

Meeting Minutes



Route 139 Action Committee Meeting Agenda Tuesday, June 14, 2022 Hanover Town Hall - Advisory Room 12:00 Noon

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Remote Participation

- **Meeting address:** <https://hanover-ma-gov.zoom.us/j/87133130978?pwd=R3p0MVNyTjEwNkFoWkVpeTMwUDVtZz09>
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Organizational Meeting

Agenda Items

1. Call to order
2. Appoint a Chair
3. Appoint a Vice Chair
4. Schedule Future Meetings
5. Other Business
6. Adjourn

The aforementioned meeting was held on June 14th at noon. The following are the highlights of the meeting in minutes:

In person attendance: Joe Colangelo, Tim Kane, Joanna Dougherty, Viola Ryerson, Emmanuel Dockter, David Sawin, Ann Lee, Peter Johnston

On remote attendance: Jason Cavallaro, Kurt Kelley, Jonathan Pelletier, Rob Stevens, Steve Ryerson, Ken Greene

- Joe Colangelo called the meeting to order. He provided guidance on the committee work with short and long-term goals. The committee's recommendations and comments are for use by Town Manager and the Select Board. There is currently no funding for any initiatives. The committee must provide for any possible down stream effects with any short-term mitigations which must be aligned with this Rte. 139 Action Groups Charter
- The Committee elected David Sawin as Chairman and Rob Stevens as Vice Chairman
- The Committee reviewed prior months' work = Several side street and Rte. 139 site surveys. Site surveys in the Town of Rockland Police Station and COA solar powered automated pedestrian controls. Committee made recommendations to Town Manager to utilize year end appropriations to purchase five sets of these systems
- Discussions on the short history of Rte. 139 as well as the Rte. 139 Hanover Transportation Corridor Study
- Reviewed possible short and long-term mitigations from Table 16 of the Rte. 139 Hanover Transportation Corridor Study
- Reviewed speed limits, possible mitigations and the need for signage inventory
- Hanover Town Center: Main/Silver/Center Street issues, lack of crosswalks, too many driveways = Entire roadway is a poor level of service and the need for design work with signalization
- Commercial trucks find it difficult to negotiate roundabouts
- No speed abatement all along Rte. 139
- Immediate short-term mitigations needed for Grove and Plain Streets
- Rte 139 is state owned. Hanover has most jurisdiction on side streets
- There are several child safety issues in Hanover Center. Some local families send their kids through Hanover Cemetery to avoid local traffic. It's a huge danger zone for kids, bicycles, pedestrians, motorcycles and junior operators. The use of clean and green transportation is uninviting
- Trucks with horse trailers along with commercial trucks and local delivery vehicles find it very difficult to navigate Hanover Center at peak traffic loads
- Congregational Church leadership expressed concerns over the use of the surrounding roadways in their current use as a roundabout.
- Proposal for short term mitigation to Grove Street. Three options were presented:
 - 1. Seal off both ends at Rte. 139

- 2 make Grove Street one way – away from Rte. 139, southern end to Center, north side to Hawthorn Road.
 - 3 right turns only, both sides.
- Public safety advocated for right turn only at Grove Street as it's the easiest to implement and is less intrusive. Committee voted unanimously for right turn only with the support of Public Safety. To be implemented within 4 to 6 weeks. An immediate public awareness campaign was to begin the next day from Town Manager.
- Most of the long-term mitigations, up and down Rte. 139 require 1-2+ years lead time and require state funding.
- There was very little time for public comment. Committee did hear comments from Congregational Church leadership concerning traffic patterns and safety of the congregation
- Prior to the next meeting, Committee agreed to:
 - Review Rte. 139 Hanover Transportation Corridor Study
 - Visit solar pedestrian controls in use at Rockland and where they could be installed along Rte. 139
 - Visit and make side street site reviews
- Next meetings:
 - June 27th at noon
 - July 11th at noon,
 - August 23rd at noon
 - September 22nd at 4:00 PM
- Meeting was adjourned