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DRAFT MINUTES
Traffic Safety Committee
Town of Hanover
Monday, September 10, 2018
Board of Selectmen Meeting Room, Town Hall
10:30am

1. **Call to Order** – Town Manager Colangelo called the meeting to order at 10:35am
2. **Public Comments** – None
3. **Broadway Speed Signs** – It was determined that staff would research and implement appropriate changes, including but not limited to finding a smaller sign to install in the same locations and amending the way the flashing sign operated, but it was made clear that the current signs would remain in place until a new resolution was ready to be installed, and there was no promise made exactly what (if any) changes would be implemented. While the new signs are large they are effective. The Traffic Safety Committee hopes to implement a change that can keep the effectiveness the same while enhancing the aesthetic value to the immediate neighbors. No specific timeline for the action was promised. If possible the town will (re)program the signs immediately so they do not flash as often as they do currently.
4. **Broadway and Cross Street** – DPW Director Diniak reported that VHB engineers were currently studying this location and it is anticipated they will have plans prepared by spring (2019).
5. **Broadway and Elm** – DPW Director Diniak reported that we are waiting for a proposal from VHB. Once conceptual designs are prepared it is anticipated that there would be extensive public vetting before a recommendation would be made to the Board of Selectmen. Conceptual designs are anticipated to be prepared by spring (2019.)
6. **Broadway and Washington Street 4-Way Stop** – Resident Peter Johnson discussed his feelings that the LED lights were not aligned with the (historical) nature of the neighborhood. Others present at the meeting felt the LED lights were effective. Town Manager Colangelo encouraged Mr. Johnson to investigate solutions for traffic safety in similar historical areas around New England and recommend possible modifications to the Traffic Safety Committee. This topic will be revisited at next month's meeting.
7. **Pleasant Street/Whiting Street Traffic Safety Zone** – DPW Director Diniak reported that VHB is currently completing their study and we await their recommendations.
8. **Sidewalks on Whiting Street north of Webster Street (request from Margaret Bussiere)** – It was determined by the Traffic Safety Committee that this request was outside the purview of the Traffic Safety Committee and it should be reviewed by a committee appointed to review the 'Complete Streets' plan as recommended by the DPW Director and Town Planner when they presented to the Board of Selectmen a few months back.



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9. **Winter Street** – The Traffic Safety Committee is requesting that DPW Director Diniak look at a conceptual engineering study to give some guidance on what, if any, types of roadway modifications might be useful to reduce speeds so the Town can have an idea of how to use the mitigation funds the developer is supposed to pay if approved by the Planning Board. Limiting/controlling the hours of operation(s) for the businesses was also discussed.
10. **YMCA/Mill Street/Mall Connector** - The Traffic Safety Committee determined it would recommend the the Board of Selectmen approve a 4-way stop at this intersection based on the fact that this is the #1 accident spot in town based on recent data and a 2012 study prepared by Vanasse & Associates recommended a 4-way stop at this location as one option to improve the area. It was understood that this 4-way stop should be implemented now and should not be seen as contingent on any future Mall development or thought of as the solution that should be implemented if development at the Mall ultimately moves forward.
11. **Other Business** – Syd Elliot encouraged the Traffic Safety Committee to look hard at the 139/Main Street intersection in front of Town Hall. Everyone in attendance – members of the public and members of the Traffic Safety Committee – agreed with this thought. It was recommended that the funds required to fully study this problem are at a level that likely would require approval at Town Meeting.
12. **Adjourn** – The meeting adjourned at 11:55pm

Respectfully submitted by Joe Colangelo, Hanover Town Manager

MEMORANDUM

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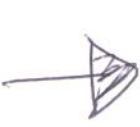
RE: 6345

SUBJECT: Intersection Safety and Operations Assessment
Mill Street at Mill Pond Drive and Hanover Mall Drive
Hanover, Massachusetts

Vanasse & Associates, Inc. (VAI) has been retained by the Town of Hanover to conduct an Intersection Safety and Operations Assessment for the intersection of Mill Street at Mill Pond Drive and Hanover Mall Drive in Hanover, Massachusetts. The purpose of this assessment is to evaluate potential improvement strategies for the intersection that would accomplish the following objectives: i) enhance the safety; ii) facilitate the efficient flow of vehicles, pedestrians and bicyclists; and iii) accommodate existing and projected future traffic volumes at the intersection with consideration of seasonal traffic demands associated with the Hanover Mall and the YMCA Gordon Clark summer camp.

This study was prepared in consultation with the Town of Hanover and the Massachusetts Department of Transportation (MassDOT); was performed in general accordance with the Commonwealth of Massachusetts Executive Office of Energy and Environmental Affairs (EEA)/MassDOT Guidelines for Environmental Impact Report/Environmental Impact Statement Traffic Impact Assessments (TIAs) and Traffic Impact Assessments for Functional Design Reports (FDRs); and was conducted pursuant to the standards of the Traffic Engineering and Transportation Planning professions for the preparation of such reports.

As a result of this assessment, the following recommendations have been offered with respect to potential improvement strategies at the intersection:

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1. All-way STOP-sign control should be considered for implementation at the intersection in combination with lane use modifications on Mill Pond Drive in order to improve traffic operations under both existing and future traffic volume conditions, enhance safety and facilitate future pedestrian connections between the Hanover Mall and the YMCA;
 2. Consider the future addition of a sidewalk along Hanover Mall Drive with the addition of a crosswalk and the installation of wheelchair ramps and associated pedestrian crossing warning signs for crossing Mill Street at the intersection; and