

**TOWN OF HINGHAM
TRAFFIC COMMITTEE**

Police Chief David P. Jones, Chairman
Sgt. Jeffrey Kilroy, Representative for Chief David Jones
Deputy David Levenson, Representative for Chief Steven Murphy
Randy Sylvester, Engineering/DPW
JR Frey, Engineering
Rita DaSilva, Representative for Planning Board
Daniel Miller Dempsey

TO: Select Board
FROM: Chief David P. Jones
RE: Minutes of March 23, 2022 Traffic Committee Meeting
DATE: March 24, 2022

PRESENT: Chief David P. Jones, Hingham Police Dept.
Sgt. Jeffrey Kilroy, Hingham Police Dept.
Dep. David Levenson, Hingham Fire Dept.
Randy Sylvester, DPW
JR Frey, Hingham Engineering Dept.
Daniel Miller Dempsey
Rita DaSilva

JR Frey called the meeting to order via Zoom at 6:05 PM.

Sgt. Jeffrey Kilroy made a motion to approve the minutes from the previous meeting on 3/2/22 which was seconded by Daniel Miller Dempsey and unanimously approved.

1. Adjustment of Parking Fines for Hingham

The Town of Hingham is moving to the Plymouth County Management System

which is used by several towns such as Hull. Our current fines haven't been updated in 10 years. The Handicap parking violation will increase from \$100 to \$150. Bus stop violation will increase from \$25 to \$100. Fire Department related fines will increase from \$25 to \$50 for parking within 10' of a hydrant and fire lane obstruction. obstructing a sidewalk/crosswalk will increase from \$20 to \$25. Increase within 20' of intersection, over 1' from curb and other from \$15 to \$25. Plus other violation and associated fees: EV space violation will be \$50, Bicycle lane violation will be \$25 and Outside the lines violation will be \$25. Rita DaSilva suggested that the fee be increased more for blocking a crosswalk or sidewalk to which Sgt. Kilroy replied that we need to stay in line with surrounding towns with the fee structure. A motion was made to approve these fees which was approved unanimously by all.

2. Public Comment

Thea White of Canterbury Street stated that new developments in the area have made the neighborhood become dangerous due to speeding and requested sidewalks and signage. JR Frey replied that the town is putting an article on the warrant for the Select Board to reduce speeds in select areas of town to 25 MPH if approved. It would apply to Canterbury Street and there would be signage installed to reflect that. JR Frey said that structural changes are challenging to install sidewalks for the remainder of Canterbury Street and that the primary challenge is to improve driver behavior. Under Complete Streets, there will be an appropriation plan for pedestrian safety and would possibly extend the sidewalk from Canterbury Street to Rockland Street. Thea White asked whether lines could be painted at curves on the street, etc. JR Frey said that he would take a look at it. Daniel Miller Dempsey asked if the increased cut through traffic might be a result of the Kilby Street reconfiguration to which JR Frey said that was a possibility. Chief Jones said that a request can be made on the HPD website for the speed trailer as well. Sgt. Kilroy said that he will increase enforcement on the street and surrounding area.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:40 pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Jan Jacobson, Administrative Assistant