



CITY OF WATERTOWN

TRAFFIC COMMISSION



Mr. Robert Airasian, Chair
Justin Hanrahan, Police Chief
Ryan Nicholson, Fire Chief
Steven Magoon, Community Development and Planning
Tyler Glode, City Engineer
Ms. Kelly Gallagher

December 18, 2024 Traffic Commission Meeting Minutes

In attendance: Robert Airasian, Justin Hanrahan, Ryan Nicholson, Steven Magoon, Tyler Glode, Kelly Gallagher

Traffic Commission members addressed the following items:

Item 1 – Mr. Magoon made a motion to approve the minutes of the October 30, 2024 Commission meeting; Chief Hanrahan seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Item 2 –The Commission reviewed a request by Ms. Lauren Clark of Prospect Street for the installation of traffic signals at the intersection of Belmont Street at Sycamore and Prospect Streets.

Ms. Clark stated that she is requesting an investigation for a possible traffic signal at this intersection. Ms. Clark noted that through-traffic on Belmont is significant, and Ms. Clark feels that the crosswalk approximately 50' west of the intersection is largely ignored. Ms. Clark's background is in civil and structural engineering and has experience in traffic management and traffic control. Ms. Clark stated that predictable situations are safe situations. The daycare, small shops, restaurants, etc. bring an opportunity for a lot of foot traffic, and is prime for improvements.

Mr. Magoon explained that the City would need to ensure that the intersection meets the warrants for a traffic signal.

Mr. Glode has received similar concerns about this area. There is a backlog of intersection work, but this area is on the list to inspect and review. Mr. Glode noted that the fact that Prospect Street and Sycamore Street do not align may be problematic. Mr. Glode also noted that the City of Waltham recently completed improvements further down the street that impacted this area.

Mr. Magoon made a motion to ask the Administration to conduct further analysis of the Prospect/Sycamore and Belmont Street intersection to determine whether a signal or other traffic control measures would meet warrants and be advisable; Chief Nicholson seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

New Business

No new business was brought to Commission.

Chief Nicholson made a motion to adjourn; Mr. Magoon seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,
Sgt. David Sampson
Assistant to the Traffic Commission