



STATE TRAFFIC COMMISSION

Minutes of the meeting held on Wednesday, February 01, 2017

In attendance were:

Chief Edward Mello

Ms. Meredith Brady

Mr. Robert Rocchio, PE

Ms. Marcy Coleman

Chief Edward Mello declared that a quorum was present and called the meeting to order at 10:05 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

CRANSTON ==> SCITUATE AVE. R.I. 12

<i>Creation Date</i>	<i>Disposition</i>	<i>Item Number</i>
12/30/2016	Continued	41600

Request from Representative Marcello to study the speed limit on Scituate Avenue between Alpine Estates Drive and Comstock Parkway and determine if a reduction in the speed limit is appropriate.

Comments:

Action Taken:

<i>Motion Made</i>	<i>Motion 2nd</i>	<i>Voting Results</i>
Ms. Marcy Coleman	Ms. Meredith Brady	Unanimous

CUMBERLAND ==> MENDON RD. R.I. 122

<i>Creation Date</i>	<i>Disposition</i>	<i>Item Number</i>
11/30/2016	Continued	41591

Request from Representative Ackerman for the installation of a crosswalk and flashing signal on Mendon Road at the intersection with Forest View Drive in Cumberland.

Comments:

Action Taken:

<i>Motion Made</i>	<i>Motion 2nd</i>	<i>Voting Results</i>
Ms. Marcy Coleman	Ms. Meredith Brady	Unanimous



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EAST PROVIDENCE ==> WAMPANOAG TR. R.I. 114

<i>Creation Date</i>	<i>Disposition</i>	<i>Item Number</i>
9/22/2016	Continued	41567

Request from the City of East Providence for the installation of a crosswalk on Wampanoag Trail in the vicinity of address 375 Wampanoag Trail.

Comments:

Action Taken:

<i>Motion Made</i>	<i>Motion 2nd</i>	<i>Voting Results</i>
Ms. Marcy Coleman	Ms. Meredith Brady	Unanimous

EXETER ==> TEN ROD RD. R.I. 102 / R.I. 165

<i>Creation Date</i>	<i>Disposition</i>	<i>Item Number</i>
1/29/2016	Continued	41520

Request from Representative Roberts and Representative Price to study traffic calming on Ten Rod Road (Rt. 165) in Exeter between Nooseneck Hill Road (Rt. 3) and the State Line.

Comments:

Action Taken:

<i>Motion Made</i>	<i>Motion 2nd</i>	<i>Voting Results</i>
Ms. Marcy Coleman	Ms. Meredith Brady	Unanimous

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

<i>Creation Date</i>	<i>Disposition</i>	<i>Item Number</i>
10/21/2016	Continued	41577

Request fro Senator Fogarty to reduce the speed limit on Putnam Pike from 50 mph to 40 mph between Reservoir Road and just west of Adelaide Drive in Gloucester.

Comments:

Action Taken:

<i>Motion Made</i>	<i>Motion 2nd</i>	<i>Voting Results</i>
Ms. Marcy Coleman	Ms. Meredith Brady	Unanimous



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JAMESTOWN ==>> CONANICUS AVE.

<i>Creation Date</i>	<i>Disposition</i>	<i>Item Number</i>
12/21/2016	Continued	41595

Request from the Jamestown Local Traffic Committee for a study on Conanicus Avenue at the intersection with Bay View Drive to determine appropriate safety improvements, including but not limited to signing, striping and geometric changes.

Comments:

Action Taken:

<i>Motion Made</i>	<i>Motion 2nd</i>	<i>Voting Results</i>
Ms. Marcy Coleman	Ms. Meredith Brady	Unanimous

JOHNSTON ==>> GREENVILLE AVE.

<i>Creation Date</i>	<i>Disposition</i>	<i>Item Number</i>
11/22/2016	Continued	41586

Request from Representative Fellela for the installation of a crosswalk on Greenville Avenue at the King's Tabernacle Church located at 500 Greenville Avenue in Johnston.

Comments:

Action Taken:

<i>Motion Made</i>	<i>Motion 2nd</i>	<i>Voting Results</i>
Ms. Marcy Coleman	Ms. Meredith Brady	Unanimous

JOHNSTON ==>> HARTFORD AVE. U.S. 6 / U.S. 6A

<i>Creation Date</i>	<i>Disposition</i>	<i>Item Number</i>
12/28/2016	Continued	41599

Request from RIDOT to determine if a protected left turn lane and phase can be implemented on Hartford Avenue westbound at the signalized intersection with Bishop Hill Road in Johnston. The current configuration allows for protected/permitted left turns from a shared through/left lane.

Comments:

Action Taken:

<i>Motion Made</i>	<i>Motion 2nd</i>	<i>Voting Results</i>
Ms. Marcy Coleman	Ms. Meredith Brady	Unanimous



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NORTH KINGSTOWN ==> COLONEL RODMAN HWY. R.I. 4

<i>Creation Date</i> 8/2/2016	<i>Disposition</i> Continued	<i>Item Number</i> 41555
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Request from RIDOT for a traffic study at the signalized intersection of Route 4 at West Allenton Road in North Kingstown, with consideration given to the installation of left turn phasing for the West Allenton Road approaches to the signal.

Comments:

Action Taken:

<i>Motion Made</i> Ms. Marcy Coleman	<i>Motion 2nd</i> Trooper William Corson	<i>Voting Results</i> Unanimous
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PAWTUCKET ==> INTERSTATE 95

<i>Creation Date</i> 11/29/2016	<i>Disposition</i> Continued	<i>Item Number</i> 41589
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Request from the City of Pawtucket for a traffic study at the signalized intersection of the Exit 27 Off-Ramp at George Street in Pawtucket, with consideration given to a change in the lane use on the off-ramp.

Comments:

Action Taken:

<i>Motion Made</i> Ms. Marcy Coleman	<i>Motion 2nd</i> Ms. Meredith Brady	<i>Voting Results</i> Unanimous
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PORTSMOUTH ==> R.I. 24

<i>Creation Date</i> 11/22/2016	<i>Disposition</i> Approved	<i>Item Number</i> 41587
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Request from RIDOT to review the speed limit on Route 24 in Portsmouth between West Main Road and the Sakonnet River Bridge. The current posted speed limit is inconsistent with the STC approved speed limit.

Comments: Steve Pristawa stated that the signs on Route 24 between West Main Road and the Sakonnet River Bridge are not consistent with the STC records. Steve said the speed limit is 55 MPH and 50 MPH heading northbound to the Sakonnet River Bridge. Chief Mello said he is concerned in raising the speed limit. Bob Rocchio asked who made the request and Steve said that RIDOT made this request. It was approved for the current signed speed limits to match the STC records.

Action Taken:

<i>Motion Made</i> Ms. Meredith Brady	<i>Motion 2nd</i> Ms. Marcy Coleman	<i>Voting Results</i> Unanimous
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PROVIDENCE ==> ALLENS AVE. R.I. 1A

<i>Creation Date</i>	<i>Disposition</i>	<i>Item Number</i>
9/29/2016	Continued	41569

Request from the City of Providence for the installation of a crosswalk on Allens Avenue at Chapman Street.

Comments:

Action Taken:

<i>Motion Made</i>	<i>Motion 2nd</i>	<i>Voting Results</i>
Ms. Marcy Coleman	Ms. Meredith Brady	Unanimous

PROVIDENCE ==> ELMWOOD AVE. U.S. 1

<i>Creation Date</i>	<i>Disposition</i>	<i>Item Number</i>
11/10/2016	Continued	41581

Request from Representative Slater for the installation of a crosswalk on Elmwood Avenue at Hamlin Street in Providence.

Comments:

Action Taken:

<i>Motion Made</i>	<i>Motion 2nd</i>	<i>Voting Results</i>
Trooper William Corson	Ms. Meredith Brady	Unanimous

PROVIDENCE ==> ELMWOOD AVE. U.S. 1

<i>Creation Date</i>	<i>Disposition</i>	<i>Item Number</i>
11/10/2016	Continued	41582

Request from Representative Slater to study if the installation of a traffic signal, pedestrian hybrid beacon, or flashing traffic control device is appropriate on Elmwood Avenue at Spooner Street in Providence.

Comments:

Action Taken:

<i>Motion Made</i>	<i>Motion 2nd</i>	<i>Voting Results</i>
Ms. Marcy Coleman	Ms. Meredith Brady	Unanimous



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PROVIDENCE ==> HARTFORD AVE. U.S. 6A

<i>Creation Date</i>	<i>Disposition</i>	<i>Item Number</i>
12/5/2016	Continued	41593

Request from the City of Providence for the installation of a crosswalk on Hartford Avenue at Longo Street.

Comments:

Action Taken:

<i>Motion Made</i>	<i>Motion 2nd</i>	<i>Voting Results</i>
Ms. Marcy Coleman	Ms. Meredith Brady	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>
Ms. Marcy Coleman	Ms. Meredith Brady	Unanimous



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

<i>Creation Date</i> 10/27/2015	<i>Disposition</i> Continued	<i>Item Number</i> 41504
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Request from Councilman Hassett to study the existing midblock crosswalk locations on Smith Street between Whitford Avenue/Wyndham Avenue and the I-95 overpass in Providence. Consideration should be given to consolidating the existing crossings as well as installation of new crosswalks at the following locations:

- o Smith Street at Ruggles Avenue
- o Address 539 Smith Street
- o Address 381 Smith Street

Comments:

Action Taken:

<i>Motion Made</i> Ms. Marcy Coleman	<i>Motion 2nd</i> Ms. Meredith Brady	<i>Voting Results</i> Unanimous
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RICHMOND ==> RICHMOND TOWN HOUSE RD. R.I. 112

<i>Creation Date</i> 11/1/2016	<i>Disposition</i> Continued	<i>Item Number</i> 41580
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Request from Senator Morgan to study the intersection of Richmond Townhouse Road/Carolina Main Street at Pine Hill Road/Shannock Hill Road in Richmond and determine if a an all-way stop is appropriate.

Comments:

Action Taken:

<i>Motion Made</i> Trooper William Corson	<i>Motion 2nd</i> Ms. Meredith Brady	<i>Voting Results</i> Unanimous
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SOUTH KINGSTOWN ==>> MOORESFIELD RD. R.I. 138

<i>Creation Date</i>	<i>Disposition</i>	<i>Item Number</i>
12/21/2016	Continued	41596

Request from RIDOT to study if the installation of a left turn lane and phase on Mooresfield Road (RI 138) westbound at the signalized intersection with Kingstown Road (RI 108) in South Kingstown is appropriate.

Comments:

Action Taken:

<i>Motion Made</i>	<i>Motion 2nd</i>	<i>Voting Results</i>
Ms. Marcy Coleman	Ms. Meredith Brady	Unanimous

WARREN ==>> CHILD ST. R.I. 103

<i>Creation Date</i>	<i>Disposition</i>	<i>Item Number</i>
10/25/2016	Continued	41578

Request from RIDOT on behalf of a citizen to study the signalized intersections of Child Street at Arlington Avenue and Child Street at Metacom Avenue in Warren and determine if left turns are appropriate on the westbound and eastbound approaches, respectively.

Comments:

Action Taken:

<i>Motion Made</i>	<i>Motion 2nd</i>	<i>Voting Results</i>
Ms. Marcy Coleman	Ms. Meredith Brady	Unanimous

WESTERLY ==>> DUNN'S CORNER RD.

<i>Creation Date</i>	<i>Disposition</i>	<i>Item Number</i>
8/1/2016	Continued	41550

Request from Senator Algieri for the installation of a left turn lane and phase on Dunns Corner Road at the intersection with Post Road (US 1) in Westerly. The current configuration on this approach is a right turn lane with a shared thru/left lane.

Comments:

Action Taken:

<i>Motion Made</i>	<i>Motion 2nd</i>	<i>Voting Results</i>
Ms. Marcy Coleman	Trooper William Corson	Unanimous

Old Business



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CRANSTON ==>> NEW LONDON AVE. R.I. 2 / R.I. 33

<i>Creation Date</i> 10/3/2016	<i>Disposition</i> Continued	<i>Item Number</i> 41571
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Request from Representative Lancia to determine if a U-turn restriction is appropriate on New London Avenue in Cranston at the curbed median opening in between address 1 and 101 New London Avenue.

Comments: Steve Pristawa stated that some properties on the west side of New London Avenue don't have access from Meshanticut Valley Parkway (not allowed to exit). Vehicles traveling northbound on Route 2 have to go up to the jughandle at Woodridge Road and make a u-turn, which is 1700 feet away. Steve also mentioned that 95 vehicles traveling northbound are making this u-turn. In the northbound direction, the pavement widens at the median opening and creates almost a full lane width for cars to be able to u-turn. Average speeds heading southbound is 41 MPH and the 85th percentile is 45 MPH; heading northbound the average speed is 49 MPH and the 85th percentile is 51 MPH. Sight distance was measured and exceeds the minimum requirements. Steve said that vehicles that are making these u-turns with no restrictions are getting ticketed by the Cranston Police Department. Chief Mello suggested to look at the whole situation and involve the City of Cranston. Steve Pristawa said the Cranston Police Department will be contacted.

Action Taken:

<i>Motion Made</i> Ms. Marcy Coleman	<i>Motion 2nd</i> Trooper William Corson	<i>Voting Results</i> Unanimous
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EAST PROVIDENCE ==>> NEWMAN AVE. R.I. 152

<i>Creation Date</i> 10/21/2016	<i>Disposition</i> Approved	<i>Item Number</i> 41573
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Request from RIDOT for the installation of a left turn phase on Newman Avenue (RI 152) at the intersection with Pawtucket Avenue (RI 1A) in East Providence.

Comments: Steve Pristawa said this request came to the Director via the Gene Valicenti talk show. Steve said left turns on Newman Avenue are very heavy. Steve also said 114 vehicles turn left in the AM heading eastbound and 195 vehicles turn left in the PM heading westbound. Steve said there have been 45 crashes at this location with 4 involving left turns. It was approved to install a left turn phase on Newman Avenue at the intersection with Pawtucket Avenue.

Action Taken:

<i>Motion Made</i> Ms. Marcy Coleman	<i>Motion 2nd</i> Ms. Meredith Brady	<i>Voting Results</i> Unanimous
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JOHNSTON ==> ATWOOD AVE. R.I. 5

<i>Creation Date</i> 11/10/2016	<i>Disposition</i> Approved	<i>Item Number</i> 41583
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Request from Senator Lombardo and Representative Fellela for the installation of a left turn phase on Atwood Avenue (RI 5) southbound at the signalized intersection with Cherry Hill Road in Johnston.

Comments: Steve Pristawa said a request came in a couple years ago to look at a left turn phase going northbound into the Ferri Middle School but did not meet warrants. Steve said 75-100 vehicles are turning left heading southbound and vehicles have to cross 2 lanes to make this left turn. Most roads in the State that do not have a dedicated left turn lane and where cars cross 2 or more lanes have a left turn phase in one direction. Steve also said that in the afternoon, school buses are stacked up and can't get through. It was approved to install a left turn phase on Atwood Avenue southbound at the signalized intersection with Cherry Hill Road.

Action Taken:

<i>Motion Made</i> Ms. Marcy Coleman	<i>Motion 2nd</i> Mr. Robert Rocchio, PE	<i>Voting Results</i> Unanimous
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JOHNSTON ==> HARTFORD AVE. U.S. 6 / U.S. 6A

Creation Date
9/26/2016

Disposition
Action Taken

Item Number
41568

Request from Senator Lombardo to conduct a safety study on Hartford Avenue at 2119 Hartford Avenue in Johnston, with consideration to the installation of a traffic signal.

Comments:

Action Taken: Steve Pristawa said parents from the Trinity Christian Academy came in a couple of months ago to express their safety concerns at the school. Steve said there is not enough traffic volume that warrants a traffic signal at this location. The speed limit is 35 MPH, the average speed limit is 40-45 MPH and the 85th percentile is 46-49 MPH. It was approved to install a flashing school zone sign, a fluorescent yellow sign for buses entering and install larger school zone signs. Bob Rocchio suggested installing pavement markings for a school zone because a fatality already took place at this location. Tree trimming will also be done in the area and Maureen McHugh said that the Work Order has already been sent to the Maintenance Division for this work. Chief Mello asked who will maintain the flashing school zone sign and Steve Pristawa RIDOT will maintain it because the Town of Johnston said they would not.

Motion Made
Ms. Meredith Brady

Motion 2nd
Mr. Robert Rocchio, PE

Voting Results
Unanimous



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NARRAGANSETT ==>> GALILEE ESCAPE RD.

<i>Creation Date</i> 11/30/2016	<i>Disposition</i> Action Taken	<i>Item Number</i> 41592
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Request from Representative Tanzi for the installation of a flashing signal on Galilee Escape Road at the intersection with Great Island Road in Narragansett.

Comments: Steve Pristawa said this request has been sent in a couple of times. Steve mentioned that this vicinity is not a high crash area. Bob Rocchio said because this intersection is very busy with businesses and signs; some people are being distracted and not seeing the stop signs at the end of Galilee Escape Road. Chief Mello asked what the speed limit was on Galilee Escape Road and Steve said 50 MPH, which is a high speed approach to the stop signs. Steve also mentioned that Representative Tanzi prefers to have a flashing signal at this intersection and said a flashing signal is recommended for high speed approaches. Bob Rocchio suggested implementing a pilot program to install flashing LED stop signs at the approach and this request was approved. Bob also suggested once the flashing LED stop signs are designed and installed, that the STC evaluate this pilot program 2 years from the installation of the flashing LED stop signs.

Action Taken:

<i>Motion Made</i> Mr. Robert Rocchio, PE	<i>Motion 2nd</i> Ms. Meredith Brady	<i>Voting Results</i> Unanimous
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SCITUATE ==>> PLAINFIELD PK. R.I. 14

<i>Creation Date</i> 10/21/2016	<i>Disposition</i> Continued	<i>Item Number</i> 41576
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Request from the Scituate Police Department to review the current passing zones on Plainfield Pike between Rockland Road/Chopmist Hill Road and the Scituate/Johnston Town Line and determine if they are appropriate.

Comments:

Action Taken:

<i>Motion Made</i> Ms. Meredith Brady	<i>Motion 2nd</i> Ms. Marcy Coleman	<i>Voting Results</i> Unanimous
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WEST WARWICK ==>> PROVIDENCE ST. R.I. 33 / R.I. 115

Creation Date
11/22/2016

Disposition
Approved

Item Number
41588

Request from RIDOT to determine an appropriate speed limit on the portion of Providence Street in West Warwick between East Main Street and Tollgate Road. A review of STC records indicated that this section of Providence Street does not have an approved STC speed limit.

Comments:

Action Taken: Steve Pristawa stated that the speed limit for a portion of Providence Street between East Main Street and Tollgate Road is not in STC records, but the rest of Providence Street is approved at 30 MPH. The average speed is 29-31 MPH and the 85th percentile is 33-34 MPH. This portion of Providence Street does not have a posted speed limit sign of 30 MPH and the police were asking RIDOT to install new signs. It was approved to install a speed limit sign of 30 MPH for the portion of Providence Street between East Main Street and Tollgate Road.

Motion Made
Ms. Marcy Coleman

Motion 2nd
Ms. Meredith Brady

Voting Results
Unanimous

New Business



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BURRILLVILLE ==>> WALLUM LAKE RD. R.I. 100

<i>Creation Date</i> 1/12/2017	<i>Disposition</i> Approved	<i>Item Number</i> 41603
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Request from the Town of Burrillville for geometric improvements on Wallum Lake Road (RI 100) at the intersection with East Wallum Lake Road/Old Wallum Lake Road to help address concerns regarding motorist confusion and vehicle speeds at the intersection.

Comments: Steve Pristawa met with the Town of Burrillville DPW Director regarding motorist confusion on Wallum Lake Road at the intersection with East Wallum Lake Road/Old Wallum Lake Road. There is a small green island which splits and drivers are confused as to which side they are to drive onto. Steve mentioned that the Town of Burrillville came up with preferred geometric improvements and the Burrillville Town Council and the Department of Public Works Department approved these improvements. Steve also stated that there are no crashes at this location, but the geometry is confusing. Chief Mello asked Steve Pristawa if the Town of Burrillville would be paying for these geometric improvements and Steve said no that RIDOT will be paying.

Action Taken:

<i>Motion Made</i> Mr. Robert Rocchio, PE	<i>Motion 2nd</i> Ms. Marcy Coleman	<i>Voting Results</i> Unanimous
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STATEWIDE

<i>Creation Date</i> 1/12/2017	<i>Disposition</i> Approved	<i>Item Number</i> 41602
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Request from RIDOT to rescind all previous bridge postings and approve all bridge postings as shown in the attached list "All Postings by Town".

Comments:

Action Taken:

<i>Motion Made</i> Ms. Marcy Coleman	<i>Motion 2nd</i> Ms. Meredith Brady	<i>Voting Results</i> Unanimous
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The next meeting of the State Traffic Commission will be on Wednesday, March 01, 2017 at 10:00 AM in Room 203 of the State House. This meeting was adjourned at 10:48am.

Respectfully submitted,

Mr. Steven Pristawa, PE
Secretary

Approved: _____

Chief Edward Mello
Chairperson

Mr. Robert Rocchio, P.E., Acting
Vice Chairperson