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## Complete Streets Committee Meeting Minutes

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**MEETING DATE:** February 24, 2020  
**TIME SCHEDULED:** 2:30 P.M.  
**LOCATION:** Merchant's Row Shopping Center Hanover, MA  
**MEMBERS PRESENT:** Ellen Moshier, Vice-Chair (At-Large)  
Alison Demong, Member (Board of Selectmen)  
Glenn Ferguson, (Highway Surveyor / Tree Warden)  
Christopher Madden, Clerk (Recreation Commission)  
Brendan Sullivan, Member (Planning Board)

**MEMBERS NOT PRESENT:** Peter Bloomfield, Chair (At-Large)  
Kevin Cafferty, Member (Pathway Committee)

**TOWN EMPLOYEES PRESENT:** Ellen Allen, (Chair, Board of Selectmen)  
Joe Conlon, (Asst. Highway Surveyor)

**HANOVER OFFICIALS:** Victor Diniak, (Director, Public Works Dept.)  
Kurt Kelley, (Deputy Director, Public Works Dept.)  
Sgt. Timothy Kane, (Safety Officer, Police Dept.)  
Emmanuel Dockter, (Vice-Chair, Board of Selectmen)  
Ann Lee (Asst. Town Manager)

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### Agenda

*Selectmen Demong moved to start the meeting at 2:35 pm. The motion was approved 5-0.*

### Discussion / Site Visit

1. **Assinippi Corner, Merchant Row 2.0:** The groups began by identifying possible paths to connect the west end of the Norwell Main Street sidewalk (currently terminating at the Town line) to the parking lot or entrance to Merchant's Row. Selectmen Demong stated her concerns about teenagers, both after school and during the summer, attempting to walk along the roadway to get to Assinippi Corner, Merchant's Row, or Dunkin' Donuts. Hanover Officials recognized the safety concerns and walked the area to try to identify a solution with the Norwell participants. One (1) solution presented was to continue a curbed, asphalted sidewalk to the entrance to the Merchant's Row parking lot with a bottleneck at the northwest corner of the cemetery due to the placement of the stone wall topped with black iron fence. Highway Surveyor Ferguson said that despite this pinch-point, a minimum width four (4) foot sidewalk would still fit.

Another solution that he presented was to move the whole wall section (from the gate opening to the NW corner) in a foot or so. This solution, in conjunction with the asphalted and granite curbed sidewalk would likely be the most expensive. Vice-Chair Moshier added that if this

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solution were to be selected, continuing the sidewalk to Route 53, past Merchant's Row, would make sense in order to complete a connection to existing Hanover sidewalks on Route 53.

Hanover Officials examined the option to install a non-asphalted pathway between the termination of the Main Street sidewalk (at the Town line), diagonally connecting to the cemetery through a wooded path, and then through the north side of the cemetery on the inboard side of the stone wall topped with black iron gate. This wall and gate, as well as the distance between the roadway and the wooded path, would create a safety barrier between pedestrians and vehicle traffic on Main Street. This solution would connect to Merchant's Row by then leading up to the northeast corner of the parking lot. Obstacles noticed for this solution appear to be grade changes within the cemetery, including a raised mound near the northwest corner adjacent to two (2) small headstones, and that pedestrians would be led directly into a busy parking lot.

Three (3) distinct options emerged from the on-site meeting, each with its own set of challenges:

1. Pathwalk through the woods, along the inboard side of the cemetery wall and into the Merchant's Row parking lot;
2. Continuing granite curbed, asphalted sidewalk along Main Street to either Merchant's Row parking lot entrance or Route 53 leaving cemetery wall undisturbed; or,
3. Continuing granite curbed, asphalted sidewalk along Main Street to either Merchant's Row parking lot entrance or Route 53 and widening the pinch point at the northwest end of the cemetery by moving the last section of stone wall topped with black iron fence inward some distance.

### Adjournment

*Selectmen Demong moved to adjourn the meeting at 3:29 pm. The motion was approved 5-0.*

**NEXT SCHEDULED MEETING:** February 28, 2020 at 12:00 pm, Town Hall, Room 112

*These minutes have been approved with reading of the minutes by the Norwell Complete Streets Committee at a public meeting duly noticed and held on March 13, 2020, in accordance with the Massachusetts Open Meeting Law.*

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_

Committee Clerk or Alternate Clerk

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

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