) ORDERED whether the City Council wishes to petition the state to lower the speed limit on Burnham Street from 30 miles per hour to 20 miles per hour; and

FURTHER ORDERED that this matter be referred to the Traffic Commission for review and recommendation to determine whether the Council should request approval of a posted speed limit from Mass DOT.

(April Meeting) After a discussion and speaking to Councilor Cox, a MOTION was made, seconded and PASSED to CONTINUE the issue until our next meeting.

The speed study has been completed but the TC has not been able to review the results. The area in question is residential/commercial and is in the area of a ballfield/playground that is used heavily and also a dance studio.

Councilor Cox is also planning to speak to our state representatives about looking into the lowering of non-posted prime-facie speed laws that currently have a 30 mph limit.

*(June Meeting) The TC was informed by Councilor Cox that she would like to **withdraw** the order without prejudice at this time.*

The TC did review the results of the speed study.

ORDER #CC2015-019 (Councilor McGeary) ORDERED that the Gloucester Code of Ordinances Sec. 22-270 "Parking prohibited at all times" be amended by **ADDING:**

Plum Street, westerly side from its intersection with East Main Street in a northerly direction its entire length to its intersection with Highland Court.

*After a discussion, ,the review of communications received by Councilor McGeary and speaking to him and the residents that were in attendance, a MOTION was made, seconded and PASSED to **RECOMMEND** the following change to the order:*

Plum Street, northerly side (even #'s) from its intersection with East Main Street, in an easterly direction for 100 feet.

The TC also asked that this issue be reviewed in one year to see if any changes need to be made.

Also, the TC as well as the residents, requested that a 'No Parking Here to Corner' sign be installed 20 feet from the southerly (odd) side at the intersection of Plum and East Main Streets.

The residents seemed to be mostly concerned about the parking issues at the East Main Street end of the street and most favored the no parking to be a smaller distance than the original order requested as well as moved to the even numbered side. The suggestions of 'resident only' parking and of a one-way street was brought up and no one from the area was in favor.

ORDER #CC2015-020 (Councilor McGeary) **ORDERED** that the Gloucester Code of Ordinances Sec. 22-270 "Parking prohibited at all times" be **amended** by **ADDING**:

Atlantic Road, both sides from its intersection with Nautilus Road in a southerly direction to its intersection with Moorland Road.

FURTHER ORDERED that Sec. 22-272 "No parking Saturdays, Sundays, holidays May 1 to September 15 be **amended** by **DELETING**:

Atlantic Road, both sides from between Nautilus Road and Farrington Avenue Saturday afternoons, Sundays and holidays; and **ADDING** Atlantic Road, both sides from Moorland Road to Farrington Avenue Saturday afternoons, Sundays and holidays.

*After a discussion and speaking to Councilor McGeary, reviewing the communications that he received and speaking to the residents concerned, a MOTION was made, seconded and PASSED to **APPROVE** the order.*

The TC also recommended that sec. 22-291 (Tow Zone) also be amended, if needed, for the change in the ordinance.

The section of the road involved in the ordinance is curvy and narrow. The homes in the area all have adequate parking on their property and should not be affected.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:08 p.m.

ROBERT B. RYAN, Chairman

LARRY INGERSOLL, Secretary