

**TOWN OF HINGHAM
TRAFFIC COMMITTEE**

Police Chief Glenn A. Olsson, Chairman
Sgt. David Horte, Representative for Chief Olsson
Lt. John Haley, Representative for Chief Robert Olsson
Harry Sylvester, DPW
William Ramsey, Planning Board
Francis Donlan
Clark Frazier

TO: Board of Selectmen
FROM: Chief Glenn A. Olsson
RE: Minutes of June 29, 2016 Traffic Committee Meeting
DATE: June 30, 2016

PRESENT: Sgt. David Horte, Hingham Police Department
Harry Sylvester, Hingham DPW
Francis Donlan
Clark Frazier

Sgt. Horte the meeting to order at 7:00PM.

A motion was made by Harry Sylvester, seconded by Francis Donlan, to accept the minutes as written of the previous meeting on 3/23/16. Unanimous vote in favor.

I. Kilby Street Traffic Presentation by Officer Jeffrey Kilroy

Officer Jeffrey Kilroy presented his proposed solution to the dangerous intersection of Kilby Street at Rte 3A which is to close Short Kilby Street which connects Rte. 228 to Rte. 3A. The major cause of accidents at that intersection is failure to yield and misjudging the speed of cars travelling on Rte. 3A and the time and distance needed to safely cross. There are not frequent crashes there but when they do occur, they are severe. The proposal is to close off short Kilby Street at either end making it closed to thru traffic. There are alternate ways that people can go, such as turning down Summer Street and coming out at the light or continuing on 228 and coming out at the light at East Street and Rte 3A. Another possible change would be to make it right turn only coming out of short Kilby St. Clark Frazier stated that this would not be a good option since it would increase traffic on Summer Street which is already busy due to the train. Steven Walsh of Porters Cove Road said that Off. Kilroy's idea sounds like a great solution. Harry Sylvester said that this is related to State Highway and would have to follow the process and be referred to Mass DOT to study. Harry Sylvester said to get accident history statistics for Summer St. @ Rte. 3A as well as East Street @ Rte. 3A and submit with Off. Kilroy's presentation. The most likely step to follow would be for Mass DOT to hire a traffic engineer to study it before initiating any changes. Harry Sylvester suggested getting the traffic statistics and Off. Kilroy's report to Mass DOT as soon as possible to get things moving. Put the focus on the fatality which occurred on 3/21/16.

Clark Frazier made a motion to do the above which was seconded by Harry Sylvester with all in favor. Clark Frazier asked for the record to show that the residents in support of this were here for the World's End issue and not for the Kilby Street matter.

II. World's End Parking expansion/improvement plan

Bob Murray, project manager, stated that the plan is to add parking at World's End which will improve the traffic issues in the area by providing more parking for visitors. They propose to move one stone column over to allow the parking lot to be wider for cars to enter. This would improve traffic flow. Another option is to add median strips for traffic calming, one way loop for buses, handicap access, etc. This would increase parking spaces from the current 74 to 116. The gate house would be repositioned further down and make transactions with pedestrians. Trustees hope for the plan to be completed this Fall. They have increased the number of rangers on the weekend to 4 and they are equipped with radios. Steven Walsh of Porters Cove Road said that he has never been contacted by the Trustees regarding these proposed changes. Bob Murray stated that the Trustees have met with the World's End Association looking to improve conditions for both neighbors and visitors to World's End. Ann Spang of 62 Martin's Lane has been a resident for 26 years and expressed concern for increased traffic as a result of increased parking. Backups have nothing to do with parking. Sgt. Horte said that we are here to discuss traffic issues and not parking issues. Cindy Hydell of Gilford Road said that if the pillar is moved to the left, you will lose one parking space or more. Cars parking everywhere in spite of signs stating that there is no parking. She suggested moving the chain to allow more people to use the park during off times to reduce parking problems. Bob Murray said that they are looking at options. Clark Frazier observed that there are no sidewalks, increased pedestrians and the seawall needs to be replaced. Ann Martin of Elmore Road said that roads need to be repaved. Harry Sylvester said that the roads can't be paved until drainage issues are resolved. Sgt. Horte said that he has been looking at traffic volume. Speeds are higher by Evergreen. The traffic division is keeping good data and is conducting a speed study and will email the results to a contact person. The radar trailer will be placed there as well to encourage people watch their speed. Liza Martin of Porters Cove Road said that the Yacht Club caps the number of people who can go there and suggests that World's End do the same as traffic volume appears to be the biggest problem. Maggie Merrill said that the parking situation needs to be improved. Sgt. Horte suggested going to the Planning Board to get temporary signs. A detail officer should be hired for big events. This issue will be revisited for plan updates.

III. Request for sidewalk for Charles St. and S. Pleasant Street

A letter was sent to Chief Glenn Olsson (HPD), Roger Fernandez and Harry Sylvester of DPW from Charles Street resident Wendy Driscoll requesting that a sidewalk be installed on both Charles Street and S. Pleasant Street to improve pedestrian safety. Harry Sylvester said that adding sidewalks is very expensive and noted that there isn't any money in the budget at this time for additional sidewalks. Harry Sylvester said that this can be added to the list of neighborhoods requesting sidewalks. Traffic data will be

compiled and reviewed for all of Charles Street from S. Pleasant to Main Street as well as Prospect Street. The cost of sidewalks is extensive and it's not widely known, but all residents must approve the sidewalk being proposed or the project cannot move forward. Francis Donlan made a motion for the above streets to have the traffic study done which was seconded by Harry Sylvester with all in favor.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:05 pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Jan Jacobson, Administrative Assistant