

**TOWN OF HINGHAM  
TRAFFIC COMMITTEE**

Police Chief Glenn A. Olsson, Chairman  
Sgt. Robert Mansfield, Representative for Chief Glenn Olsson  
Dep. Chief William Powers, Representative for Chief Steven Murphy  
Harry Sylvester, Engineering/DPW  
William Ramsey, Planning Board  
Francis Donlan  
Richard Wehter

TO: Board of Selectmen  
FROM: Chief Glenn Olsson  
RE: Minutes of July 25, 2018 Traffic Committee Meeting  
DATE: July 26, 2018

PRESENT: Sgt. Robert Mansfield, Hingham Police Department  
Deputy Chief William Powers, Hingham Fire Department  
Harry Sylvester, Engineering/Hingham DPW  
William Ramsey, Hingham Planning Board  
Francis Donlan

Sgt. Mansfield called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM.

A motion was made by William Powers, seconded by Harry Sylvester to accept the minutes of the of the previous meeting on 6/27/18 followed by a unanimous vote in favor.

1. Request for no parking signs at end of S. Pleasant Street

Christine Margotta from South Pleasant Street requested that no parking signs be placed at the edge of her neighbor's yard at 234 S. Pleasant Street and just before the bridge on the even side of the street down to the gate at Wompatuck State Park and on the odd side of the street in front of her property across from her neighbor's driveway at #234 down to the gate at Wompatuck. Her neighbor is in agreement. This request is due to the fact that there has been a sharp increase in cars parking at the end of the street which poses a safety risk as it makes it difficult for emergency vehicles to get by. Many cars park in front of the gate which is supposed to be for emergency access entrance to the Park. It also makes it difficult for her to get out of her driveway. On a recent Thursday, as many as 53 cars were parked in front of her house over the course of the day. The majority of people parking there have dogs, many of which are off leash and they go after her and her family and pose a health risk due to the fact that she has well water and the dogs leave their waste behind which isn't picked up by the owners. There is also a noise factor since people set their car alarms, blow dog whistles, etc. as early as 5:30 am. and often goes as late as 8:00 pm. in the evening. She has spoken with neighbors regarding this issue and they are in complete agreement. There is no need for people to park

there since there is ample parking available in Wompatuck State Park as well as public bathrooms and trash receptacles. Harry Sylvester said that no parking signs could be placed 300 ft. from the gate to Wompatuck State Park on both sides of the road. All members of the committee unanimously agreed that a recommendation be made to the Board of Selectmen that this be done. In the meantime, Sgt. Mansfield will ask officers to increase enforcement and ticket cars that are parked illegally in the area.

2. Request for flashing speed signs at Ward, French and High Streets

Gail and Richard Ryberg sent a letter to the Traffic Committee requesting that flashing speed limit signs be placed in three locations: on Ward Street approaching High and on High Street approaching Ward and French Streets. This is due to the fact that drivers speed on the street which continues to be a public safety problem. They cited the fact that another accident occurred at the intersection within the last two weeks. Sgt. Mansfield said that he will increase enforcement in the area. Harry Sylvester said that he would like to find out what the Riverstone development is obligated to do before we take any action. He agreed that the flashing speed limit signs would be a good idea for this particular intersection since it can be problematic. He said it would be optimal to place the signs on High Street in both directions approaching the intersection. Sgt. Mansfield said that he will get the crash data and accident history for the last two years to review with the committee at the next meeting along with the latest speed data.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:45 pm.

Respectfully submitted,  
Jan Jacobson, Administrative Assistant