

## Town of Hingham



### Route 3A Task Force Meeting Minutes

January 26, 2021

Members of the 3A Task Force - Judy Sneath, Alan Perrault, Bryce Blair, Deirdre Anderson, Paul Healey – were joined on Zoom by Town Engineer JR Frey, DCI engineer Wayne Keefner, Vanasse engineer Steve Boudreau, and Pressley Landscape’s Gary Forst and Marion Pressley, members of other Town departments/committees, and interested residents.

Judy Sneath called the meeting to order at 7:02 PM and advised those attending of the Governor’s 2020 order allowing remote meetings.

Wayne Keefner gave an update on the overall project schedule and timeline. MassDOT program manager has recommended a pre-recorded version of the 25% Design Public Hearing. MassDOT would post a recording of the project description to their website. The public would be invited to listen at their convenience and submit comments in writing during a period to be announced. Each task force member agreed with this recommendation and Wayne will convey that agreement to MassDOT.

State Senator Patrick O’Connor was in attendance and expressed support for this project and appreciation for the work that has gotten it to this stage.

At 7:20 PM Paul Healey left the meeting.

Wayne Keefner led a review and discussion of design Issues, including:

- a. Signs. All signs will be replaced as part of the project, in accordance with the MUTCD.
- b. Summer St. center median landscape treatment. JR expressed the DPW’s concerns with maintaining plantings along the middle of the two-lane road, and the task force agreed to limiting extent of plantings in the center island. Pressley Associates will recommend low-maintenance, salt-resistant alternatives to current plan. HMLP will send tree-wire clearance specs to Pressley via JR Frey. Resident Chris Daly raised the possibility of neighborhood contributions to upkeep along this stretch.
- c. Summer street at Martins Lane. Review of pedestrian crossing and vehicular turning.
- d. Roundabout. The crosswalks have been moved away to the extent possible; lighting is sufficient. The layout has been shifted to comply with new state guidelines.
- e. SUP extension behind Red Eye Roasters and from North St to roundabout. The task force will review the plan in context of plans for the Town Pier in order to coordinate.
- f. Crosswalks at Burditt Ave and at Otis St turnoff. DCI will explore possibility of moving crosswalk to the east side of Burditt, although topography may prevent that.
- g. Landscaping at western end of the project. Pressley will provide more detail, including trees through the Grove and node at Otis St culvert.

The task force agreed to follow up meetings with the engineering team on Tuesdays, February 23 and March 23. HMLP's Steve Girardi will walk the project with JR Frey to identify coordination needs.

The task force voted to adopt the meeting minutes of December 8, 2020 and January 20, 2021 as written.

Alan Perrault agreed to work with JR to summarize project design expenses in advance of developing materials supporting the Town Meeting warrant article.

Meeting adjourned at 9:10 PM.