



TOWN of LINCOLN
Roadway/Roadside & Traffic Committee
Meeting Minutes
1/15/2026
Town Offices – 2nd Floor Hearing Room

Committee Members Present: Ken Bassett, Acting Chief Jon Wentworth, Steve Olson, Jane Herlacher, Rob Soluri, Sharon Collura and Kim Bodnar

Absent: Rob Ahlert, Paula Cobb and Ginger Reiner

Public: None

Welcome: Kim Bodnar called the meeting to order at 8:05.

No Public Comments

Speed Study Process Update

Acting Chief Jon Wentworth presented an electronic Traffic Enforcement Complaint and Request Form that he and Officer Seth Rogan developed for resident use. Acting Chief Wentworth provided a draft copy of the form for our review and advised that once a resident completed the form then a member of the Lincoln Police Department would follow up with a phone call to discuss next steps. Kim Bodnar asked about the speed data analysis and how would that data be discussed with residents who ask for a speed study in their neighborhood. These next steps are still being discussed and additional process details to follow.

Many Lincoln residents have asked that speed limits be lowered in Lincoln. Acting Chief Wentworth clarified the difference between a statutory and a regulatory speed limit. In Massachusetts, statutory speed limits are the default speeds set by state law and apply even if there are no speed limit signs. Regulatory speed limits are different speeds that are officially approved for a specific road or area and must be posted on signs to be enforced. In short, statutory limits are the standard rules, while regulatory limits are posted exceptions to those rules. Historically in MA, regulatory speed limits (those that differ from the statutory default) often had to be set **close to the 85th-percentile speed** to get state approval. This made it hard for Lincoln to lower speeds—even if the area had pedestrians, cyclists, or safety concerns. It was mentioned that MA is moving away from relying strictly on the 85% rule and that Lincoln might have more flexibility to set lower speed limits.

Road Project Updates

Steve Olson, DPW Superintendent, provided an update on the Old Town Hall Crosswalk. Steve advised that the prior contract expired but the contractor is willing to do the work but would like to review the pricing. Steve expects to have an additional update for the January 29th Transportation Coalition meeting.

Steve Olson confirmed that the original Water Main Project – Phase 1 contract did not include edge to edge paving on Lincoln Road. Ken Bassett provided comment on the need to reset granite curbs and was open to drafting an email that stated the RTC's road paving concerns for Phase 1.

Regarding Phase 2 of the Water Main Project, it was suggested that the RTC invite the Water Dept Supervisor to attend the February meeting to discuss the Phase 2 water main project in more detail.



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Maintenance of Traffic Islands

Ken implored Steve to consider rerouting certain islands in town that have seen an influx of weeds. We have new islands with the crosswalk at Old Sudbury Road and Rt. 117 and Ken would like to see a formalized maintenance plan for all traffic islands.

Lincoln Station

Ken Bassett advised that many of the oaks at Lincoln Station are not healthy and have been or will be removed. He would like to see a Tree Planting project explored.

Meeting Schedule

Upcoming Meeting Schedule: February 12th at 8am, and March 12th at 8am. These meetings will be held at the Town Offices – 2nd Floor Hearing Room.

Kim Bodnar made a motion to approve the October 16th and December 4th minutes. Rob Soluri seconded. Approved unanimously.

Meeting adjourned at 9:10am

Submitted by Kim Bodnar