

Town of Ashland
Roadway Traffic Study Committee
Tuesday, March 24, 2026
Meeting Notes
10:00 AM PSB (*Roll Call Room*)
12 Union Street

Call Meeting to Order: *10:01am by J. Magnani, Chair*

Members in Attendance:

*Dan Maurer/ Doug Small/ Kevin Langmeyer/ Dona Walsh/
Michael Duca/ Chief Rossi/ Chief Robie/ Melissa Adams/ Joe Magnani*

Not in Attendance: *Lt. Briggs*

Others in attendance: *Donna Bresnick/ Tara Bilotta/ Debbie Bresnick a;;
representing the Ashland Arts Council. Jim Boyle Condo Owner-Resident
from Algonquin-Cpt Eames area*

Order of Business:

Approve last meetings minutes (if ready) Vote Taken: *last meeting
cancelled due to blizzard, note notes available.*

Updates:

1. Provide the committee updates on previous traffic concerns:
 - a.) Presentation by from A.A.C. *Tara Bilotta & Ashland Cultural Council: The Traffic Box Project 2026. Tara provided the RWTSC with their presentation, showing the concept and ideas to beautify these traffic boxes. The initial goal is to have the traffic box at Main & Front St. done by Marathon Monday, showing the historical importance of the Sudbury River in Ashland's development over the years. Tara explained these boxes will be hand painted and not spray painted, exposing potential damage to the exterior senses and internal computer panels of these boxes. Also, Tara explained to prevent potential damage to the painted boxes from tagging, a painted coating (anti-tagging finish) will be added. Clean up is will not ruin the design and saves*

time. Chief Robie, who's Dept. oversees the maintenance and control of said boxes (M. Duca's responsible) along with Dan M/ D. Small/ and K. Langmeyer upon hearing the process were all satisfied with the project's outline. J. Magnani will follow up with the Town Manager and Select-Board for approval. Presentation forwarded to Herbert. The total number of boxes is 13, none of which are on pond St, which is still under the State's control.

b.) Updates on the 40B projects:

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

Doug provided a brief update telling the committee the developer was not willing to construct a sidewalk along Waverly St to the Town – line, but did announce the Developer was willing to replace a 200' stretch of pipe under Waverly to the culvert sustaining water run off issues on Waverly St

c.) Ask D. Small to provide updates on the time frame status on the design and construction of sidewalks on Cedar St., High Street using ARPA funding, along with the possibility of adding sidewalks to Water St.

Doug stated the project will start some time over the Summer, once all costs are calculated.

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

K. Langmeyer, stated the signs have been ordered and will begin placing them at the designated areas upon arrival, no signs on Pond St, still under the control of the State

e.) Status & update on the emergency traffic gate at High St. bridge
As of today 3/24/2026, the gate was closed and locked, noticed by Chief Robie and J. Magnani

Ashland Cultural Council

f.) *See update letter a.)*

NEW BUSINESS:

Read letters from residents:

Doug Small

Tue, Feb 3,
12:02 PM (4 days
ago)

to me, Michael, Daniel

Hi Joe

Can you add Bellview Heights to the next meeting agenda please? We have been dealing with an issue at the top of Bellview Height for many years as you know - it is a serious problem getting sanders, trash trucks and other large vehicles in and out of there.

Street Parking
Use of Private Property (Mike's Driveway)
Access to Fiske Road

Discussed the possibility of extending Bellview Hgts. Onto Fiske Hil, unfortunately, the resident across from Duca's home purchased that parcel of land abutting Fiske Hill so to keep it from becoming an entry and exit area

> wrote:

'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 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.

The purpose of the meeting centers on three questions:

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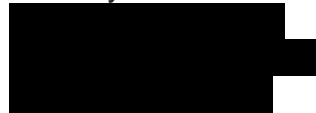
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If I could find time, I and a few neighbors would welcome the opportunity to talk about these neighborhood concerns. Such a meeting would bring clarity to this unfolding situation, which we could share with our neighbors.

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

Thanking you in advance

Jim Boyle



Mr. Boyle was in attendance today, and a long discussion was had over his concerns, his issue is the lack of communications

with the condo associations and the AOSC group. We provided the information we sustained by the group's original request when they came before us (2024) the number of speeders cutting through this area and the lack of crosswalks. At that time we suggested making raised crosswalks, which using them as an alternative to speed bumps and provided them photos of the suggested remedy, we also provided a traffic study completed by Evan White at that time, showing the number of vehicles traveling through that area on any given day averaged 2285 / the total number of residents in this area was approx. 2135 (2024)

J. Magnani will discuss this on going issue, with Town Council, requiring either the Planning Board /ZBA/ to make one of the conditions of this project a traffic study on Cedar St, especially at Eliot St and by E. Union St.

A discussion about scheduling the same day and time for our monthly meeting resulted in the first Tuesday of every month/ time: 10AM/ location Public Safety Building, Training/ Conference Room.

*Motion to adjourn: Dona Walsh / Seconded: Michael Duca
Time: 12:05pm*

. 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.