



STATE TRAFFIC COMMISSION

Minutes of the meeting held on Wednesday, October 14, 2009

In attendance were:

Ms. Janis Loiselle
Chief Thomas P. Tighe

Mr. Bernie Frezza
Mr. John DiTomasso
Corporal Ann Assumpico

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.

<i>Creation Date</i>	<i>Disposition</i>	<i>Item Number</i>
9/2/2009	Denied	40751

Request from RIDOT to reconsider No Parking, Stopping or Standing signs at 349 Sowams Road.

Comments: Shoulder is wide enough for parking. State law prohibits parking within 20 feet of a crosswalk. Install no parking signs along the crosswalk to supplement state law.

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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BRISTOL ==> HOPE ST HWY 114

<i>Creation Date</i>	<i>Disposition</i>	<i>Item Number</i>
9/1/2009	No Action	40735

Request from Town of Bristol for no parking on Route 114, 30 feet north of the driveway opening at 221 Hope Street.

Comments: State law prohibits parking within 20 feet of crosswalk. Signs will be installed to supplement state law.

Action Taken:

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

EAST GREENWICH ==> SOUTH COUNTY TL. HWY 2

<i>Creation Date</i>	<i>Disposition</i>	<i>Item Number</i>
9/2/2009	Approved	40753

Request from RIDOT to install a traffic signal at the proposed CVS driveway opposite the existing Dave's Marketplace driveway.

Comments: Traffic signal meets warrants. B. Frezza voted opposed.

Action Taken:

<i>Motion Made</i>	<i>Motion 2nd</i>	<i>Voting Results</i>
Chief Thomas P. Tighe	Mr. John DiTomasso	Majority

LINCOLN ==> GEORGE WASHINGTON HWY HWY 116

<i>Creation Date</i>	<i>Disposition</i>	<i>Item Number</i>
6/29/2009	Continued	40719

Request from RIDOT to modify the traffic signal at George Washington Highway and Old River Road such that northbound and southbound Old River Road have separate green phases.

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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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.

Comments:

Action Taken:

Motion Made
Mr. Bernie Frezza

Motion 2nd
Chief Thomas P. Tighe

Voting Results
Unanimous

PROVIDENCE ==> SMITH ST US 44

<i>Creation Date</i>	<i>Disposition</i>	<i>Item Number</i>
9/1/2009	Approved	40732

Request from City of Providence for a crosswalk at the entrance of Capitol Ridge Apartments, 700 Smith Street.

Comments:

Action Taken:

Motion Made
Chief Thomas P. Tighe

Motion 2nd
Mr. John DiTomasso

Voting Results
Unanimous

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 Danielson Pike is restriped.

Comments:

Action Taken:

Motion Made
Mr. Bernie Frezza

Motion 2nd
Chief Thomas P. Tighe

Voting Results
Unanimous



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SMITHFIELD ==>> GEORGE WASHINGTON HWY HWY 116

<i>Creation Date</i>	<i>Disposition</i>	<i>Item Number</i>
9/1/2009	No Action	40739

Request from the Smithfield Police Chief for a traffic light at the entrance/exit at 500 George Washington Highway, FGX International.

Comments: Owners of the private driveway need to submit their own traffic study to RIDOT.

Action Taken:

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

TIVERTON ==>> MAIN RD

<i>Creation Date</i>	<i>Disposition</i>	<i>Item Number</i>
6/29/2009	Continued	40721

Request from Town of Tiverton to determine where parking can be allowed on Main Road (from Souza Road to State Avenue).

Comments:

Action Taken:

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

WARWICK ==>> MAIN AV HWY 113

<i>Creation Date</i>	<i>Disposition</i>	<i>Item Number</i>
9/1/2009	Continued	40736

Request from RIDOT for crosswalk studies on Main Avenue at Greenfield Avenue and Main Avenue at Earl Street.

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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WESTERLY ==> CHURCH ST HWY 216

<i>Creation Date</i>	<i>Disposition</i>	<i>Item Number</i>
7/31/2009	Denied	40729

Request from Senator Algieri for the installation of a crosswalk on Church Street at Laudone Street.

Comments: Approved crosswalk in front of Church and School. Existing crosswalk at Red Barn Drive and Wethervane were not previously approved by STC and STC voted to not approve the crosswalks.

Action Taken:

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

WOONSOCKET ==> DIAMOND HILL RD

<i>Creation Date</i>	<i>Disposition</i>	<i>Item Number</i>
8/18/2009	Approved	40731

Request from City of Woonsocket to retain the existing pedestrian crosswalk on Diamond Hill Road near Salisbury Street.

Comments:

Action Taken:

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

New Business

BARRINGTON ==> MIDDLE HWY.

<i>Creation Date</i>	<i>Disposition</i>	<i>Item Number</i>
10/2/2009	Study	40762

Request from Barrington Police for a crosswalk to be installed on Middle Highway just north of the intersection of Upland Way.

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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BARRINGTON ==> MIDDLE HWY.

<i>Creation Date</i>	<i>Disposition</i>	<i>Item Number</i>
10/2/2009	Denied	40761

Request from Barrington Police to install No Parking Between Poles #51 and 54 on Middle Highway at Federal Road.

Comments: There is adequate room for vehicles to park.

Action Taken:

<i>Motion Made</i>	<i>Motion 2nd</i>	<i>Voting Results</i>
Mr. Bernie Frezza	Mr. John DiTomasso	Unanimous

BARRINGTON ==> WASHINGTON RD.

<i>Creation Date</i>	<i>Disposition</i>	<i>Item Number</i>
10/2/2009	Study	40760

Request from Barrington Police to lower the speed limit from 30 mph to 25 mph on Washington Road.

Comments:

Action Taken:

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

GLOCESTER ==> PUTNAM PK. U.S. 44

<i>Creation Date</i>	<i>Disposition</i>	<i>Item Number</i>
9/15/2009	Study	40755

Request from Glocester Police to move the 30 mph zone in Chepachet, further east.

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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JOHNSTON ==> BORDEN AVE.

<i>Creation Date</i>	<i>Disposition</i>	<i>Item Number</i>
9/15/2009	Study	40754

Request from Representative Deborah Fellela for a crosswalk at the intersection of Borden Avenue and Burnett Street and review other appropriate areas on Borden Avenue.

Comments:

Action Taken:

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

JOHNSTON ==> GREENVILLE AVE.

<i>Creation Date</i>	<i>Disposition</i>	<i>Item Number</i>
10/2/2009	Action Taken	40765

Request from Johnston Police for No Parking Signs to be installed on the east and west sides of the entrance/exit driveway at 204 Greenville Avenue, Cherry Hill Apartments.

Comments:

Action Taken: Approved no parking west of the driveway. Parking will be allowed east of the driveway.

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

LITTLE COMPTON ==> COMMONS

<i>Creation Date</i>	<i>Disposition</i>	<i>Item Number</i>
10/2/2009	Study	40770

Request from Little Compton Police for a crosswalk at the United Congregational Church at 1 Commons to the Church's Parish House located at 4 Commons.

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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LITTLE COMPTON ==>> PECKHAM RD

<i>Creation Date</i>	<i>Disposition</i>	<i>Item Number</i>
10/2/2009	Study	40759

Request from Town of Little Compton to review the speed limit on Peckham Road.

Comments:

Action Taken:

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

LITTLE COMPTON ==>> PECKHAM RD

<i>Creation Date</i>	<i>Disposition</i>	<i>Item Number</i>
10/8/2009	Study	40771

Request from Little Compton Police to lower the speed limit from 40 mph to 35 mph on Peckham Road between the Long Highway intersection and end after the "S" turn, west of Willow Avenue.

Comments:

Action Taken:

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

PROVIDENCE ==>> SMITH ST US 44

<i>Creation Date</i>	<i>Disposition</i>	<i>Item Number</i>
9/21/2009	Study	40757

Request from City of Providence for the installation of pedestrian crossing signals and fluorescent crosswalks within the immediate vicinity of 243 and 244 Smith Street.

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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NORTH SMITHFIELD ==> FARNUM PK HWY 5

<i>Creation Date</i>	<i>Disposition</i>	<i>Item Number</i>
10/2/2009	Study	40769

Request from Senator Tassoni, Jr. to review the speed limit on Route 5 from the Town line of Smithfield to the North Smithfield Middle School.

Comments:

Action Taken:

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

WARREN ==> MAIN ST HWY 114

<i>Creation Date</i>	<i>Disposition</i>	<i>Item Number</i>
10/2/2009	Denied	40764

Request from RIDOT to determine if a flashing signal should be installed in the vicinity of 292 Main Street.

Comments:

Action Taken: Approved wider lines. RIDOT will supply orange flags and change signage to fluorescent signs.

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

WARREN ==> METACOM AV HWY 136

<i>Creation Date</i>	<i>Disposition</i>	<i>Item Number</i>
10/2/2009	Approved	40766

Request from RIDOT for a crosswalk at the intersection of Metacom Avenue and the entrance to Job Lot Plaza.

Comments: Ped heads, buttons and crosswalk will be added to this traffic signal.

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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WARWICK ==>> FORGE RD

<i>Creation Date</i>	<i>Disposition</i>	<i>Item Number</i>
10/2/2009	Study	40763

Request from Warwick Police for a traffic signal to be installed at the Intersection of Forge Road and Potowomut Road.

Comments:

Action Taken:

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

WARWICK ==>> QUAKER LN

<i>Creation Date</i>	<i>Disposition</i>	<i>Item Number</i>
10/2/2009	Approved	40767

Request from RIDOT to remove the yield sign on Route 2 at the end of Route 95 Northbound, Exit 8A Off-Ramp.

Comments: The road was re-striped. Yield sign is no longer needed.

Action Taken:

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

WESTERLY ==>> WATCH HILL RD

<i>Creation Date</i>	<i>Disposition</i>	<i>Item Number</i>
10/2/2009	Study	40768

Request from Senator Algieri for a crosswalk across Watch Hill Road at Setting Sun Drive.

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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WESTERLY ==> WINNAPAUG RD

<i>Creation Date</i> 10/2/2009	<i>Disposition</i> Study	<i>Item Number</i> 40758
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Request from Senator Algieri and Representative Azzinaro to review the speed limit between Shore Road and Airport Road.

Comments:

Action Taken:

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

<i>Creation Date</i> 9/15/2009	<i>Disposition</i> Approved	<i>Item Number</i> 40756
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Requests from the following cities and towns to use state highways as designated in their letters to the STC.

North Kingstown - Annual Veterans Day Parade on November 11, 2009.

South Kingstown - Annual Holiday Gala on December 12, 2009.

South Kingstown - Annual Veteran's Day Parade on November 11, 2009.

South Kingstown - Annual Pumpkin Run on November 1, 2009.

South Kingstown - URI Alumni Association 5K Road Race on October 17, 2009.

Comments:

Action Taken:

<i>Motion Made</i> Mr. Bernie Frezza	<i>Motion 2nd</i> Chief Thomas P. Tighe	<i>Voting Results</i> Unanimous
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The next meeting of the State Traffic Commission will be on Tuesday, November 10, 2009 at 10:00 AM in Room 203 of the State House. This meeting was adjourned at 11:35.

Respectfully submitted,

Mr. Robert Rocchio, PE
Secretary

Approved: _____

Ms. Janis Loiselle
Acting Chairperson