

**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 July 27, 2022 Traffic Committee Meeting
DATE: July 28, 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.
Rita DaSilva

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

Chief David Jones made a motion to approve the minutes from the previous meeting on 3/23/22 which was seconded by Rita DaSilva and unanimously approved.

1. North Street Striping/Parking/Bike Lane

Jr. Frey presented results from a survey conducted by Frank and Nancy Mellon of North Street which showed the current striping widens the shoulder which should be narrowed, forgo the bike lane since that's not the best option for no parking until you get around the curb. Randy Sylvester suggested putting crosshatches for visibility by the Mellons home to which Chief David Jones agreed that would be a viable solution. Andrea Young from the Historical Commission noted that crosshatches would be at shoulder line and travel lane where it gets narrower. Run lines near curb to mark that no parking is permitted in that space. Dorothy Galo commented that further clarification is needed. This is a compromise solution to allow parking if needed. Narrow lane width to slow drivers down Will the new speed limit be adjusted? JR Frey replied that they are working on the roll out of that information in the near future for implementation. An update will be provided at the next meeting.

2. North Street Bollards

JR Frey stated that the Mellons received a grant to purchase and install bollards in the right of way, not travel way in front of their house which was approved for a grant of location. The bollards will be mounted into the ground, decorative with a historic aesthetic and serve to protect their home. There would be 14 in all behind the curb in front of the sidewalk. It requires street opening permit and grant of location from the Select Board. The matter has been brought to the committee for placement in travel way. Chief Jones asked if it will be paid for by the grant to which JR Frey replied that there will be no cost to the town and added that it will be maintained by the property owner. The Mellons will pay for anything not covered by the grant. Randy Sylvester expressed concern about snow removal. Frank Mellon said that it is not possible to put the bollards closer to the house since the digging would affect the foundation and there is not enough room. The bollards would also serve to protect pedestrians as it would stop speeding vehicles. The measure was approved by all with the exception of Randy Sylvester.

3. Beal Street/William B. Terry on street parking

Sgt. Jeffrey Kilroy said that there is a line of sight issue for cars going left by Back River Road onto Beal Street due to cars parking along Beal Street for games at Lynch Field. Cars parked along the street impede vehicles exiting Back River. Deputy David Levenson said that it also makes it difficult for fire trucks to access Back River as well. There are no parking issues per Sgt. Kilroy. There does need to be proper signage along with marked parking spaces on both sides of the road on William B. Terry with 24 spots. Randy Sylvester suggested that Bridges By Epoch be contacted to get their input on deliveries, etc. as well as other businesses on the street. JR replied that they will be contacted and an update will be provided at the next meeting.

4. Stop sign at Shipyard and Essington eastbound

A better stop sign is needed so that it won't need to constantly be replaced. Also put concrete planter in front of the small traffic island. This is a private so we are not doing the work. JR Frey said that he is not opposed to it. Deputy David Levenson said that the stop sign on Shipyard Drive is not visible. There needs to be a stop line and trim the trees and bushes to improve the sight lines. Frank Mellon suggested a flashing stop sign. The recommendation is to improve the visibility of the traffic island with concrete planters, push the stop sign to the foreground, south bound stop line, flashing red sign to increase awareness.

5. Public comment

Ben Cutler, who lives near Foster School, reported that cars are speeding and not stopping at the stop sign at Planter's Field Lane and Wompatuck Road. His neighbor Christine Smith also said that cars are speeding in that neighborhood. Mary Anne Leary of Park Circle also reported speeding. Sgt. Kilroy said that he would increase enforcement and advised residents that they can request that their street be added to the list for the speed trailer.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:40 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Jan Jacobson, Administrative Assistant