



# STATE TRAFFIC COMMISSION

## Minutes of the meeting held on Wednesday, January 14, 2009

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In attendance were:

Ms. Janis Loiselle

Lt. Eric Croce

Chief Thomas P. Tighe

Mr. Bernie Frezza

Ms. Janis Loiselle declared that a quorum was present and called the meeting to order at 10:08 AM.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and, upon a motion duly made and seconded, were unanimously accepted by the State Traffic Commission. It was voted to continue to follow the procedures and policy of the State Traffic Commission as previously established.

### Old Business

#### **BARRINGTON ==> SOWAMS RD**

*Creation Date*

**11/3/2008**

*Disposition*

**Denied**

*Item Number*

**40623**

Request from the Barrington School department to install "No Parking, Stopping or Standing" signs in front of 349 Sowans Road.

*Comments:* Shoulder is adequate for parking

*Action Taken:*

*Motion Made*

**Mr. Bernie Frezza**

*Motion 2nd*

**Chief Thomas P. Tighe**

*Voting Results*

**Unanimous**

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### CUMBERLAND ==> NATE WHIPPLE HW HWY 120

<i>Creation Date</i>	<i>Disposition</i>	<i>Item Number</i>
11/24/2008	Action Taken	40624

Request from the Cumberland Police to increase the speed limit on Nate Whipple Highway on the section from Mendon Road to 400' east of Follett Street from 30 MPH to 40 MPH.

*Comments:* Reaffirm 30mph speed limit between Mendon Rd and Staples Rd. 40mph from Staples Rd to Mass. Line

*Action Taken:* Approved to change school zone from 20 to 30MPH for North Cumberland Middle School.

<i>Motion Made</i>	<i>Motion 2nd</i>	<i>Voting Results</i>
Mr. Bernie Frezza	Chief Thomas P. Tighe	Unanimous

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### NARRAGANSETT ==> POINT JUDITH ROAD HWY 108

<i>Creation Date</i>	<i>Disposition</i>	<i>Item Number</i>
10/21/2008	Continued	40618

Request from Senator James C. Sheehan for a left turn phase on Point Judith Road at the intersection of Knowles Way.

This request will be continued until June, 2009 and will be re-studied during the summer season.

*Comments:* This request will be continued until June

*Action Taken:*

<i>Motion Made</i>	<i>Motion 2nd</i>	<i>Voting Results</i>
Mr. Bernie Frezza	Chief Thomas P. Tighe	Unanimous

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### PORTSMOUTH ==> BRISTOL FERRY RD HWY 114

<i>Creation Date</i>	<i>Disposition</i>	<i>Item Number</i>
7/23/2008	Continued	40585

Request from Representative Raymond E. Gallison, Jr to approve "No Parking on both sides of northern portion Bristol Ferry Road next to the Mt. Hope Bridge.

This request will be continued until the June, 2009 Meeting.

*Comments:* Continued until the June 2009 Meeting

*Action Taken:*

<i>Motion Made</i>	<i>Motion 2nd</i>	<i>Voting Results</i>
Chief Thomas P. Tighe	Mr. Bernie Frezza	Unanimous

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### SCITUATE ==> DANIELSON PK

<i>Creation Date</i>	<i>Disposition</i>	<i>Item Number</i>
5/5/2008	Continued	40548

Request from the Town of Scituate to extend the 30 MPH speed limit to a point west of the Trinity Church.

This request will be continued until the June, 2009 Meeting.

*Comments:* This request will be continued until June 2009 Meeting

*Action Taken:*

<i>Motion Made</i>	<i>Motion 2nd</i>	<i>Voting Results</i>
Mr. Bernie Frezza	Chief Thomas P. Tighe	Unanimous

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### WARWICK ==> W SHORE RD HWY 117

<i>Creation Date</i>	<i>Disposition</i>	<i>Item Number</i>
10/21/2008	Action Taken	40619

Request from Mayor Scott Avedisian to study parking and traffic issues on West Shore Road, in Conimicut Village section of Warwick.

*Comments:*

*Action Taken:* 2 hour parking approved between Grace Avenue and Maplewood Avenue

<i>Motion Made</i>	<i>Motion 2nd</i>	<i>Voting Results</i>
Chief Thomas P. Tighe	Mr. Bernie Frezza	Unanimous

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### New Business

#### BRISTOL ==> OLD FERRY RD

<i>Creation Date</i>	<i>Disposition</i>	<i>Item Number</i>
1/7/2009	Approved	40631

Request from the Town of Bristol to approve "No Parking Anytime" on both sides of Old Ferry Road from Ferry Road to the Mt. Hope Bridge Cul-de-sac.

*Comments:* Shoulder width is not adequate for parking

*Action Taken:*

<i>Motion Made</i>	<i>Motion 2nd</i>	<i>Voting Results</i>
Chief Thomas P. Tighe	Mr. Bernie Frezza	Unanimous

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### CUMBERLAND ==> MENDON RD HWY 122

<i>Creation Date</i>	<i>Disposition</i>	<i>Item Number</i>
1/9/2009	Study	40640

Request from the Cumberland Police to reduce the number of travel lanes from 4 to 2 on Mendon Road from Ann & Hope Way to Broad Street. This is the only portion of Mendon Road that is 4 lanes.

*Comments:*

*Action Taken:*

<i>Motion Made</i>	<i>Motion 2nd</i>	<i>Voting Results</i>
Chief Thomas P. Tighe	Mr. Bernie Frezza	Unanimous

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### EAST GREENWICH ==> HWY 4

<i>Creation Date</i>	<i>Disposition</i>	<i>Item Number</i>
1/9/2009	Study	40642

Request from RIDOT to study the need for a permanent traffic signal for left turning traffic at the end of the off-ramp from Rt. 4 south onto Rt. 2.

*Comments:*

*Action Taken:*

<i>Motion Made</i>	<i>Motion 2nd</i>	<i>Voting Results</i>
Mr. Bernie Frezza	Chief Thomas P. Tighe	Unanimous

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### NEWPORT ==> HWY 138A

<i>Creation Date</i>	<i>Disposition</i>	<i>Item Number</i>
1/7/2009	Study	40632

Request from the City of Newport for an exclusive left turn phase for Bellevue Avenue northbound at Memorial Boulevard.

*Comments:*

*Action Taken:*

<i>Motion Made</i>	<i>Motion 2nd</i>	<i>Voting Results</i>
Chief Thomas P. Tighe	Mr. Bernie Frezza	Unanimous

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### PAWTUCKET ==> SMITHFIELD AV HWY 126

<i>Creation Date</i>	<i>Disposition</i>	<i>Item Number</i>
<b>1/8/2009</b>	<b>Study</b>	<b>40634</b>

Request from the City of Pawtucket for the installation of a crosswalk at the Smithfield Avenue Fire Station.

*Comments:*

*Action Taken:*

<i>Motion Made</i>	<i>Motion 2nd</i>	<i>Voting Results</i>
<b>Chief Thomas P. Tighe</b>	<b>Mr. Bernie Frezza</b>	<b>Unanimous</b>

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### PAWTUCKET ==> SMITHFIELD AV HWY 126

<i>Creation Date</i>	<i>Disposition</i>	<i>Item Number</i>
<b>1/8/2009</b>	<b>Study</b>	<b>40633</b>

Request from the City of Pawtucket for the installation of a fire pre-empt signal for the Smithfield Avenue Fire Station.

*Comments:*

*Action Taken:*

<i>Motion Made</i>	<i>Motion 2nd</i>	<i>Voting Results</i>
<b>Mr. Bernie Frezza</b>	<b>Chief Thomas P. Tighe</b>	<b>Unanimous</b>

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### RICHMOND ==> NOOSENECK HILL RD HWY 3

<i>Creation Date</i>	<i>Disposition</i>	<i>Item Number</i>
<b>1/8/2009</b>	<b>Approved</b>	<b>40635</b>

Request from the R.I.D.O.T. for a "No Right Turn On Red" restriction on Nooseneck Hill Road northbound at the intersection with Main Street.

*Comments:*

*Action Taken:*

<i>Motion Made</i>	<i>Motion 2nd</i>	<i>Voting Results</i>
<b>Chief Thomas P. Tighe</b>	<b>Mr. Bernie Frezza</b>	<b>Unanimous</b>

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### SMITHFIELD ==> LIMEROCK RD

<i>Creation Date</i>	<i>Disposition</i>	<i>Item Number</i>
<b>1/8/2009</b>	<b>Action Taken</b>	<b>40636</b>

Request from Senator John J. Tassoni, Jr. for "No Parking Anytime" on both sides of Limerock Road 500' east of to 500' east of Douglas Pike.

*Comments:* Shoulder is not wide enough for parking

*Action Taken:* No Parking approved from Route 7 to 500 feet east of Route 7. The west side of Route 7 is not a state road.

*Motion Made*  
**Mr. Bernie Frezza**

*Motion 2nd*  
**Chief Thomas P. Tighe**

*Voting Results*  
**Unanimous**

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### SMITHFIELD ==> PUTNAM PK US 44

<i>Creation Date</i>	<i>Disposition</i>	<i>Item Number</i>
<b>1/9/2009</b>	<b>Approved</b>	<b>40641</b>

Request from RIDOT to approve a traffic signal on Putnam Pike at Austin Avenue.

*Comments:* Traffic signal warrants are met.

*Action Taken:*

*Motion Made*  
**Mr. Bernie Frezza**

*Motion 2nd*  
**Chief Thomas P. Tighe**

*Voting Results*  
**Unanimous**

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### WARWICK ==> CENTERVILLE RD HWY 117

<i>Creation Date</i>	<i>Disposition</i>	<i>Item Number</i>
<b>1/8/2009</b>	<b>Study</b>	<b>40637</b>

Request from the City of Warwick for the installation of a traffic signal on Centerville Road at the entrance to the Scott School.

*Comments:*

*Action Taken:*

*Motion Made*  
**Chief Thomas P. Tighe**

*Motion 2nd*  
**Mr. Bernie Frezza**

*Voting Results*  
**Unanimous**

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### WESTERLY ==> WESTERLY BRADFORD RD HWY 91

*Creation Date*  
**1/8/2009**

*Disposition*  
**Approved**

*Item Number*  
**40639**

Request from R.I.D.O.T. to remove the existing traffic signal at the intersection of Westerly Bradford Road (R.I. 91) and the southbound on and off ramps to the Westerly By-Pass (R.I. 78).

*Comments:* Traffic signal does not meet warrants and is currently on flash.

*Action Taken:*

*Motion Made*  
**Lt. Eric Croce**

*Motion 2nd*  
**Mr. Bernie Frezza**

*Voting Results*  
**Unanimous**

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### WESTERLY ==> WESTERLY BRADFORD RD HWY 91

*Creation Date*  
**1/8/2009**

*Disposition*  
**Approved**

*Item Number*  
**40638**

Request from R.I.D.O.T. to install a crosswalk on Westerly Bradford Road (R.I. 91) at the intersection with Old Hopkinton Road.

*Comments:* Sidewalk on one side of street ends and crosswalk will enable pedestrians to cross to the other side where the sidewalk is continuous.

*Action Taken:*

*Motion Made*  
**Mr. Bernie Frezza**

*Motion 2nd*  
**Chief Thomas P. Tighe**

*Voting Results*  
**Unanimous**

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The next meeting of the State Traffic Commission will be on Wednesday, February 11, 2009 at 10:00 AM in Room 203 of the State House. This meeting was adjourned at 10:36AM.

Respectfully submitted,

Mr. Robert Rocchio, PE  
Secretary

Approved: \_\_\_\_\_

Ms. Janis Loiselle  
Acting Chairperson