

**TOWN OF HINGHAM
TRAFFIC COMMITTEE**

Police Chief Glenn A. Olsson, Chairman
Sgt. David Horte, Representative for Chief Glenn Olsson
Capt. William Powers, Representative for Chief Robert Olsson
Harry Sylvester, Engineering/DPW
William Ramsey, Planning Board
Francis Donlan
Richard Wehter

TO: Board of Selectmen
FROM: Chief Glenn Olsson
RE: Minutes of January 31, 2018 Traffic Committee Meeting
DATE: February 1, 2018

PRESENT: Sgt. David Horte, Hingham Police Department
Harry Sylvester, Engineering/Hingham DPW
Thomas Molinari, Engineering/Hingham DPW
Capt. William Powers, Hingham Fire Department
Richard Wehter
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Sgt. Horte called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM.

A motion was made by Harry Sylvester, seconded by Tom Molinari to accept the minutes as written of the previous meeting on 12/6/17 followed by a unanimous vote in favor.

1. Request from Canterbury Street resident for Blind Drive sign

Sgt. Horte presented a letter from Canterbury Street residents Evan and Katheryn Greenberg requesting that a Blind Drive sign be installed near their house, which is #28. There are other signs on the street but none near their house. They have had difficulty exiting their driveway with many near misses. The Greenbergs also requested that a mirror be installed across the street which would increase visibility when exiting their driveway. Harry Sylvester of DPW explained that the Town is not responsible for installing mirrors for residents and advised that they are welcome to do that on their own. Evan Greenberg responded that he would definitely do that. Katheryn Greenberg is concerned for their safety since she is six months pregnant. Sgt. Horte and Harry Sylvester said that too many signs can be redundant and are not helpful so he suggested revisiting the matter next month and the committee will ponder other solutions to the problem.

2. Request for traffic improvements at Main Street/Jack Ass Park

A letter was sent to Chief Olsson and the Traffic Committee by Main Street resident Amy Whorf McGuiggan requesting traffic improvements for the intersection of Main Street, Hersey Street and Hobart Street in the vicinity of Jack Ass Park. The main problems cited were that drivers do not stop at the 3 stop signs which are posted in front of 461 Main Street at the corner of Hobart Street and at the merge onto Main Street, drivers making a left turn from Main St. onto Hobart of Hersey St. often have to wait awhile to get across which makes cars behind them have to pass on the right and drive up onto the sidewalk. Possible solutions suggested are to prohibit left turns from the south end of Jack Ass Park onto Main Street. It is safer to try to turn left further up, closer to Cold Corner since cars aren't travelling as fast at that point. The committee discussed this issue with Sgt. Horte presenting crash data info from the past few years. There are not an excessive amount of crashes (failure to yield crash in 2015 at Hobart, two in 2016 (2 towed, minor injury), two in 2017 (rear ender, tow with no injury) no pattern to the crashes. The committee concurred that no action is needed at this intersection. Drivers need to use common sense and patience. A letter will be sent to Amy Whorf McGuiggan to advise her of the outcome.

_The meeting was adjourned at 7:50 pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Jan Jacobson, Administrative Assistant