

**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 August 6, 2026 Traffic Committee Meeting
DATE: August 7, 2026

PRESENT Chief David Jones- Hingham Police Dept.
Sgt. Jeffrey Kilroy, Hingham Police Dept.
Dep. David Levenson, Hingham Fire Dept.
JR Frey, Hingham Engineering Dept.
Mark Buonagurio

JR Frey called the meeting to order at 8:03 pm.

1. Approval of Minutes for 6/2/26

Chief David Jones made a motion to approve the minutes for 6/2/26 which was seconded by Sgt. Jeffrey Kilroy and unanimously approved.

2. Update on SS4A Federal Grant as partner to Boston Region MPO

The goal is to eliminate fatalities and serious injuries on roads related to speed, response times by first responders, etc. Suggestions to improve problem intersections from the Boston Region MPO are as follows: for the intersection of North/Main/Fearing a 4 way stop meets MUCAD warrants. Some parking spots would be lost, but it is a viable temporary solution. Finalize 4 way stop signs and markings. The 4 way stop is not a practical solution for the High/French/Ward intersection due to the high volume of traffic. The town is working with an engineering consultant for a better solution such as the possibility of a roundabout. Main/Cushing/S. Pleasant-possible roundabout for a long term solution. Sgt Kilroy asked about the timeline to which JR Frey replied that we should see how the roundabout at Main/Middle/Short works out first. The timeline would be 3-4 months if it's a go. For Main/Middle/Short, water main work needs to be done first so it will be 1 year before that work can proceed. Deputy Chief Levenson said that they need to ensure that the ladder truck can navigate the proposed roundabouts. Philip Edmundson

said that he is glad to see this in the works for North/Main/Fearing for the sake of safety. He said that neighbors are in agreement that the 4 way stop will be an improvement. JR Frey said that it takes the ambiguity out of the equation and that businesses can provide feedback. Mark Buonagurio said that parking can be maximized with better striping of parking spaces. Anita Ryan said that she supports this plan as well. At South/Main, a speed hump approach in both directions was mentioned as a possible solution. The Town will apply for a grant with MPO to do in the future. Deputy Levenson asked about the back in, angle parking which had been mentioned previously and said that it would be too confusing. JR Frey that would require a street scape redesign which would be a larger project.

The Traffic Committee unanimously voted to recommend to the Select Board for the implementation on a temporary basis of a four way stop at the intersection of North Street, Main Street and Fearing Road.

3. 25 MPH Speed Limit –Additional Locations

The Traffic Committee unanimously voted to recommend to the Select Board to reduce the statutory speed limit from 30 MPH to 25 MPH in the following locations: High Street from ¼ mile west of the French/Ward intersection in the eastbound direction of travel, High Street from ¼ mile east of the French/Ward intersection in the WB direction of travel, Shipyard Drive, between Lincoln Street and HMS Essington Drive in both directions.

When the work that was done on sidewalks related to the recently built school, the traffic was backed up blocking the entrance to Shipyard Drive as well as impeding the Fire Dept, from exiting when responding to calls. Those entrances as well as the ones for the Police Department are not meant to be blocked. Deputy Chief Levenson said that we need to work with Samuels & Associates and Avalon. Also improve pedestrian crosswalk. JR Frey said that it might be possible to use Chapter 90 funds or the operating budget for these improvements. Mark Buonagurio suggested colored markings in front of the Public Safety Building might be helpful since they have that in Quincy. JR Frey said that's also a part of MBTA property so it might not be feasible.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:00 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Jan Jacobson
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Hingham Police Department