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Town of Ashland
Roadway Traffic Study Committee
Tuesday, January 13, 2026
10:00 AM PSB Training Room/Conference Room
12 Union Street

Call Meeting to Order:

Members in Attendance:

Not in Attendance:

Order of Business:

Approve last meetings minutes (if ready)

Updates:

1. Provide the committee updates on previous traffic concerns:

a.) Update on Pincushion School crosswalk, adding additional signage regarding school zone and additional warning signs indicating pedestrian crosswalk ahead. Status:

This School has been sold: will attempt to contact new owner and explain the status of their requests

b.) Continue the discussion on the newly proposed 40B 61 Waverly St project's impact to the intersection at Union St. by E. Union St and Waverly St. adjacent to the PSB., and the additional new traffic patterns potentially adding over 300 vehicles to the morning and afternoon rush hour traffic. ZBA hearing near completion, Con Com next.

b.) Ask D. Small to provide an update on the time frame status on the design and construction of sidewalks on Cedar St.,



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c.) High Street using ARPA funding, along with the possibility of adding sidewalks to Water St.

g.) Status of No Littering signs (20) signs Laura Kelly Green Up Ashland

NEW BUSINESS:

Read letters from residents:

Elizabeth Bogardus:

- Dona stated the gate is broken and suggested looking into fixing it and finding accident information.
- Dona also suggested "Do Not Enter Authorized Vehicles Only" signage for the access road entrances.
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- **Tara Talbot' via Roadway Traffic Safety Committee**

Mon, Nov
10:12:20 PM (12
days ago)

to rtsc

Hi Road and Traffic Safety Committee,

My name is Tara Talbot and I live in Ashland near Hopkinton State Park. I have two concerns regarding traffic safety in town.

1. I often notice large semi-trucks (the big 18-wheelers) driving on Howe St. Is that allowed? If it is, would the committee please take into consideration restricting it? The roads in this corner are very narrow, windy, and don't have sidewalks. Many residents and children and dogs walk these roads to enjoy the neighborhood and get to the state park. It seems very unsafe for such large trucks to use it as a throughway from Ashland to Hopkinton.

2. Driving through much of Ashland, I've noticed that the speed limit is often 25. Then, leaving downtown by way of Pleasant St, the limit shoots up to 35 even though there's a very sharp turn and a school by the commuter station. If you continue driving on Cordaville, the speed limit varies between 35, 30, and 25 as you get closer to Oak St, where the speed limit jumps up to 35 again. All of these roads go through heavily populated areas, mainly residential. I've noticed that on these roads, we often have police cruisers enforcing the higher speed limit. Great! However, couldn't the speed limit be lowered on all of them to 25 or 30?



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Thanks for considering these questions. I didn't know this committee existed until I called around today to ask where to direct these questions. Thank you!

Tue, Jan 6,
7:04 AM (2 days
ago)

Kevin Langmeyer

to Roadway

Please see attached

----- Forwarded message -----

From: **Allison Salvi** <[REDACTED]>
Date: Mon, Jan 5, 2026 at 5:28 PM
Subject: Re: [dpw:46691] Pond Street
To: Kevin Langmeyer <klangmeyer@ashlandmass.com>
Cc: dpw@ashlandmass.com <dpw@ashlandmass.com>

Thank you for the update, much appreciated!

[Sent from Yahoo Mail for iPhone](#)

On Monday, January 5, 2026, 11:31 AM, Kevin Langmeyer <klangmeyer@ashlandmass.com> wrote:

Hi Allison,

Thank you for your inquiry.
Never a bother at all ! You landed in the right place !

1. I will pass the information regarding the traffic light on to the Traffic Committee for review.
2. The sidewalks on Pond Street are technically still under the scope of the overall construction project. The State and Mass DOT are currently still overseeing the project. They should come under our purview once everything is finalized. Unfortunately, I do not have a definitive timeline for that at the moment, but I foresee the sidewalks being added to our clearing rotation by next winter.

Best regards,

Kevin Langmeyer



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On Mon, Jan 5, 2026 at 9:46 AM 'Allison Salvi' via DPW (Public Works)

<dpw@ashlandmass.com> wrote:

Hi,

Sorry to bother you guys, but I am not sure who to contact. The traffic light at the Pond Street/Eliot Street intersection is missing the left green arrow. Currently, when taking a left on to Eliot street from Pond Street, the light goes black, and then goes to yellow flashing. I believe the lower left green arrow is not functioning. Is it possible to get that fixed?

Also - who is responsible for clearing the snow from the new sidewalks on Pond Street? We finally have sidewalks and it does not seem to be maintained for the snow. I'm just curious who is supposed to maintain that and if there is anything we can do to get the snow managed for the winter months.

Thanks in advance for your help.

Happy New Year.

Allie Gorman

Kevin Langmeyer

Tue, Jan 6,
7:03 AM (2 days
ago)

to Roadway

Please see attached

----- Forwarded message -----

From: **Kevin Langmeyer** <klangmeyer@ashlandmass.com>

Date: Tue, Jan 6, 2026 at 7:02 AM

Subject: Re: Problem with traffic light

To: Edward Ned Harvey (ashlandmass) <ashlandmass@nedharvey.com>

Cc: highway@ashlandmass.com <highway@ashlandmass.com>

Edward

Thank you for the information. The video was very helpful.

I will pass the information along to the traffic team and follow up accordingly.

Best regards



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Kevin

On Mon, Jan 5, 2026 at 10:16 PM 'Edward Ned Harvey (ashlandmass)' via Highway Dept <Highway@ashlandmass.com> wrote:

There is a recurring problem with the traffic light at the intersection of Memorial Dr and Rte 135. It doesn't happen every time, but it happens a lot. The light doesn't turn green for traffic turning left from Memorial Dr onto Rte 135. Could someone please check the sensors? I regularly see people sit and wait, and wait, and wait, and then run the red light.

Video from my dashcam:

<https://www.dropbox.com/scl/fi/9jo8g0ze4rr33v5nvghvl/ashland-mem-dr-to-rte-135.mov?rlkey=2jx939ypi717dkd5elp748bfz&st=dt1vagi7&dl=0>

- Ignore the time & date in the video. I recorded this today. The dashcam clock is apparently off.
- I am driving east on Memorial Dr, from Cirrus Apartments / MBTA station toward Rte 135.
- At 0:55 I approach the intersection. Correctly in the left turn lane, stop before the line, blinker on.
- At 1:14 a car approaches from the other side (Voyagers Ln)
- At 1:52 the light turns green for them
- At 2:12 the light is once again green for Rte 135. It never turned green for me. There is a line of cars behind me. I decided to creep forward, hoping I'll trigger the sensor, or one of the other cars will trigger the sensor.
- At 2:20 I'm just waiting. I can see the light is green for Rte 135 even though it doesn't show on dashcam
- I wait till 3:55 before clipping the video because that's when people start going around me and running the red light. I didn't want to send incriminating evidence. ;-)

'J B' via Roadway Traffic Safety Committee

Sat, Dec 27, 2025,
3:53 PM (12 days ago)

to rtsc

I am an Ashland resident of over 40 years. For the past 20 years I have resided at 127 Algonquin Trail, a condo development within Ashland. Within the condo development I reside within the Half Moon Association, an association of 72 units.

As you may be aware, there is an upcoming road improvement planned to Captain Eames Circle and Algonquin Trail. The purpose of this email is to request a meeting with yourself and the chair of the Select board. Approximately 90% of the residents of the Half Moon



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association do not fully understand what this project entails. We believe there are residents in other associations that are in the same position.

We will work with projects managers once we understand the town position on these three issues.

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1) Currently the town sands and plows both Captain Eames Circle as well as Algonquin Trail.

Question: Will the town continue this practice after the first phase of the roads?
If gates are installed on Cedar Street, will this practice continue as well?

2) School buses currently use stops at Captain Eames Circle/Cedar St and along Algonquin Trail to pick and drop off students during school hours.

Question: Will students continue to be picked up within the community if gates are installed?

3) Current plans call for gates to control traffic to be installed on Cedar Street, at the entrances on Captain Eames Circle. This will force current traffic to continue on Cedar St to Fruit St and other roads surrounding the condominium complex. In various discussions, the installation of a traffic light at Cedar and Fruit has been brought up and may be required. As we understand it, this will a costly in terms of expenses and time, incurred to the road improvement costs.

Question: Will the town require a traffic study to determine impacts of gates on surrounding roads and neighborhoods. If a traffic light is required, will the town share in those costs of the traffic study and light installation or will they be the sole responsibility of this project?

Mr Michael D. Herbert, Ashland Town Manager, and Mr Joseph J Magnani, Select Board Chair.

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If I could find time, I and a few neighbors would welcome the opportunity to talk about these neighborhood concerns. Such a meeting would bring clarity to this unfolding situation, which we could share with our neighbors.

I have also requested a meeting with the Town Manager and Chair of the Select Board.

Thanking you in advance

Jim Boyle



Set date for next meeting:

Motion to adjourn:

Second:

Time:



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- . Not all agenda items may in fact be discussed and other items not listed may also be brought up for discussion to the extent permitted by Law.