



The Westfield Traffic Commission

June 30, 2021

The Westfield Traffic Commission meeting was held on Wednesday June 30, 2021 in room 315 at 59 Court St., Westfield, MA.

Roll Call: Comm. Mejias – Present – Acting Comm. Cain – Present – Comm. Cressotti – Present – Comm. Clark – Absent – Comm. Gadbois – Present

Approval and Release of Minutes dated March 17, 2021: Commissioner Cressotti tabled this item so that a draft copy could be sent to the commissioners before they approve the minutes. This item will be on the next commission agenda.

OPEN PARTICIPATION

Residents of Notre Dame St expressed their concern regarding speed and traffic in the area of Notre Dame St and Mosely Ave. Commissioner Mejias said that the police department had previously done a speed study in this area and it did not show any issues. The residents stated that the study was done in the wrong area. It was too close to the stop sign where traffic would already either be stopped or slowing down to stop. They would like to see the study redone. Both the resident of 103 Woodmont Street and the resident of 29A Notre Dame St said they would allow the traffic bureau to use their driveways to conduct another study. Commissioner Mejias said she will re-do the study and report her findings at the next commission meeting.

OLD BUSINESS:

Notre Dame Street crosswalk update: The DPW installed a button activated crosswalk. When the button is pushed it will activate flashing lights on each side of the road to alert oncoming traffic that a pedestrian is crossing. Commissioner Cressotti said this item can be removed from the agenda.

Union St and Court St sidewalks and multi-purpose use – Cressotti: Commissioner Cressotti said the RFB is still in progress. There is no further update at this time. He will keep this item on the agenda.

Moseley St stop sign, speed, truck route, and proper signage - Mejias: This item was discussed during public participation. The signage has been installed.

NEW BUSINESS:

PVTA bus stops: Commissioner Cressotti said that the PVTA has provided a list of what they are looking to do. Here this evening representing the PVTA are Jonathan McHatton, Data Systems Manager and Paul Burns-Johnson, Director of Transit Operations. They are looking to put bus stops into an ordinance. They are looking to locate the stops more strategically to where they would get the most use. This will include moving some current stops and adding in additional stops. They are looking to add a stop on Main St on the East-bound side and consolidate stops on the West-bound side. Commissioner Cain made a motion to add a PVTA bus stop East-bound across from Main St and Taylor Ave and Westbound at Main St and White St in front of the “White St. Pocket Park”. Commissioner Gadbois seconded that motion. All in favor.

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They are also looking to add stops on Meadow St and Union St. It has been difficult to determine where stops should be located in these locations. Paul Burns-Johnson suggested both the PVTA and the commission take some time to look at these 2 streets and come up with locations they feel would safely best serve the residents of those neighborhoods and discuss this again at the September meeting. Commissioner Cressotti said the commission can definitely do that. Commissioner Cressotti said that the list of proposed stops presented by the PVTA includes stops on state highways. The commission cannot make a determination on a state highway. He is requesting PVTA update their list to include city roads only and remove any stops that are located on state highways. PVTA will take care of this and re-submit their list at the September meeting.

Next Meeting – September 15, 2021 at 6:00 p.m.

At 6:50 PM Commissioner Gadbois made a motion to adjourn. Commissioner Cain seconded the motion.

Commissioner Mejias – Yes

Commissioner Cressotti – Yes

Commissioner Gadbois – Yes

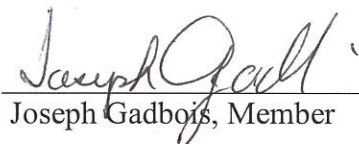
Acting Commissioner Cain - Yes



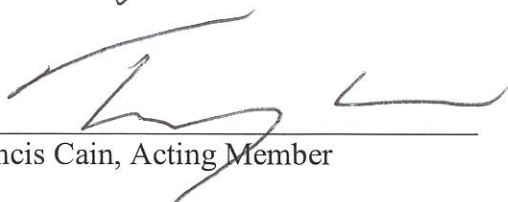
Mark Cressotti, Chairman



Juanita Mejias, Member



Joseph Gadbois, Member



Francis Cain, Acting Member

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