



STATE TRAFFIC COMMISSION

Minutes of the meeting held on Wednesday, May 02, 2018

In attendance were:

- Ms. Marcy Coleman
- Ms. Nicole Pope
- Cpl. Wesley Pennington

Ms. Marcy Coleman, Acting Chairperson declared that a quorum was present and called the meeting to order at 10:00 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

BARRINGTON ==> MIDDLE HWY.

<i>Creation Date</i> 2/27/2017	<i>Disposition</i> Continued	<i>Item Number</i> 41615
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Request from the Town of Barrington to relocate the existing midblock crosswalk on Middle Highway to the south to coincide with the new driveway access to the proposed Middle School, as well as to install rapid rectangular flashing beacons (RRFBs) at the crosswalk. The crosswalk relocation is proposed as part of a Physical Alteration Permit Application (PAPA).

Comments:

Action Taken:

<i>Motion Made</i> Cpl. Wesley Pennington	<i>Motion 2nd</i> Ms. Nicole Pope	<i>Voting Results</i> Unanimous
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BARRINGTON ==> MIDDLE HWY.

<i>Creation Date</i>	<i>Disposition</i>	<i>Item Number</i>
2/27/2017	Continued	41614

Request from the Town of Barrington to provide a left turn lane on Middle Highway into the new driveway access to the proposed middle school. These improvements are proposed as part of a Physical Alteration Permit Application (PAPA).

Comments:

Action Taken:

<i>Motion Made</i>	<i>Motion 2nd</i>	<i>Voting Results</i>
Cpl. Wesley Pennington	Ms. Nicole Pope	Unanimous

COVENTRY ==> MAIN ST. (WASHINGTON) R.I. 33 / R.I.117

<i>Creation Date</i>	<i>Disposition</i>	<i>Item Number</i>
3/29/2017	Continued	41621

Request from Representative Nardolillo for the installation of a crosswalk(s) on Main Street in the vicinity of the Coventry Community center located at 1277 Main Street in Coventry.

Comments:

Action Taken:

<i>Motion Made</i>	<i>Motion 2nd</i>	<i>Voting Results</i>
Cpl. Wesley Pennington	Ms. Nicole Pope	Unanimous

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

<i>Creation Date</i>	<i>Disposition</i>	<i>Item Number</i>
2/28/2018	Continued	41705

Request from Representative Nardolillo for a four way stop control on Victory Highway at the intersection with Harkney Hill Road/Perry Hill Road.

Comments:

Action Taken:

<i>Motion Made</i>	<i>Motion 2nd</i>	<i>Voting Results</i>
Cpl. Wesley Pennington	Ms. Nicole Pope	Unanimous



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CUMBERLAND ==> HIGH ST. R.I. 114

<i>Creation Date</i>	<i>Disposition</i>	<i>Item Number</i>
3/22/2018	Continued	41709

Request from Senator Pearson on behalf of a constituent to install a crosswalk approximately 100 feet south of the intersection with Baldwin Street.

Comments:

Action Taken:

<i>Motion Made</i>	<i>Motion 2nd</i>	<i>Voting Results</i>
Cpl. Wesley Pennington	Ms. Nicole Pope	Unanimous

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. Nicole Pope	Cpl. Wesley Pennington	Unanimous

HOPKINTON ==> MAIN ST. R.I. 3

<i>Creation Date</i>	<i>Disposition</i>	<i>Item Number</i>
11/16/2017	Continued	41688

Request from Senator Morgan for the installation of a crosswalk on Main Street at the Hopkinton Recreation Department and Crandall Field Playground located at 188 Main Street.

Comments:

Action Taken:

<i>Motion Made</i>	<i>Motion 2nd</i>	<i>Voting Results</i>
Cpl. Wesley Pennington	Ms. Nicole Pope	Unanimous



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JAMESTOWN ==> CONANICUS AVE.

<i>Creation Date</i> 10/27/2017	<i>Disposition</i> Continued	<i>Item Number</i> 41683
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Request from Chief Mello on behalf of the Jamestown Local Traffic Committee for the installation of a crosswalk and in-road pedestrian signs at the intersection with Mount Hope Avenue.

Comments:

Action Taken:

<i>Motion Made</i> Ms. Nicole Pope	<i>Motion 2nd</i> Cpl. Wesley Pennington	<i>Voting Results</i> Unanimous
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NARRAGANSETT ==> POINT JUDITH RD. R.I. 108

<i>Creation Date</i> 3/19/2018	<i>Disposition</i> Continued	<i>Item Number</i> 41707
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Request from Representative Tanzi on behalf of a constituent to reduce the speed limit to 25 mph on Point Judith Road between John Street and Carver Lane.

Comments:

Action Taken:

<i>Motion Made</i> Cpl. Wesley Pennington	<i>Motion 2nd</i> Ms. Nicole Pope	<i>Voting Results</i> Unanimous
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NORTH PROVIDENCE ==> SMITH ST. U.S. 44

<i>Creation Date</i> 2/26/2018	<i>Disposition</i> Continued	<i>Item Number</i> 41702
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Request from Mayor Lombardi for the installation of a crosswalk on Smith Street at the eastern approach to the Centerdale Bypass.

Comments:

Action Taken:

<i>Motion Made</i> Ms. Nicole Pope	<i>Motion 2nd</i> Cpl. Wesley Pennington	<i>Voting Results</i> Unanimous
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PORTSMOUTH ==> EAST MAIN RD. R.I. 138

<i>Creation Date</i> 1/26/2018	<i>Disposition</i> Continued	<i>Item Number</i> 41698
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Request from the Town of Portsmouth to consider a road diet on East Main Road from Turnpike Avenue to the Middletown Town Line. The travel lanes will be reduced from 4 lanes with 2 in each direction to 3 lanes with 1 in each direction and a two-way center turn lane.

Comments:

Action Taken:

<i>Motion Made</i> Cpl. Wesley Pennington	<i>Motion 2nd</i> Ms. Nicole Pope	<i>Voting Results</i> Unanimous
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PORTSMOUTH ==> EAST MAIN RD. R.I. 138

<i>Creation Date</i> 7/5/2017	<i>Disposition</i> Continued	<i>Item Number</i> 41641
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Request from Police Chief Thomas F. Lee for the installation of a traffic signal on East Main Road at the intersection with Linden Lane.

Comments:

Action Taken:

<i>Motion Made</i> Cpl. Wesley Pennington	<i>Motion 2nd</i> Ms. Nicole Pope	<i>Voting Results</i> Unanimous
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TIVERTON ==> MAIN RD. R.I. 77 / R.I. 138

<i>Creation Date</i> 10/17/2017	<i>Disposition</i> Continued	<i>Item Number</i> 41676
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Request from Senator Felag to consider the feasibility of installing marked crosswalks at appropriate locations on Main Road between Warren Avenue and Garden Avenue.

Comments:

Action Taken:

<i>Motion Made</i> Cpl. Wesley Pennington	<i>Motion 2nd</i> Ms. Nicole Pope	<i>Voting Results</i> Unanimous
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WESTERLY ==> SHORE RD. R.I. 1A

<i>Creation Date</i>	<i>Disposition</i>	<i>Item Number</i>
1/31/2018	Continued	41700

Request from Senator Algieri and Representative Azzinaro for a crosswalk on Shore Road at the intersection with Benson Avenue.

Comments:

Action Taken:

<i>Motion Made</i>	<i>Motion 2nd</i>	<i>Voting Results</i>
Cpl. Wesley Pennington	Ms. Nicole Pope	Unanimous

Old Business

HOPKINTON ==> MAIN ST. R.I. 3

<i>Creation Date</i>	<i>Disposition</i>	<i>Item Number</i>
12/11/2017	Denied	41694

Request from Representative Kennedy on behalf of a constituent to install a crosswalk at the Intersection of Main Street and Maxson Hill Road in Hopkinton.

Comments: Steve Pristawa said pedestrian counts were taken and only 2 people crossed in a 12 hour period and no pedestrians crossed on a Saturday. The average speed is 35 MPH, the 85th percentile was 40 MPH NB and 38 MPH SB, and sight distance is good. Therefore, a crosswalk was denied at the Intersection of Main Street and Maxson Hill Road due to the lack of pedestrians crossing in this area. It was discussed that based on the geometry of the intersection, this is not a good location to encourage pedestrian crossings.

Action Taken:

<i>Motion Made</i>	<i>Motion 2nd</i>	<i>Voting Results</i>
Cpl. Wesley Pennington	Ms. Nicole Pope	Unanimous



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NARRAGANSETT ==>> BOSTON NECK RD. R.I. 1A

<i>Creation Date</i> 2/26/2018	<i>Disposition</i> Denied	<i>Item Number</i> 41703
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Request from the Town of Narragansett to prohibit parking on both sides of Boston Neck Road from the intersection with Old Boston Neck Road just north of Sprague Bridge No. 001701 to address 325 Boston Neck Road.

Comments: Steve Pristawa said there is no need to prohibit parking in this area, as there are 10 foot shoulders and 13 foot lanes and sight distance is good. Therefore, it was denied to prohibit parking on both sides of Boston Neck Road from the intersection with Old Boston Neck Road just north of Sprague Bridge #001701 to address 325 Boston neck Road. It was recommended and approved to install signs for no parking except on the shoulder. Steve also said RIDOT's Property Management Section can install signs for no parking on the grass area.

Action Taken:

Motion Made
Ms. Marcy Coleman

Motion 2nd
Ms. Nicole Pope

Voting Results
Unanimous



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NORTH PROVIDENCE ==> HIGH SERVICE AVE.

<i>Creation Date</i> 2/26/2018	<i>Disposition</i> Approved	<i>Item Number</i> 41701
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Request from Mayor Lombardi to prohibit parking on the west side of High Service Avenue adjacent to Our Lady of Fatima Hospital.

Comments: Mayor Charles Lombardi spoke on behalf of the Town of North Providence. Mayor Lombardi said he spoke with Crossman Engineering that performed the study for RIDOT, but didn't totally agree with their findings. Mayor Lombardi asked the Commission to have no parking from the bus shelter to the entrance to the driveway for the Emergency Room. Mayor Lombardi said he met with Our Lady of Fatima Hospital Management and the North Providence Police Department and all parties agreed that no parking should be implemented on the west side of High Service Avenue starting at the bus shelter. Mayor Lombardi said that most vehicles parking on the west side of High Service Avenue adjacent to Our Lady of Fatima Hospital are employees of the hospital. The Mayor said parking in this area is more of a convenience for employees. Deputy Chief Arthur Martins of the North Providence Police Department reiterated that employees are parking in this area and also said there is ample parking in the back of the hospital for all employees. Lt. Mike Scaramucco of the North Providence Police Department said vehicles traveling on the north side of High Service Avenue are coming around a bend causing issues for buses to pull out onto High Service Avenue. Steve Pristawa said in regards to Crossman Engineering's study, the bus stop shelter was not mentioned when Crossman Engineering went out to do their study for RIDOT and that's why the study didn't include no parking starting at the bus shelter. Mayor Lombardi also said work is in the process to widen the Hospital driveway for when buses are exiting out of the driveway. It was approved to prohibit parking on the west side of High Service Avenue adjacent to Our Lady of Fatima Hospital starting at the bus shelter to the driveway for the Emergency Room. It was also approved to prohibit parking on the east side of High Service Avenue to permit the RIPTA bus to turn out of the exit driveway.

Action Taken:

Motion Made
Ms. Nicole Pope

Motion 2nd
Ms. Marcy Coleman

Voting Results
Unanimous



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SOUTH KINGSTOWN ==>> MOORESFIELD RD. R.I. 138

<i>Creation Date</i> 9/27/2017	<i>Disposition</i> Denied	<i>Item Number</i> 41672
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Request from Police Chief Geaber to consider revising the lane configuration on Moorsefield Rd at the approach to the traffic signal at Tower Hill Road (Route 1) to allow through movements from the center lane. This lane is currently a left turn only lane.

Comments: Steve Pristawa said this area is the Intersection at the Tower and there are 3 travel lanes heading eastbound on Mooresfield Road to the approach to the traffic signal at Tower Hill Road (Route 1). Traffic counts were taken and in the AM hours 466 vehicles turned left onto Route 1, 89 vehicles went straight and 54 vehicles turned right onto Route 1, and in the PM hours there were 308 vehicles turning left onto Route 1, 110 vehicles going straight and 56 vehicles turning right onto Route 1. Cpl. Pennington asked if traffic backs up in the PM with vehicles traveling south on Route 1 turning right onto Mooresfield Road and Steve Pristawa said no issues have been reported. Since two-third's of the traffic on the eastbound approach turns left, it was felt there was no benefit for a straight movement from the middle lane. Therefore, the request was denied.

Action Taken:

<i>Motion Made</i> Ms. Nicole Pope	<i>Motion 2nd</i> Cpl. Wesley Pennington	<i>Voting Results</i> Unanimous
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New Business

CHARLESTOWN ==>> OLD POST RD. R.I. 1A

<i>Creation Date</i> 4/20/2018	<i>Disposition</i> Study	<i>Item Number</i> 41716
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Request from Representative Filippi for the installation of a crosswalk in the vicinity of 4110 Old Post Road.

Comments:

Action Taken:

<i>Motion Made</i> Cpl. Wesley Pennington	<i>Motion 2nd</i> Ms. Nicole Pope	<i>Voting Results</i> Unanimous
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CUMBERLAND ==>> BROAD ST.

Creation Date

4/16/2018

Disposition

Study

Item Number

41715

Request from Representative McLaughlin for the installation of a crosswalk at the Friendly Sons of St. Patrick located at 135 Broad Street.

Comments:

Action Taken:

Motion Made

Cpl. Wesley Pennington

Motion 2nd

Ms. Nicole Pope

Voting Results

Unanimous



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EAST PROVIDENCE ==>> VETERANS MEM. PKWY. R.I. 103

<i>Creation Date</i>	<i>Disposition</i>	<i>Item Number</i>
4/26/2018	Approved	41717

Request from RIDOT to approve the installation of warning signs with flashing beacons in both directions on the approach to Kettle Point Road. The flashers will be activated once vehicle presence is detected at the stop sign on Kettle Point Road and are proposed to be installed by the developer for Kettle Point as part of a Physical Alteration Permit.

Comments: Paul Bannon of Beta Group spoke on behalf of University Orthopedic regarding installing warning signs with flashing beacons in both directions on the approach to Kettle Point Road. Mr. Bannon said the University Orthopedic is occupying a multi-use property building on Veterans Memorial Parkway. Mr. Bannon also said that most of Veterans Memorial Parkway is a straight road, but does have some curves in the road as well. He also said this location is not good for a traffic signal because of the curves in the road; therefore, requesting a series of warning signs flashing beacons be installed. Marcy Coleman asked who would maintain the flashers and Mr. Bannon said he would need to check with the City of East Providence. Nicole Pope asked what the speed limit is in this area and Mr. Bannon said 35 MPH and further north the speed limit is 45 MPH and the 85th percentile is 45 MPH. Nicole Pope also asked how many accidents have there been and Mr. Bannon said 66 accidents in this area. Cpl. Wesley Pennington asked regarding the volume of vehicles exiting the driveway of the University Orthopedic and Mr. Bannon said there are 150 employees and approximately 300 patients are seen each day. Cpl. Pennington also asked if the driveway is heavily used during rush hour traffic and Mr. Bannon said approximately 1,000 vehicles use it traveling northbound in the AM peak hours and approximately 700 vehicles in the PM peak hours. It was approved as a Pilot Program to install warning signs with flashing beacons in both directions on the approach to Kettle Point Road. The Commission further stipulated that the property owner perform a study after a year to see if there are safety issues which could warrant further action. A Maintenance Agreement needs to be worked out with the developer.

Action Taken:

Motion Made
Ms. Marcy Coleman

Motion 2nd
Cpl. Wesley Pennington

Voting Results
Unanimous



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NORTH KINGSTOWN ==>> TEN ROD RD. R.I. 2 / R.I. 102

<i>Creation Date</i> 4/12/2018	<i>Disposition</i> Approved	<i>Item Number</i> 41714
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Request from RIDOT to install pedestrian accommodations at the existing signalized intersection with South County Trail (Route 2) and Oatley's Restaurant located at 1717 Ten Rod Road.

Comments: Steve Pristawa said there were plans to install a roundabout at this location but the North Kingstown Town Council had concerns with this, therefore, the Town pulled out from installing a roundabout. Nicole Pope asked if a crosswalk is in this area, and Steve Pristawa said no, there is no crosswalk at this location. It was approved to install pedestrian accommodations at the existing signalized intersection with South County Trail (Rte. 2) and Oatley's Restaurant at 1717 Ten Rod Road for when pedestrians want to cross at the intersection.

Action Taken:

<i>Motion Made</i> Ms. Marcy Coleman	<i>Motion 2nd</i> Ms. Nicole Pope	<i>Voting Results</i> Unanimous
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SMITHFIELD ==>> DOUGLAS PK. R.I. 7

<i>Creation Date</i> 4/26/2018	<i>Disposition</i> Approved	<i>Item Number</i> 41718
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Request from the Smithfield Police Department to prohibit parking on both sides of Douglas Pike from I-295 to George Washington Highway (Route 116).

Comments: Steve Pristawa said a new restaurant opened up on Route 7 and business is doing very well. Steve also said that vehicles are parking directly on Route 7 near the restaurant that only has a 2 foot shoulder and people are parking in a drainage area. Vehicles are also parking in the driveway of the restaurant off to the side of the driveway, as well as parking in the Hampton Inn Hotel parking lot next to the restaurant. Therefore, because there are only 2 foot shoulders and drainage swales, it was approved to prohibit parking on both sides of Douglas Pike from I-295 George Washington Highway (Route 116).

Action Taken:

<i>Motion Made</i> Cpl. Wesley Pennington	<i>Motion 2nd</i> Ms. Nicole Pope	<i>Voting Results</i> Unanimous
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The next meeting of the State Traffic Commission will be on Wednesday, June 06, 2018 at 10:00 am in Room 203 of the State House. This meeting was adjourned at 11:00 AM.

Respectfully submitted,

Mr. Steven Pristawa, PE
Secretary

Approved: _____

Ms. Marcy Coleman, Acting Chairperson
Chairperson

Ms. Nicole Pope, Acting
Vice Chairperson