



CITY OF GARDNER POLICE DEPARTMENT

200 Main Street
Gardner, Massachusetts 01440

Phone: (978) 632-5600
Fax: (978) 630-9045



Richard A. Braks
Chief of Police
Email: RBraks@gardner-ma.gov

James F. Trifiro Jr.
Deputy Chief of Police
Email: JTrifiro@gardner-ma.gov

March 4th, 2019

MEMORANDUM

From: James Trifiro, Deputy Chief of Police

To: James Johnson - City Council
Chris Coughlin - City Engineer
Dane Arnold - Public Works Director
Jennifer Dymek - Purchasing Agent
Trevor Beauregard - Community Development Director

Subject: Traffic Commission Meeting/Minutes from March 1st, 2019

1. Members in attendance:

1. James Trifiro
2. James Johnson
3. Chris Coughlin
4. Dane Arnold
5. Jennifer Dymek
6. Trevor Beauregard

2. Traffic Commission Meeting called to order at 8:35AM.

3. New Business (Minor deviation from scheduled agenda for consideration to attendees):

- a. In attendance for this meeting were Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Lashua from 132 Ash Street to address parking concerns outside their residence. Mr. Lashua's related that motor vehicles park in the road parallel with his residence walkway (private walkway/off street). Mr. Lashua claims that when these motor vehicles park in this vicinity it blocks straight access from his residence walkway into the street. Mr. Lashua related that his wife has an injury which inhibits her from walking distances and when these motor vehicles are parked near his walkway it causes her to walk farther to access the roadway. Mr. Lashua was informed there were no enforceable city statutes that prevent motor vehicles from legal parking roadside adjacent to a private off street walkway. Mr. Lashua made the statement that he believed Ash Street is too narrow according to acceptable road width measurements and is requesting a roadside parking ban on Ash Street. As a result of this request a motion was made by Dane Arnold to survey Ash Street to discuss Mr. Lashua's request, motion was seconded by Chris Coughlin, all in favor, motion passed.



CITY OF GARDNER POLICE DEPARTMENT

200 Main Street
Gardner, Massachusetts 01440

Phone: (978) 632-5600
Fax: (978) 630-9045



Richard A. Braks
Chief of Police
Email: RBraks@gardner-ma.gov

James F. Trifiro Jr.
Deputy Chief of Police
Email: JTrifiro@gardner-ma.gov

4. Old Business:

- a. Overnight Snow/Parking ban update (November 1st, 2018 – February 28th, 2019):
 - i. Motor vehicles towed: 67
 - ii. Parking tickets (obstructing/interfering with snow removal): 147
 - iii. Parking tickets (parking between 11PM and 7AM): 530
- b. Traffic accident(s) survey/tally supplied for CY18, no discussion or any concerns.
- c. Update was provided for the Nichols Street/Lafayette Yield Sign temporary ordinance. A statistical survey was conducted for the area (ranging December 18th, 2018 through February 28th, 2019). According to police documentation only one accident occurred in this vicinity during this time frame which warranted police response. Discussion was had that the temporary ordinance appeared to be helping the traffic flow in the area and should be recommended to the City Council for this temporary ordinance to become permanent. Motion made by Trevor Beauregard for recommendation, seconded by Jennifer Dymek, all in favor, motion passed.

5. New Business:

- a. Code Red Alert. Discussion was made that when there is a Code Red Alert to ask the Mayor/Police Chief to itemize each period in a separate message vice making a one notification that mentions multiple dates. Dane Arnold to discuss this with Mayor Hawke and Deputy Chief Trifiro to discuss this with the Police Chief.
- b. The Department of Public Works is planning Phase 1 (tentative start date of July 1st, 2019) of a major water main replacement project. This project is listed for Main Street starting at Willow Street, carrying through Central Street ending in the vicinity of Cottage Street. Deputy Chief Trifiro, Dane Arnold and Chris Coughlin to discuss at a future date diagram of the project, traffic/parking plan and etc.
- c. Uptown (Central Street) Rotary Project. This item has been placed on hold due to property issues with the First Congregational Church and American Legion.
- d. Elm Street Drainage Project: The Department of Public Works is planning an area for drainage repair (Spring 2019) on Elm Street. This project spans for approximately 100 feet starting in the vicinity of Lawrence Street traveling north toward Elm Street School. Traffic plan to be discussed with Deputy Chief Trifiro.
- e. Discussion was brought forward by Jennifer Dymek regarding parking concerns in the vicinity of 16 West Broadway. A citizen posed the question as to whether they could park in this area as there are no posts saying that they could not and there is nothing found in the city codes



CITY OF GARDNER POLICE DEPARTMENT

200 Main Street
Gardner, Massachusetts 01440

Phone: (978) 632-5600
Fax: (978) 630-9045



Richard A. Braks
Chief of Police
Email: RBraks@gardner-ma.gov

James F. Trifiro Jr.
Deputy Chief of Police
Email: JTrifiro@gardner-ma.gov

prohibiting parking in that area. Follow-up information to be made/area to be surveyed by Deputy Chief Trifiro and Dane Arnold.

- f. Discussion was made by an audience attendant (Jeffrey Lovely) of concerns of parking issues (parking in restricted area) in the vicinity of South Main Street through Pearson Boulevard. Deputy Chief Trifiro to direct patrol operations to address are as needed.
- g. Timpany Boulevard/West Broadway Traffic Lights: Upgrade Project in motion slated to begin late summer/early fall 2019.
- h. Discussion was made to target areas of the city which would be a benefit to having road side girders. Chris Coughlin, Dane Arnold and Deputy Chief Trifiro to conduct survey.

6. Updates:

- a. Rt. 140 Bike Path/Foot Bridge: project construction/timeline – 2022-2014 (month TBD)
- b. Pleasant Street Bridge: project construction/timeline – Spring 2019 (2 year plan)
- c. Timpany Boulevard/West Broadway Paving: To be conducted after gas main and water line is completed for Timpany Crossroads.

7. Concerns:

- a. Speeding on Betty Spring Road: Radar Enforcement Signs are currently being designed by the Department of Public Works and will be posted in the vicinity of Foster Court. Deputy Chief Trifiro to assign patrol operations to conduct radar enforcement.
- b. Speeding compliant: Prospect Street @ Rouville Ave. Times reported, 8:15AM-9AM and then again from 4PM-5PM. Deputy Chief Trifiro to assign patrol operations to conduct radar assignments during this time period.
- c. Discussion was made by an audience attendant (Jeffrey Lovely) to have Stop Sign posted in the vicinity of the Charles and Prospect Street's intersection. Dane Arnold and Deputy Chief Trifiro to survey.
- d. Complaints were received by the P.D. for crosswalk violations in the vicinity of #30-50 Pine Street and the Gardner Public Library. Deputy Chief Trifiro to assign patrol operations to conduct crosswalk enforcement in this area.

8. Conclusion:

- a. Motion made by Trevor Beauregard to adjourn meeting, seconded by James Johnson, all in favor, motion passed, meeting closed.
- b. Next Traffic Committee Meeting Schedule: TBD