



# STATE TRAFFIC COMMISSION

## Minutes of the meeting held on Wednesday, November 12, 2014

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In attendance were:

\*\*Mr. Bernie Frezza

Mr. John DiTomasso

Chief Edward Mello

Mr. John DiTomasso declared that a quorum was present and called the meeting to order at 10:13 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.

### Consent Agenda

#### PORTSMOUTH ==> WEST MAIN RD. R.I. 114

<i>Creation Date</i>	<i>Disposition</i>	<i>Item Number</i>
<b>8/27/2013</b>	<b>Continued</b>	<b>41309</b>

Request from RIDOT to review the speed limit on West Main Road from the Middletown Town Line to Bristol Ferry Road and recommend an appropriate speed limit for this entire stretch of roadway.

*Comments:*

*Action Taken:*

<i>Motion Made</i>	<i>Motion 2nd</i>	<i>Voting Results</i>
<b>Chief Edward Mello</b>	<b>**Mr. Bernie Frezza</b>	<b>Unanimous</b>

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#### RICHMOND ==> KINGSTOWN RD. R.I. 138

<i>Creation Date</i>	<i>Disposition</i>	<i>Item Number</i>
<b>4/24/2014</b>	<b>Continued</b>	<b>41383</b>

Request from RIDOT to study the intersection with Richmond Townhouse Road (Route 112) to determine if any geometric improvements are appropriate.

*Comments:*

*Action Taken:*

<i>Motion Made</i>	<i>Motion 2nd</i>	<i>Voting Results</i>
<b>Chief Edward Mello</b>	<b>**Mr. Bernie Frezza</b>	<b>Unanimous</b>

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### SCITUATE ==> HARTFORD PK. U.S. 6 / R.I. 101

<i>Creation Date</i>	<i>Disposition</i>	<i>Item Number</i>
8/19/2014	Continued	41411

Request from Representative Marcello to perform a speed study on Hartford Pike between Route 6 and Chopmist Hill Road (Route 102) and determine an appropriate speed limit.

*Comments:*

*Action Taken:*

<i>Motion Made</i>	<i>Motion 2nd</i>	<i>Voting Results</i>
Chief Edward Mello	**Mr. Bernie Frezza	Unanimous

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### SOUTH KINGSTOWN ==> COMMODORE PERRY HWY. U.S. 1

<i>Creation Date</i>	<i>Disposition</i>	<i>Item Number</i>
7/25/2013	Continued	41299

Request from Chief Vespia on behalf of a private citizen to conduct a safety study on all of the turnarounds located on Route 1 from Mooresfield Road to the Charlestown Town Line to determine if any additional safety measures can be implemented and/or if any of the turnarounds should be closed.

*Comments:*

*Action Taken:*

<i>Motion Made</i>	<i>Motion 2nd</i>	<i>Voting Results</i>
Chief Edward Mello	**Mr. Bernie Frezza	Unanimous

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### SOUTH KINGSTOWN ==> MAIN ST.

<i>Creation Date</i>	<i>Disposition</i>	<i>Item Number</i>
3/4/2014	Continued	41359

Request from the South Kingstown Transportation and Traffic Review Committee (TTRC) to study the existing crosswalk on Main Street (RI 1A) located just south of Blanchard Place to determine if the crosswalk should remain or be removed to provide additional parking spaces on Main Street.

*Comments:*

*Action Taken:*

<i>Motion Made</i>	<i>Motion 2nd</i>	<i>Voting Results</i>
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### SOUTH KINGSTOWN ==> SUCCOTASH RD.

<i>Creation Date</i>	<i>Disposition</i>	<i>Item Number</i>
10/6/2014	Continued	41420

Request from RI State Police to conduct a Parking/Standing study in the vicinity of the Matunuck Oyster Bar.

*Comments:*

*Action Taken:*

<i>Motion Made</i>	<i>Motion 2nd</i>	<i>Voting Results</i>
Chief Edward Mello	**Mr. Bernie Frezza	Unanimous

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### WARWICK ==> AIRPORT CONNECTOR

<i>Creation Date</i>	<i>Disposition</i>	<i>Item Number</i>
9/8/2014	Continued	41415

Request from the Warwick Police Department to study the speed limit on the Airport Connector Road from I-95 to Post Road to determine an appropriate speed limit. Currently there are 35 mph signs posted, however these do not coincide with STC records.

*Comments:*

*Action Taken:*

<i>Motion Made</i>	<i>Motion 2nd</i>	<i>Voting Results</i>
Chief Edward Mello	**Mr. Bernie Frezza	Unanimous

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### WESTERLY ==> WATCH HILL RD. R.I. 1A

<i>Creation Date</i>	<i>Disposition</i>	<i>Item Number</i>
9/8/2014	Continued	41414

Request from the Westerly Police Chief Edward St. Clair to prohibit parking on Watch Hill Road between Ninigret Avenue and the southern intersection with Avondale Road.

*Comments:*

*Action Taken:*

<i>Motion Made</i>	<i>Motion 2nd</i>	<i>Voting Results</i>
Chief Edward Mello	**Mr. Bernie Frezza	Unanimous

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### Old Business



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### JAMESTOWN ==>> BEAVERTAIL RD.

<i>Creation Date</i> <b>5/15/2013</b>	<i>Disposition</i> <b>Action Taken</b>	<i>Item Number</i> <b>41279</b>
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Request from RIDOT to review the three crosswalks on Beavertail Road adjacent to the resident parking area for Mackerel Cove Beach. Signing and striping improvements should be considered as well as the possibility of consolidating the crosswalks.

*Comments:*

*Action Taken:* Approved the western most crosswalk to remain in its current location. Approved to remove the eastern most crosswalk since sight distance is inadequate for the observed speeds. The middle crossing will be relocated as far east as possible to provide as much separation as feasible between crossings, while meeting sight distance requirements.

<i>Motion Made</i> <b>**Mr. Bernie Frezza</b>	<i>Motion 2nd</i> <b>Chief Edward Mello</b>	<i>Voting Results</i> <b>Unanimous</b>
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### NEWPORT ==>> ADMIRAL KALBFUS RD. R.I. 138

<i>Creation Date</i> <b>10/6/2014</b>	<i>Disposition</i> <b>Action Taken</b>	<i>Item Number</i> <b>41419</b>
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Request from RIDOT to perform a safety study at the signalized intersection with Hillside Avenue and suggest appropriate improvements to enhance pedestrian safety at this location.

*Comments:*

*Action Taken:* Approved to install an exclusive pedestrian phase, as well as a no right turn on red on all approaches.

<i>Motion Made</i> <b>**Mr. Bernie Frezza</b>	<i>Motion 2nd</i> <b>Chief Edward Mello</b>	<i>Voting Results</i> <b>Unanimous</b>
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#### NORTH KINGSTOWN ==> DEVIL'S FOOT RD.

<i>Creation Date</i>	<i>Disposition</i>	<i>Item Number</i>
8/29/2014	Denied	41412

Request from Chief Mulligan to reduce the speed limit from 35 mph to 25 mph on Devils Foot Road from Post Rd to Davisville Road.

*Comments:* Commission would like to study the 25 MPH zone on Davisville Road from Devils Foot Road in North Kingstown up to Frenchtown Road in East Greenwich. This will be new business on the December meeting.

*Action Taken:* Denied the request to reduce the speed limit. The 85th percentile speeds ranged from 38-44 MPH while the average speeds range from 34-40 MPH.

*Motion Made*  
Chief Edward Mello

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

*Voting Results*  
Unanimous

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#### NORTH SMITHFIELD ==> GREAT RD. R.I. 146A

<i>Creation Date</i>	<i>Disposition</i>	<i>Item Number</i>
8/29/2014	Approved	41413

Request from Representative Newberry for a left turn lane on Route 146A North at the signalized intersection with School Street.

*Comments:* Approved a left turn lane on Route 146A North at the signalized intersection with School Street as well as installing a protective permissive left turn phase.

*Action Taken:*

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

*Motion 2nd*  
Chief Edward Mello

*Voting Results*  
Unanimous

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#### PROVIDENCE ==> SMITH ST. U.S. 44

<i>Creation Date</i>	<i>Disposition</i>	<i>Item Number</i>
7/29/2013	Continued	41301

Request from RIDOT to study pedestrian safety at the crosswalk between 2 Capitol Hill and the State House to determine if any additional pedestrian safety countermeasures are needed.

*Comments:*

*Action Taken:*

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

*Motion 2nd*  
Chief Edward Mello

*Voting Results*  
Unanimous

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### TIVERTON ==> BULGARMARSH RD. R.I. 177

<i>Creation Date</i>	<i>Disposition</i>	<i>Item Number</i>
9/22/2014	Continued	41416

Request from Chief Blakey of the Tiverton Police Department for the installation of a traffic signal at the intersection with Fish Road.

*Comments:*

*Action Taken:*

<i>Motion Made</i>	<i>Motion 2nd</i>	<i>Voting Results</i>
Chief Edward Mello	**Mr. Bernie Frezza	Unanimous

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### WARWICK ==> BALD HILL RD. R.I. 2

<i>Creation Date</i>	<i>Disposition</i>	<i>Item Number</i>
8/1/2014	Approved	41403

Request from Representative Giarrusso to modify the signalized intersection at the off-ramp from Route 295 South to Bald Hill Road South (Exit 2) to allow access to Bald Hill Road Northbound and the Rhode Island Mall.

*Comments:*

*Action Taken:*

<i>Motion Made</i>	<i>Motion 2nd</i>	<i>Voting Results</i>
**Mr. Bernie Frezza	Chief Edward Mello	Unanimous

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### New Business

#### JAMESTOWN ==> CANONICUS AVE.

<i>Creation Date</i>	<i>Disposition</i>	<i>Item Number</i>
10/30/2014	Approved	41426

Request from Police Chief Mello to create a parking lane on the east side of the roadway between Bryer Avenue and Mt. Hope Avenue. Parking will not be allowed on the west side of the road within these limits.

*Comments:* Parking will be restricted within 40' of side streets in accordance with Jamestown Town ordinance.

*Action Taken:*

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

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### JAMESTOWN ==>> NORTH RD.

<i>Creation Date</i>	<i>Disposition</i>	<i>Item Number</i>
10/30/2014	Approved	41425

Request from Police Chief Mello for approval to install in-road pedestrian crossing signs at the marked crosswalk located at the intersection with Watson Avenue.

*Comments:* Meets criteria and request form for Town to install and maintain the in-road signs was received.

*Action Taken:*

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

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### JAMESTOWN ==>> SOUTHWEST AVE.

<i>Creation Date</i>	<i>Disposition</i>	<i>Item Number</i>
10/30/2014	Study	41423

Request from Police Chief Mello for the installation of a crosswalk at the intersection with Spring Street/High Street.

*Comments:*

*Action Taken:*

<i>Motion Made</i>	<i>Motion 2nd</i>	<i>Voting Results</i>
**Mr. Bernie Frezza	Chief Edward Mello	Unanimous

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### JAMESTOWN ==>> TASHTASSUC ROAD

<i>Creation Date</i>	<i>Disposition</i>	<i>Item Number</i>
10/30/2014	Study	41424

Request from Police Chief Mello to determine an appropriate speed limit for the entire stretch of roadway from the Route 138 off-ramp to the intersection with North Main Road/North Road.

*Comments:*

*Action Taken:*

<i>Motion Made</i>	<i>Motion 2nd</i>	<i>Voting Results</i>
**Mr. Bernie Frezza	Chief Edward Mello	Unanimous

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### NEWPORT ==> MEMORIAL BLVD. R.I. 138

<i>Creation Date</i>	<i>Disposition</i>	<i>Item Number</i>
10/20/2014	Study	41421

Request from Councilor Napolitano for a no right turn on red on the northbound, eastbound, and westbound approaches to the signalized intersection with Bellevue Avenue.

*Comments:*

*Action Taken:*

<i>Motion Made</i>	<i>Motion 2nd</i>	<i>Voting Results</i>
**Mr. Bernie Frezza	Chief Edward Mello	Unanimous

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### WARWICK ==> NARRAGANSETT PWY.

<i>Creation Date</i>	<i>Disposition</i>	<i>Item Number</i>
10/28/2014	Study	41422

Request from Representative McNamara to determine appropriate traffic calming measures on the stretch of roadway from Spring Green Road to Post Road.

*Comments:*

*Action Taken:*

<i>Motion Made</i>	<i>Motion 2nd</i>	<i>Voting Results</i>
**Mr. Bernie Frezza	Chief Edward Mello	Unanimous

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The next meeting of the State Traffic Commission will be on Wednesday, December 10, 2014 at 10:00 AM in Room 203 of the State House. This meeting was adjourned at 11:12am.

Respectfully submitted,

Mr. Steven Pristawa, PE  
Secretary

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

Mr. John DiTomasso  
Chairperson

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Mr. Bernie Frezza  
Vice Chairperson