

Hanover Route 139 Action Committee Meeting Notes February 16, 2023

Meeting called to order at 4:00 PM by Committee Chair David Sawin

Present: David Sawin, Robert Stevens, Viola Ryerson, Joanna Doherty, Kurt Kelly DPW, John Pelletier, Rhonda Nyman Chair Selectboard

Minutes of February 16, 2023 meeting accepted

Future Meetings scheduled for March 16, April 20, May 18, and June 15

Agenda Items and discussions

- Mass DOT rejected the committees request for speed changes on Route 53. A future request to address present passing lanes as part of the overall traffic plan was discussed. Chair Sawin plans meeting with Old Colony Planning Council regarding this issue at the request of the Selectboard. Kurt Kelly will be kept in this loop.
- Selectboard Chairwoman Rhonda Nyman will continue to reach out to the state regarding new developments in planning progress. She plans to be in touch with Senator Keegan regarding funding mechanisms and Hanover's need for more money to successfully fulfill project goals and meet timelines.
- Public engagement will be encouraged as design features of a new Town Hall intersection traffic plan emerge, possibly in 6 months.
- An overview of the Hanover Historical District was presented by Rob Stevens and the committee recognized the importance of maintaining the integrity of this district against increased future traffic use and spillover from Rout 53 commercial growth. A study of future traffic Impacts prior to any proposed change in the town's traditional use of Route 139 owned properties was encouraged by Vi Ryerson in response to Rob Stevens' initiative that there be a review of this area for possible changes in town property use, particularly at Sylvester Field.
- Full pavement design for the rails for trails was noted as approved by Conservation. The West Hanover part of the Route 139 project was recognized as being uniquely separate from the Town Hall Center/Main Street intersection reconstruction planning.
- Meeting ended at 5:00 PM