

MINUTES FOR THE HOPKINTON VILLAGE PRECINCT MEETING

July 21, 2022

IN ATTENDANCE:

- ❖ Nick Casolaro, Comm., Chair
- ❖ Thomas Lipoma, Comm.
- ❖ Suzi Calley, Treasurer
- ❖ Victoria Bram, Clerk
- ❖ Ben Wilson, Citizen

MEETING MINUTES:

The meeting was called to order at 7:38 pm by Comm. Casolaro.

The Commissioners reviewed the HVP meeting minutes from June 16, 2022. Comm. Lipoma made a motion to approve the minutes. Comm. Casolaro seconded the motion. The minutes were approved by unanimous vote.

Comm. Lipoma reported on the proposed plan to change the intersection in the center of Hopkinton to slow down the flow of traffic and increase walkability.

Anna Wells, the Economic Development Director of Hopkinton, has drafted a revised traffic pattern for the intersection of Rt. 103, Rt. 202/9, & South Road. The change would eliminate the lane which travels northwest onto Rt. 103. Instead, the proposed plan keeps traffic flowing west toward Rt. 202/9 and requires vehicles to turn 90 degrees in front of the Hopkinton Village Store to access Rt. 103 or Briar Hill Road. *See pages 3-5 for details.*

The plan includes replacing the open expanse of pavement with greenspace and adding several crosswalks across Main Street, increasing access to businesses and Greenway trails.

Comm. Lipoma said that the draft plan has been reviewed and approved by the NH Department of Transportation and would progress as follows:

1. the citizens of town would be notified
2. the flow of traffic would be changed on a trial basis using sandbags, planters and signage to redirect vehicles
3. after the trial period the town would be asked to approve funds to make the change permanent

Ben Wilson asked whether the Hopkinton Village Precinct budget includes line items for roads or traffic safety. Comm. Lipoma replied no, any funds the HVP offers would fall under general expenses.

Suzi Calley asked how large trucks will make the turn. Comm. Lipoma said the idea is that they would have to slow down to make a 90 degree turn.

Ben Wilson asked who at the Department of Transportation has approved the plan. He suggested that it would be worthwhile dovetailing the final traffic flow changes with a much-needed drainage improvement project.

Victoria Bram asked who is the group or person in charge of the project. Comm. Lipoma said that Director Wells is now, and the HVP would take the lead for holding meetings, organizing the project. The Economic Development Committee would be responsible for presenting it to the town, finding the funds to complete the construction.

Comm. Casolaro suggested that the first step would be to confirm that the State Department of Transportation is OK with the town making this change, and that the confirmation should be obtained in writing.

Comm. Lipoma offered to do outreach to the abutters and stakeholders, sending them the map of the proposed plan and inviting them to the August HVP meeting to discuss. Comm. Lipoma will confer with Director Wells regarding her contact person(s) at NH DOT. Comm. Lipoma will ask the DOT for their consent, in writing, to commence this project. Director Wells and Comm. Lipoma will produce an initial list of equipment and supplies needed to begin the trial.

Ben Wilson suggested that there may be funding from the 2021 Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act which could be accessed to help pay for this project. Comm. Casolaro said he would look into that option.

The bill payments for June were approved as follows:

Eversource: \$685.41

Primex: \$1,651.00

Hopkinton Water Department: \$135.25

Comm. Casolaro reported that he has sent the Hopkinton Village Water Board thoughts about drafting a new warrant article regarding the proposed land swap, first discussed at the HVP Annual meeting in March.

Comm. Lipoma reported on the effort to update the Precinct Zoning ordinances. In order to apply for State grant money to hire a professional to draft the updates, the project would need to be directly related to ongoing economic development efforts of the town. Comm. Lipoma will work on identifying updates needed for the ordinances to align with State requirements and town rules.

Meeting adjourned at 8:37 pm. The next HVP Meeting is Thursday, August 18th at 7:30 pm at Hopkinton Town Hall.

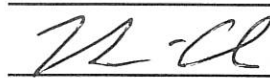
Submitted by Victoria Bram, Clerk.

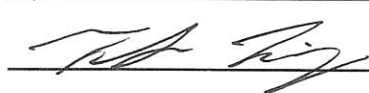
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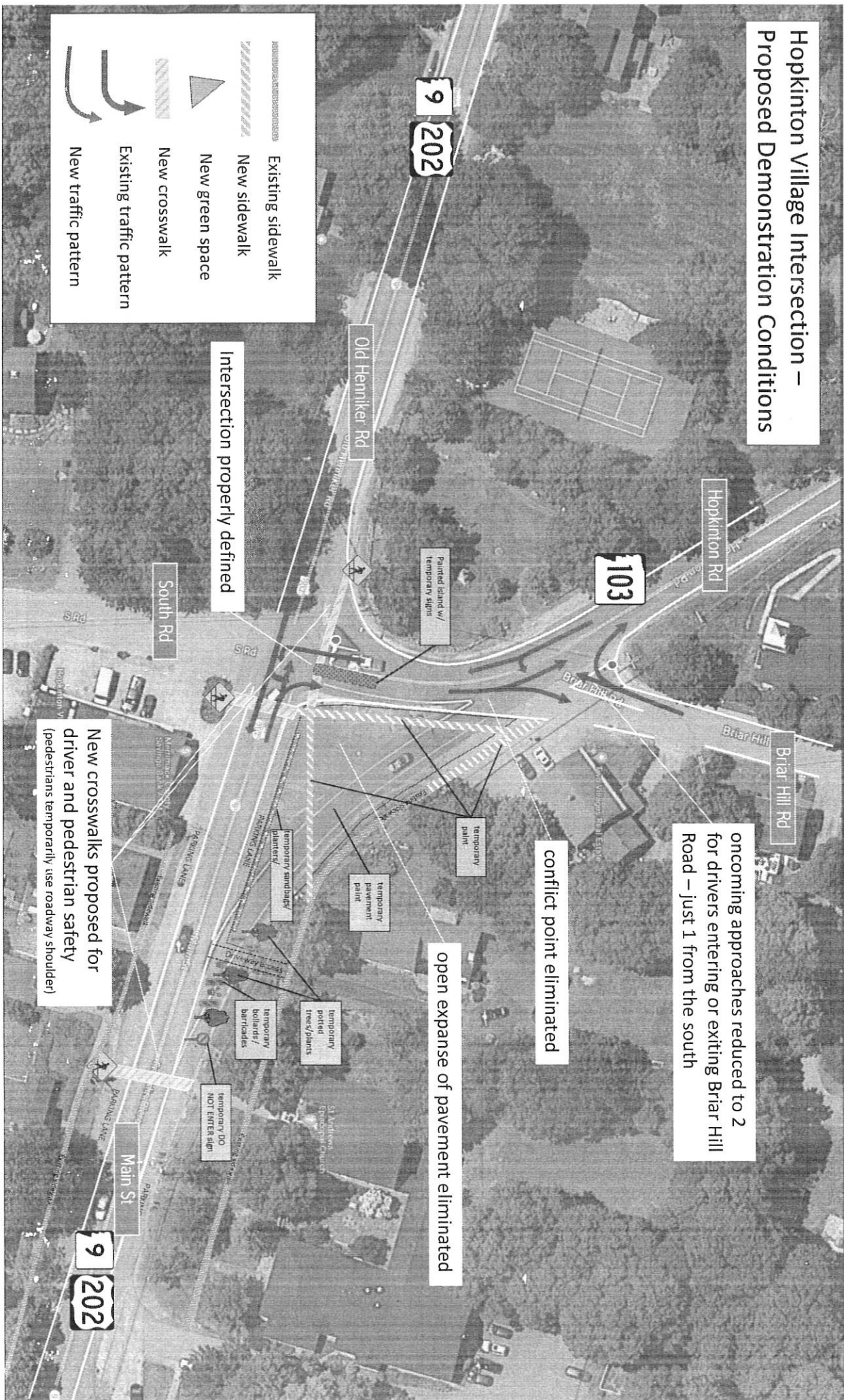
Nick Casolaro

Tom Lipoma





Hopkinton Village Intersection – Proposed Demonstration Conditions



- Existing sidewalk
- New sidewalk
- New green space
- New crosswalk
- Existing traffic pattern
- New traffic pattern

oncoming approaches reduced to 2
for drivers entering or exiting Briar Hill
Road – just 1 from the south

conflict point eliminated

open expanse of pavement eliminated

Intersection properly defined

New crosswalks proposed for
driver and pedestrian safety
(pedestrians temporarily use roadway shoulder)