

**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
Ashley Broyer, Engineering/DPW
JR Frey, Engineering
Kevin Ellis, Representative for Planning Board
Mark Buonagurio
Christina Earle

TO: Select Board
FROM: Chief David P. Jones
RE: Minutes of April 30, 2026 Traffic Committee Meeting
DATE: May 1, 2026

PRESENT: Chief David Jones, Hingham Police Dept.
Sgt. Jeffrey Kilroy, Hingham Police Dept.
Dep. David Levenson, Hingham Fire Dept.
Ashley Broyer, DPW Superintendent
JR Frey, Hingham Engineering Dept.
Matthew Mui, Hingham Engineering Dept.
Rachel Agiorgitis, Planning Board
Mark Buonagurio
Christina Earle

JR Frey called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm.

1. Approval of Minutes for 2/10/26

Deputy Chief David Levenson made a motion to approve the minutes for 2/10/26 which was seconded by Sgt. Jeffrey Kilroy and unanimously approved.

2. Discussion of SS4A Safety Audits/provide direction on scope for conceptual designs

JR Frey thanked all who came out for review of the traffic challenges the town would like to address. The purpose of the meeting is to give guidance of specific design deliverables for the consultants to bring back to us for long term design, etc. The following were shown to be in need of improvements: Main/South/Elm: proposed parking configuration change, widen sidewalks to allow us to tighten up the travel way, Main/Elm/Water: possible painted bike lanes along with other possible traffic calming elements; North/Fearing: all way stop, prohibit left turn from North onto Main Street, temporary raised crosswalk at Main/South, curb cuts and bump outs. Offset T intersection concept at High/Ward/French. South Pleasant Street closure which would mean no right turn on Main Street which is the slip lane. JR Frey is not in favor of this.

Ashley Broyer asked about the offset T intersection at Ward/High. That would entail making the slip lane from Ward to High the only option. Traffic could then take a left to High Street and right to French Street. Mark Buonagurio said that this would spread out traffic and increase visibility to see oncoming traffic. Parking on Main Street in Square: long term solution would be to install bollards to protect sidewalks and pedestrians. This would possibly involve back in parking. This is being considered. JR Frey said that they will be getting turning movement counts for downtown corridor from the consultants. They are getting feedback on the one way option as well. Deputy Chief Levenson said that this would be challenge for the large ladder fire trucks. Christina Earle suggested having a ladder truck at both stations. This would be far into the future due to the cost of these trucks according to DC Levenson. Sgt. Kilroy said that they are looking turn for trucks from Lincoln to North Street. Mark Buonagurio said that not all parking spots in the square are uniform in length. It might be possible to gain spots along with better access to crosswalks if they are uniform. JR Frey said that this is definitely on the table and will be conveyed to the consultants. A good option for improvements is for a 4 way stop at Main/Fearing/North since they meet the warrants. Christina Earle said that this would slow people down North Street and would improve traffic on Main Street. JR said they need to ensure that it would meet all requirements and that it might be a good idea to do it for a trial period after residents are made aware of it in advance through the Town website, sign boards, social media, etc.

JR Frey asked the committee for their top recommendations for improvements to these challenging intersections for consultants to review. They are: Main/Cushing/S. Pleasant Street – roundabout for long term solution, High/French/Ward – reconfigure to improve safety and visibility. Main/Fearing/North – temporary 4 way stop.

Sgt. Kilroy noted that another issue is that the crosswalks from Water to Winter Streets don't seem to be in the best locations for pedestrians. A quick build for Water/Winter/Garrison would be to possibly put in curbing to reduce speeding, add green space, expand sidewalk or add bike lanes or shared bike path on the opposite side of the road.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:55 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Jan Jacobson
Administrative Assistant
Hingham Police Department