



STATE TRAFFIC COMMISSION

Minutes of the meeting held on Wednesday, March 11, 2015

In attendance were:

Mr. John DiTomasso

**Mr. Bernie Frezza

Chief Edward Mello

Mr. Robert Rocchio, PE

Trooper William Corson

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

CUMBERLAND ==> NATE WHIPPLE HWY. R.I. 120

<i>Creation Date</i>	<i>Disposition</i>	<i>Item Number</i>
11/25/2014	Continued	41429

Request from Senator Pearson for the installation of a crosswalk on Nate Whipple Highway in the vicinity of Paine Road and Holmes Road.

Comments:

Action Taken:

<i>Motion Made</i>	<i>Motion 2nd</i>	<i>Voting Results</i>
Mr. Robert Rocchio, PE	Chief Edward Mello	Unanimous

EAST GREENWICH ==> DAVISVILLE RD.

<i>Creation Date</i>	<i>Disposition</i>	<i>Item Number</i>
11/25/2014	Continued	41428

Request from RIDOT to determine if the currently posted speed limit of 25 mph is appropriate on Davisville Road from Devil's Foot Road in North Kingstown to Frenchtown Road in East Greenwich. The current posted limit is 25 mph.

Comments:

Action Taken:

<i>Motion Made</i>	<i>Motion 2nd</i>	<i>Voting Results</i>
Mr. Robert Rocchio, PE	Chief Edward Mello	Unanimous



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JAMESTOWN ==>> SOUTHWEST AVE.

<i>Creation Date</i>	<i>Disposition</i>	<i>Item Number</i>
10/30/2014	Continued	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. Robert Rocchio, PE	Chief Edward Mello	Unanimous

LINCOLN ==>> TWIN RIVER RD.

<i>Creation Date</i>	<i>Disposition</i>	<i>Item Number</i>
2/4/2015	Continued	41443

Request from RIDOT to determine an appropriate speed limit on Twin River Road between Old Louisquisset Pike (Route 246) and Douglas Pike (Route 7). The posted speed limits do not coincide with the STC approved speed limits for this stretch of roadway.

Comments:

Action Taken:

<i>Motion Made</i>	<i>Motion 2nd</i>	<i>Voting Results</i>
Mr. Robert Rocchio, PE	Chief Edward Mello	Unanimous

NORTH KINGSTOWN ==>> DAVISVILLE RD.

<i>Creation Date</i>	<i>Disposition</i>	<i>Item Number</i>
11/25/2014	Continued	41427

Request from RIDOT to determine if the currently posted speed limit of 25 mph is appropriate on Davisville Road from Devil's Foot Road in North Kingstown to Frenchtown Road in East Greenwich

Comments:

Action Taken:

<i>Motion Made</i>	<i>Motion 2nd</i>	<i>Voting Results</i>
Mr. Robert Rocchio, PE	Chief Edward Mello	Unanimous



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PAWTUCKET ==> ARMISTICE BLVD. R.I. 15

<i>Creation Date</i>	<i>Disposition</i>	<i>Item Number</i>
1/6/2015	Continued	41434

Request from the City of Pawtucket to consider upgrading the existing Cross Alert system on Armistice Boulevard at the 10-Mile River Bike Path in Pawtucket to a Pedestrian Hybrid Beacon or consider installing in-pavement lighting at the crosswalk.

Comments:

Action Taken:

<i>Motion Made</i>	<i>Motion 2nd</i>	<i>Voting Results</i>
Mr. Robert Rocchio, PE	Chief Edward Mello	Unanimous

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

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

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>
Mr. Robert Rocchio, PE	Chief Edward Mello	Unanimous

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:

<i>Motion Made</i>	<i>Motion 2nd</i>	<i>Voting Results</i>
Mr. Robert Rocchio, PE	Chief Edward Mello	Unanimous



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

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

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>
Mr. Robert Rocchio, PE	Chief Edward Mello	Unanimous

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>
Mr. Robert Rocchio, PE	Chief Edward Mello	Unanimous

SCITUATE ==> PLAINFIELD PK. R.I. 14

<i>Creation Date</i>	<i>Disposition</i>	<i>Item Number</i>
1/6/2015	Continued	41435

Request from RIDOT to determine an appropriate speed limit on Plainfield Pike (RI 14) in Scituate from Route 102 to the Scituate/Johnston Town Line. The current posted speed limit does not appear to coincide with STC records on this portion of Plainfield Pike.

Comments:

Action Taken:

<i>Motion Made</i>	<i>Motion 2nd</i>	<i>Voting Results</i>
Mr. Robert Rocchio, PE	Chief Edward Mello	Unanimous



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SOUTH KINGSTOWN ==> KINGSTOWN RD. R.I. 108 / R.I. 138

<i>Creation Date</i>	<i>Disposition</i>	<i>Item Number</i>
1/21/2015	Continued	41437

Request from Senator Sosnowski for the installation of a crosswalk at the West Kingston Post Office located at 3484 Kingstown Road.

Comments:

Action Taken:

<i>Motion Made</i>	<i>Motion 2nd</i>	<i>Voting Results</i>
Mr. Robert Rocchio, PE	Chief Edward Mello	Unanimous

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>
Mr. Robert Rocchio, PE	Chief Edward Mello	Unanimous

WARWICK ==> NARRAGANSETT PWY.

<i>Creation Date</i>	<i>Disposition</i>	<i>Item Number</i>
10/28/2014	Continued	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. Robert Rocchio, PE	Chief Edward Mello	Unanimous

Old Business



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COVENTRY ==> VICTORY HWY. R.I. 102

<i>Creation Date</i> 1/6/2015	<i>Disposition</i> Action Taken	<i>Item Number</i> 41433
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Request from Representative Chippendale to consider the installation of a flashing traffic signal at the intersection with Maple Valley Road/Waterman Hill Road.

Comments:

Action Taken: Approved to install a sign with flashing warning beacons on the approaches to Maple Valley Road and Waterman Hill Road. The flashers will only be activated upon a vehicle pulling up to the stop signs on either approach. This device will be used as a demonstration/pilot for this location to determine if it is cost effective and yields a safety benefit.

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

<i>Creation Date</i> 10/30/2014	<i>Disposition</i> Action Taken	<i>Item Number</i> 41424
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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: Approved 25 MPH from Helm Street to the end of the "S" curve on Tashtassuc Road and approved 35 MPH from the "S" curve to North Road. Also approved curve warning signs with a 20 MPH advisory speed plaque at the "S" curve. The 20 MPH design speed of the curve was determined using a ball bank indicator.

<i>Motion Made</i> Mr. Robert Rocchio, PE	<i>Motion 2nd</i> Chief Edward Mello	<i>Voting Results</i> Unanimous
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NORTH KINGSTOWN ==> WEST MAIN ST. R.I. 1A

<i>Creation Date</i> 1/21/2015	<i>Disposition</i> Approved	<i>Item Number</i> 41438
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Request from Representative Craven for the installation of electronic speed feedback signs in both directions of West Main Street.

Comments: Approved the installation of electronic speed feedback signs in both directions of West Main Street subject to the Town installing and maintaining.

Action Taken:

<i>Motion Made</i> **Mr. Bernie Frezza	<i>Motion 2nd</i> Mr. Robert Rocchio, PE	<i>Voting Results</i> Unanimous
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SOUTH KINGSTOWN ==> MAIN ST.

<i>Creation Date</i> 3/4/2014	<i>Disposition</i> No Action	<i>Item Number</i> 41359
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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: Town rescinded their request to remove the existing crosswalk on Main Street (RI 1A).

Action Taken:

<i>Motion Made</i> **Mr. Bernie Frezza	<i>Motion 2nd</i> Mr. Robert Rocchio, PE	<i>Voting Results</i> Unanimous
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New Business

PORTSMOUTH ==> EAST MAIN RD. R.I. 138

<i>Creation Date</i> 2/12/2015	<i>Disposition</i> Approved	<i>Item Number</i> 41444
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Request from Senator Ottiano and Representative Daniel Reilly to install pedestrian accommodations at the signalized intersection with Union Street.

Comments:

Action Taken:

<i>Motion Made</i> **Mr. Bernie Frezza	<i>Motion 2nd</i> Chief Edward Mello	<i>Voting Results</i> Unanimous
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The next meeting of the State Traffic Commission will be on Wednesday, April 08, 2015 at 10:00 AM in Room 203 of the State House. This meeting was adjourned at 10:42am.

Respectfully submitted,

Mr. Steven Pristawa, PE
Secretary

Approved: _____

Mr. John DiTomasso
Chairperson

Mr. Bernie Frezza
Vice Chairperson