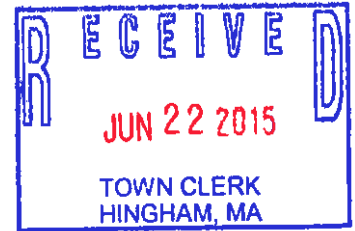


**TOWN OF HINGHAM**  
**PLANNING BOARD**



**FIFTH AMENDMENT TO NOTICE OF DECISION**

**Site Plan Approval for Hingham High School Athletic Complex Renovations Phase II:  
Request to Modify Use Schedule and Traffic and Parking Plan**

**Applicant:** Hingham School Committee  
210 Central Street

**Project Site:** 17 Union Street - Hingham High School  
Hingham Assessor's Map/Lot: 90-0-112; 100-0-63; 100-0-61; 101-0-8

**Date:** June 8, 2015

**BACKGROUND**

The Planning Board issued a Notice of Decision, dated March 11, 2013 ("Original Decision"), as amended by Amendments to the Notice of Decision, dated March 25, 2013; July 10, 2013; September 12, 2013; and October 7, 2013, in connection with the Application of the Hingham School Committee ("Applicant" or "School Committee") for Site Plan Review under Sections I-H and III-B.8 of the Hingham Zoning By-Law, subject to and with the benefit of the provisions of Massachusetts General Laws (MGL) Chapter 40A, Section 3 commonly known as the "Dover Amendment."

**PROCEEDINGS**

A public hearing of the Planning Board was duly noticed and held on April 13, 2015 and June 8, 2015 for the application to modify the Hingham High School Parking and Traffic Plan for Large Events (Exhibit A to the Original Decision), and also modify the Schedule and Conditions governing the Use of Field Lights and Amplified Sound at the Hingham High School (HHS) athletic field complex or "Use Policy" (Exhibit B to the Original Decision). The April 13, 2015 Planning Board hearing was conducted by Gary Tondorf-Dick, Sarah Corey, Judy Sneath and Walter Sullivan, and the June 8, 2015 hearing was conducted by Sarah Corey, Judy Sneath, Walter Sullivan and William Ramsey. Special Counsel Susan Murphy was present for the Planning Board at the June 8, 2015 hearing. At the April 13, 2015 meeting the Applicant team was led by Ray Estes, and also present was Superintendent of Schools Dr. Galo, Margaret Conaty, Athletic Director, and Carol Falvey, School Committee. In attendance for the Applicant on June 8, 2015 were: School Committee Chairman Andy Shafter, School Committee Vice Chairman Liza O'Reilly, School Committee Members Ed Schreier, Carol Falvey, Ray Estes, Hingham Superintendent of Schools Dr. Galo, and Margaret Conaty, Athletic Director. Sue

Rizzo appeared on behalf of Hingham Youth Football. Police Chief Peraino was present at the meeting of April 13, and, Chief Olsson was present at the June 8, 2015 hearing.

### **DISCUSSION AND FINDINGS**

Mr. Estes presented the application to the Board at the April 13, 2015 hearing, explaining the proposed changes to the use schedule were intended to extend the time that the lights could be on in the evening, increase the number of evenings that amplified sound was allowed and the end time for sound in the evening, enable Hingham Youth Football to do play by play announcing, and include dance programs/cheer programs into the halftime shows of some Hingham High School sporting events. Subsequent to the April 13, 2015 Board meeting, the School Committee held multiple meetings in order to review the proposed changes with the abutters and general public, and submitted requested modifications to the usage policy and large parking event policy. The Board also received correspondence from the Hingham Police Department regarding the large event parking policy, and from residents both in support and opposition to aspects of the revised usage policy. After presentation and review of the proposed usage and event parking policies, the Board found that the proposed changes for Hingham Public Schools use of the lights and sound at the multi-purpose field and the proposed modifications to the large event parking policy were reasonable under the Dover Amendment, and that the proposed changes to use of the multi-purpose field by Hingham Youth Football were also reasonable.

### **VOTE AND CONDITIONS**

It was Moved, Seconded and SO VOTED to modify the Site Plan Notice of Decision for the Hingham High School Athletic Complex Renovations Phase II, dated March 11, 2013 ("Original Decision"), as amended by Amendment to Notice of Decision, dated March 26, 2013; July 15, 2013; September 12, 2013; and October 8, 2013, as follows:

1. By amending the "Hingham High School Parking and Traffic Plan for Large Events", attached as Exhibit A to the Original Decision, by adding additional examples to the definition of "Typical Large Event" and by deleting and replacing the provisions under "Staffing" (as set forth in the revised "Hingham High School Parking and Traffic Plan for Large Events" policy approved by the Board and attached hereto as Exhibit A and incorporated herein by reference); and
2. By replacing in its entirety the "Schedule and Conditions governing the Use of Field Lights and Amplified Sound at the Hingham High School (HHS) athletic field complex", attached as Exhibit B to the Original Decision, with a revised schedule consistent with the proposed revisions voted by the School Committee on June 1, 2015, and submitted to the Planning Board on June 3, 2015, as further revised and approved by the Board (a copy of which is attached hereto as Exhibit B and incorporated herein by reference).

Except for these changes, all other provisions of the Notice of Decision, as amended, shall remain in full force and effect.

Walter B. Sullivan Jr.

Walter Sullivan Jr.  
Clerk, Hingham Planning Board

EXECUTED this 18 day of June, 2015

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS

Plymouth, ss

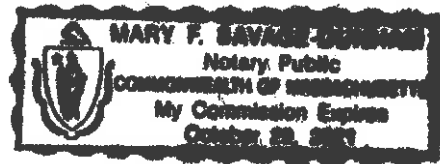
June 18, 2015

Then personally appeared Walter Sullivan Jr., Clerk of the Hingham Planning Board, and acknowledged the foregoing to be the free act and deed of said Board.

Mary F. Savage Dunham

Mary F. Savage Dunham, Notary Public

My Commission Expires: October 29, 2021



## EXHIBIT A

### Hingham High School Parking and Traffic Plan for Large Events

**Goal:** To execute safe and efficient parking and traffic in an effort to:

1. Ensure the safety of the children, the school community, the neighbors, event attendees and the safety of the general public traveling on the effected roadways.
2. Create efficient flow of traffic and minimize traffic impact on the surrounding neighborhoods. Scheduling of events will take into account the transition of attendees.

**Typical Large Events:** Including but not limited to Town Meeting, Fall Open House, Seasonal Sport Nights, High School Night Football Games, Election Day, All-Town Band Concert, Graduation, Homecoming, MIAA Tournaments, and Thanksgiving Day game, miscellaneous auditorium events, and any combination of 2 or more events which may create an excessive parking demand.

#### **Staffing:**

~~For Town School events, HPD will determine staff requirements and assume financial responsibility of required officers. For School events, HPD will staff~~ the requirements for Police Details at Hingham High School Field will be at the discretion of the Police Chief working together with the Athletic Department, and the School Department will assume financial responsibility of required officer and janitorial staff.

#### **Specific Event Requirements:**

~~Night Football games will require 6-8 police officers, the number to be determined by the Athletic Director and the Hingham Police Department on a game by game basis.~~

~~Town Meeting and events larger than 2500 anticipated attendees may require additional off site parking at the Baptist Church and/or Haley Field with a shuttle service provided. In this scenario coordination will be a joint effort among the Police Department and the School Administration.~~

## Parking Procedures

### Prior To Event

1. Communication efforts will be made to the target audience in regard to parking arrangements. For example:
  - a. If a High School event, parking guidelines will be posted on the High School website and communicated via the Principals list servs. School Administration will be responsible for this effort.
  - b. If a community event, parking guidelines will be posted on the Town website, the High School website, as well as given to the Hingham Journal and communicated via the town and High School list servs. School Administration will be responsible for school communication methods, and the Town Administrator will be responsible for Town communication methods.

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### At commencement of Event

1. The Main lot will be utilized first with police officers at the entrance and exit available to direct drivers to the far lot once full. Saw horses will be utilized to indicate the lot is full.

2. Drivers will then be directed to far lot, the paved parking lot will be utilized to its capacity. If full, janitorial staff will open the gated entrance to the field and this overflow parking area will be utilized on an as needed basis.

### **At dispersion of event**

To ensure safe access and egress to the and from the neighborhood police officers will be posted at the exits of all parking areas, as well as any major intersections that would be temporarily overloaded by heavy traffic leaving the event.

### **Notes:**

- Illegal parking in fire lanes or posted areas may result in towing.
- Fire has authority to tow vehicles parked in fire lanes.
- Building field usage forms include info about when a paid police detail will be required.

Exhibit B

**Schedule and Conditions governing the Use of Field Lights and Amplified Sound at the  
Hingham High School (HHS) athletic field complex**

As approved by the Planning Board February 4, 2013, revised June 8, 2015

**A. SCHEDULE of allowed use, subject to conditions noted below**

**1. Fall season, from the 4<sup>th</sup> week in August through Thanksgiving Day)**

<b>Days</b>	<b>Field Lights*</b>	<b>Amplified sound*</b>
Monday – Friday	Until 9:00 pm to accommodate three 2 hour practices or games, games not to extend beyond 8:30 pm  Additionally, until 10:00 pm for 3 Fri. nights only for HHS games	Until 8:00 pm with a limit of three night games per varsity sport and a maximum of three night games per week during the regular season unless rainout scheduling is necessary.  Additionally, until 10:00 pm for 3 Fri. nights only for HHS games subject to the 3 night game/rainout scheduling rule above.  Note: there is no restriction on daytime amplified sound use prior to dusk or for any HHS games that start by 4 pm.
Saturday	Until 9:00 pm	From 4:00 to 8:00 pm twice per season for Hingham Youth Football Additionally, For daytime HHS events starting by 4:00 pm
Sunday	Until 5:00 pm	Until 5:00 pm for 6 Sundays per season, starting at 11:30 pm in Sept.; 11:30 am in Oct.; 11:00 am in Nov. for 3 back-to-back games each day

**2. Winter season, from the day after Thanksgiving through the 2<sup>nd</sup> week in March**

<b>Days</b>	<b>Field Lights</b>	<b>Amplified sound</b>
All	None	None

**3. Spring season, from the 3<sup>rd</sup> week in March through the 2<sup>nd</sup> week in June**

<b>Days</b>	<b>Field Lights*</b>	<b>Amplified sound*</b>
Monday – Friday	Until 9:00 pm to accommodate three 2 hour practices or games, games not to extend beyond 8:30 pm.	Until 8:00 pm, with a limit of three night games per varsity sport and a maximum of three night games per week during the regular season unless rainout scheduling is necessary.  Note: there is no restriction on daytime amplified sound use prior to dusk or for any HHS games that start by 4 pm.
Saturday	Until 9:00 pm	From 4:00 to 8:00 pm twice per season. Additionally, For daytime HHS events events starting by 4:00 pm
Sunday	None	None

\*Additionally, lights and sound may be used for HHS tournament or play-off games or other games and tournaments sanctioned by the MIAA for which Hingham is the host site with the permission of the Hingham Public Schools Athletic Director. For those tournaments or games for which Hingham is the host site and no HHS team is participating, such tournaments or play-off games will be limited to one date (which may include multiple games) per season and the lights and amplified sound must be shut off no later than 10:00 pm.

**4. Summer season, from the 3<sup>rd</sup> week in June through the 3<sup>rd</sup> week in August**

<b>Days</b>	<b>Field Lights</b>	<b>Amplified sound</b>
All	None	None

**B. CONDITIONS of allowed use**

1. Field lights at the HHS athletic field complex may be used only by entities recognized as Hingham organizations or those MIAA tournaments for which Hingham serves as a host. Priority for use will be given as follows:
  - (a) Hingham Public Schools
  - (b) Hingham Youth Sports organizations
  - (c) Other Hingham organizations
  
2. Field lights for use during games will be restricted to
  - (a) Hingham Public Schools and other schools for which Hingham serves as a host for MIAA tournaments;
  - (b) Other Hingham Youth Sports. Each league will be allowed 2 games per season. A league includes all age groups for either a boys or a girls sport. For example, for Hingham Youth Soccer, boys soccer and girls soccer shall be considered two separate leagues;
  - (c) Hingham Youth Football, as detailed in the Schedule herein.



3. Amplified sound at the HHS athletic field complex may be used only by (a) Hingham Public Schools and other MIAA tournaments for which Hingham serves as a host, and (b) Hingham Youth Football as detailed in the Schedule herein.
4. The use of amplified sound for games will follow these guidelines:
  - a) HHS Football – Player introductions, national anthem, play-by-play and during halftime in conjunction with a choreographed cheerleading or dance routine.
  - b) Other HHS teams – Player introductions and national anthem, goal announcements and, during 4 games per season, during halftime in conjunction with choreographed cheerleading or dance routines to be available to HHS teams in a gender neutral manner.
  - c) Hingham Youth Football (HYF) – Player introductions, national anthem, during halftime in conjunction with choreographed cheerleading or dancing, and, at one HYF game per Sunday in the Fall season, limited announcing. HYF will submit the limited announcing format to the School Committee for approval prior to the start of the season. Contact information for a HYF representative will be posted on the website for any inquiries.
  - d) For all games, public service announcements will be made as needed. Amplified sound is also available to make emergency announcements or as directed by the HPD or HFD.
5. Rules for the proper use of sound and lights will be posted in the press box and enforced by the HHS Athletic Director or her/his designee. Additionally, there will be a ‘governor’ device on the sound system to regulate the volume and a timer on the lights.
6. Field lights will remain off when the field is not in use, except in an emergency situation. Field lights will remain off when the field is not in use or scheduled to be used except in an emergency situation. If a cancellation of scheduled use occurs, efforts will be made to turn off the lights as soon as practicable.
7. Prior to the first day of the Fall and Spring seasons, the HPS will post on their website the beginning and end dates of the season, the hours of light operation and the dates and times of all games using the PA system. The HPS may update the schedule as needed during the season to accommodate unanticipated changes, consistent with this policy. Postings are for informational purposes only and shall not limit other use of lights and amplified sound consistent with the foregoing schedules and conditions.