

TOWN OF HARWICH -TRAFFIC SAFETY COMMITTEE

December 9 2025 10 am Regular Meeting Griffin Room, Town Hall

1. Call to Order.
2. Approval of regular minutes of 9/9/2025
3. Announcements
4. Correspondence: Discussion and Possible vote
5. Old Business
 - A. Old Chatham Road and Rte 39- status on engineering /survey/design.
 - B. Update on Lothrop and Great Western Intersection
 - C. Update re intersection at Queen Anne Road and Route 124
6. New Business- Discussions and possible votes
 - A Sidewalk request Oak Street to Queen Anne Road
 - B Crosswalk request at 182 Route 137
 - C Intersection at Pleasant Bay/Kendrick/Route 28
 - F any other business that may come before the Committee
7. Public comment

Adjournment

Authorized Posting Officer: Linda Cebula

Date Posted: December 1, 2025

Issues Being followed

Revisit use of speed tables and speed bumps

Creation/updating by-laws re line of sight, bush issues, impacts on town right of way

**Per the Attorney General's office, the Committee may hold an open session for topics not reasonably anticipated by the Chair 48 hours in advance of the meeting following "New Business". If you are deaf or hard of hearing or a person with a disability who requires accommodation, contact the office of the Select Board at 508-430-7513.*

Meetings for 2025 Griffin Room Town Hall 10 am unless otherwise noted

~~March 11 June 10 September 9~~ December 9

Meeting for 2026 Small Conference Room 10am unless otherwise noted

January 13 April 14 July 14 October 14

Contact committee at traffic.safety@harwich-ma.gov

TOWN OF HARWICH
TRAFFIC SAFETY COMMITTEE
Minutes for September 9, 2025

Members present: J. Beltis, L. Cebula, A Goshgarian L. Hooper,

Members excused: K Marotta

Also present: Members of community

Meeting called to order at 10:02 a.m. by Chair Cebula. Quorum present.

Motion to approve minutes of June 10 2025 by Hooper second by Goshgarian unanimous.

Announcements: None

Correspondence: None

Old Business:

- A. Old Chatham Road and Route 39. VHB plans should be finalized by end of this week. Hooper expects to request bids by end of this month and fall construction is possible. No private property needed and no relocating of utility pole. There will be an island in the middle to assist in the realigning to route 39. Catch basins will be modified. Hooper reviewed the plans with members of committee and members of public.

New Business:

- A. New crosswalk at 203 Bank. Signs will be added to alert drivers to crosswalk ahead.
- B. Speed tables on Snow Inn Road. Goshgarian has been working with owners of Wynchmere Resort-resort will eliminate big coach buses and work to reduce traffic. Neighbors in agreement with seasonal speed tables. However not a speed issue but an increase in traffic on a very narrow road with no sidewalks. Fire Chief Leblanc is not supportive of this request. Goshgarian will connect with Wynchmere and ask if they want to attend our next meeting for further discussion.
- C. Light issue at Whitehouse Field. Select Board policy on moratorium of additional street lights.
- D. Lothrop and Great Western. Mrs Hall requested that additional traffic measures be done at that intersection. She was broadsided by a person who ignored the stop sign and she and her passenger were seriously injured, vehicle totaled. A classic example of failure to yield by the driver of the other vehicle. Goshgarian noted that town incidents of running a stop sign have increased and that drivers continue to go too fast on Great Western. Hooper noted that, since her accident in June, GWR has had stop bars repainted as well as the repainting of the bike path crossing. Stop signs are kept clear of vegetation. Hooper also noted that the last speed review on GWR resulted in a suggestion of increasing the speed limit which Harwich did not accept. Hooper and Goshgarian will review the intersection with the possibilities of additional signage and flashing stop signs.
- E. There will be an audit of the route 39 and Queen Anne area on September 11. Note that this is already a controlled intersection (signal lights).
- F. Questions on ebikes. If under 20 mph, no requirements for license or registration. Do have to wear a helmet. Hope to have guidance from state.

Public Comment: no additional

Motion to adjourn made by Goshgarian seconded by Hooper, unanimous. Adjourned 11:1 am.

Minutes by L Cebula

Approved _____



Construction Cost Estimate

5a

Project: Route 39 and Chatham Road
Location: Harwich, MA

Date: 9/8/2025
Job Number: 16423.00
% Complete: 100%

Item Number	Quantity	Unit	Description	Unit Price	Amount
101.	0.1	A	CLEARING AND GRUBBING	\$50,000.00	\$5,000.00
120.1	250	CY	UNCLASSIFIED EXCAVATION	\$120.00	\$30,000.00
146.	2	EA	DRAINAGE STRUCTURE REMOVED	\$1,200.00	\$2,400.00
151.	110	CY	GRAVEL BORROW	\$90.00	\$9,900.00
151.01	5	CY	GRAVEL BORROW - TYPE C	\$100.00	\$500.00
156.	15	TON	CRUSHED STONE	\$95.00	\$1,425.00
170.	355	SY	FINE GRADING AND COMPACTING - SUBGRADE AREA	\$30.00	\$10,650.00
** 201.	4	EA	CATCH BASIN	\$6,000.00	\$24,000.00
** 205.	3	EA	LEACHING BASIN	\$7,000.00	\$21,000.00
220.	1	EA	DRAINAGE STRUCTURE ADJUSTED	\$650.00	\$650.00
* 222.3	8	EA	FRAME AND GRATE (OR COVER) MUNICIPAL STANDARD	\$1,600.00	\$12,800.00
* 223.1	3	EA	FRAME AND GRATE (OR COVER) REMOVED AND STACKED	\$425.00	\$1,275.00
224.12	4	EA	12 INCH HOOD	\$1,200.00	\$4,800.00
241.12	50	FT	12 INCH REINFORCED CONCRETE PIPE CLASS III	\$180.00	\$9,000.00
358.	3	EA	GATE BOX ADJUSTED	\$350.00	\$1,050.00
402.	35	CY	DENSE GRADED CRUSHED STONE FOR SUB-BASE	\$120.00	\$4,200.00
415.2	565	SY	PAVEMENT FINE MILLING	\$15.00	\$8,475.00
443.	1	MGL	WATER FOR ROADWAY DUST CONTROL	\$150.00	\$150.00
450.22	75	TON	SUPERPAVE SURFACE COURSE - 9.5 (SSC - 9.5)	\$325.00	\$24,375.00
450.32	45	TON	SUPERPAVE INTERMEDIATE COURSE - 19.0 (SIC - 19.0)	\$375.00	\$16,875.00
450.42	75	TON	SUPERPAVE BASE COURSE - 37.5 (SBC - 37.5)	\$425.00	\$31,875.00
451.	10	TON	HMA FOR PATCHING	\$425.00	\$4,250.00
452.	90	GAL	ASPHALT EMULSION FOR TACK COAT	\$15.00	\$1,350.00
453.	590	FT	HMA JOINT ADHESIVE	\$3.00	\$1,770.00
470.	10	TON	HOT MIX ASPHALT BERM	\$550.00	\$5,500.00
472.	12	TON	TEMPORARY ASPHALT PATCHING	\$160.00	\$1,920.00
* 507.15	115	FT	GRANITE CURB TYPE T100	\$160.00	\$18,400.00
* 697.1	7	EA	SILT SACK	\$250.00	\$1,750.00
* 701.4	35	SY	CEMENT CONCRETE STAMPED TRUCK APRON	\$500.00	\$17,500.00
** 702.	6	TON	HOT MIX ASPHALT SIDEWALK OR DRIVEWAY	\$350.00	\$2,100.00
748.	1	LS	MOBILIZATION	\$8,400.00	\$8,400.00
751.	25	CY	LOAM FOR ROADSIDES	\$120.00	\$3,000.00
765.	160	SY	SEEDING	\$6.00	\$960.00
* 767.121	265	FT	SEDIMENT CONTROL BARRIER	\$10.00	\$2,650.00
767.6	5	CY	AGED PINE BARK MULCH	\$125.00	\$625.00
* 787.155	19	EA	PRIVET HEDGE - 2-3 FEET	\$100.00	\$1,900.00

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831.	40	SF	ROADSIDE GUIDE SIGN (D6/D8) - ALUMINUM PANEL (TYPE A)	\$40.00	\$1,600.00
832.	30	SF	WARNING-REGULATORY AND ROUTE MARKER - ALUMINUM PANEL (TYPE A)	\$20.00	\$600.00
841.1	1	EA	SUPPORTS FOR GUIDE SIGN (D6 W/ D8-5 INCH TUBULAR POST) STEEL	\$3,500.00	\$3,500.00
847.1	7	EA	SIGN SUP (N/GUIDE)+RTE MKR W/1 BRKWAY POST ASSEMBLY - STEEL	\$280.00	\$1,960.00
852.	250	SF	SAFETY SIGNING FOR TRAFFIC MANAGEMENT	\$20.00	\$5,000.00
853.1	1	EA	PORTABLE BREAKAWAY BARRICADE TYPE III	\$175.00	\$175.00
854.016	200	FT	TEMPORARY PAVING MARKINGS - 6 INCH (PAINTED)	\$3.00	\$600.00
854.036	200	FT	TEMPORARY PAVING MARKINGS - 6 INCH (TAPE)	\$2.50	\$500.00
856.12	60	DAY	PORTABLE CHANGEABLE MESSAGE SIGN	\$30.00	\$1,800.00
859.	900	DAY	REFLECTORIZED DRUM	\$0.40	\$360.00
* 859.1	50	DAY	REFLECTORIZED DRUMS WITH SEQUENTIAL FLASHING WARNING LIGHTS	\$6.00	\$300.00
866.104	700	FT	4 INCH REFLECTORIZED WHITE LINE (THERMOPLASTIC)	\$2.00	\$1,400.00
866.112	35	FT	12 INCH REFLECTORIZED WHITE LINE (THERMOPLASTIC)	\$10.00	\$350.00
867.104	500	FT	4 INCH REFLECTORIZED YELLOW LINE (THERMOPLASTIC)	\$2.00	\$1,000.00
874.	2	EA	STREET NAME SIGN	\$200.00	\$400.00
* 874.4	7	EA	TRAFFIC SIGN REMOVED AND STACKED	\$70.00	\$490.00
910.1	175	LB	STEEL REINFORCEMENT FOR STRUCTURES - EPOXY COATED	\$5.00	\$875.00
* 999.	1	LS	CONSTRUCTION STAKING	\$7,000.00	\$7,000.00
* 999.1	1	ALL	POLICE SERVICES	\$40,592.00	\$40,592.00
				Total:	\$360,977.00

Project Status

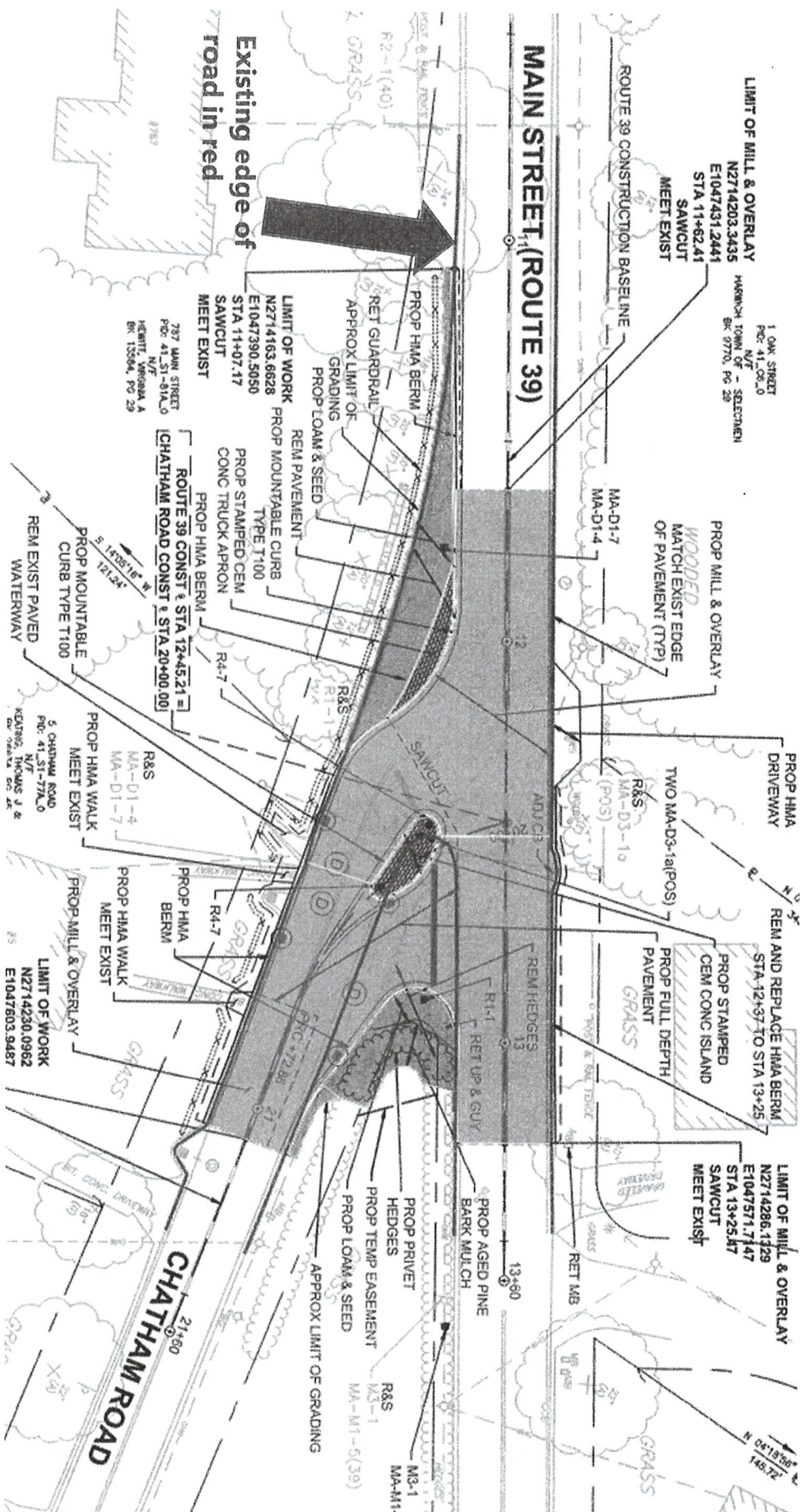
- Survey and design development –
 - Survey completed: October 2024
 - Conceptual design layout: January 2025
 - 50% Design Submission: April 2025
 - Final Design Submission: August 2025
- Improvements vetted with DPW
- Final plans have been stamped and are ready to proceed to bidding

Design Objectives

- Re-align Chatham Road to be as close to 90 degrees entering Rte 39 as possible
- Avoid utility relocations if possible
- Avoid permanent right-of-way impacts if possible
- Update drainage infrastructure
- Reduce property impacts

Improvement Details

- Reconstructed roadway – full depth pavement and mill & overlay
- Island created to channelize traffic entering/exiting Chatham Road
- New edge treatment – Cape Cod berm & mountable granite curbing
- Retains all existing utility poles
- Drainage improvements –
 - Additional catch basins for realigned intersection
 - Remove paved waterway
 - 3 new leaching basins
- Plant replacement hedges on #10 Chatham Road property
- No permanent ROW impacts



Petition for Sidewalk Extension on Oak Street, Harwich

We are petitioning the Town of Harwich to extend the sidewalk along Oak Street from Pine Oaks Village III to Queen Anne Road.

At present, the sidewalk terminates at Pine Oaks Village III, forcing pedestrians—including students, seniors, and families—to walk along Oak Street without adequate infrastructure. Twisting S-curves make areas of the road nearly blind, and the guardrails lining them only heighten the peril for pedestrians. This exposes them to vehicular traffic that frequently exceeds the posted 30 mph speed limit, creating a serious public safety concern. While Harwich Police occasionally monitor traffic near school dismissal times, enforcement cannot be continuous. On a quiet November Thursday, we observed 122 vehicles in just 30 minutes, including five buses (one a Flex bus) and two delivery trucks—during the off-season!

Oak Street is one of the busiest corridors in Harwich, serving more public and private facilities than any other area in town. These include:

- **Monomoy Regional High School:** Over 700 students and 400 staff, plus vendor deliveries. The new sports complex attracts athletes and visitors from across Cape Cod, adding significant traffic.
- **Harwich Community Center, Council on Aging, and Youth & Recreation facilities:** A hub of activities since 2000, generating constant traffic.
- **Harwich Town Hall:** Accessed via Oak Street, with town vehicles, employees, vendors, and visitors contributing to daily congestion.
- **Cranberry Valley Golf Course:** Hosting 44,000 rounds of golf annually, drawing residents and tourists alike. The on-site restaurant requires more delivery trucks and attracts additional patrons.
- **Brooks Park:** Recently expanded with pickleball, tennis, and basketball courts, playgrounds, a bandstand, and bocce courts.
- **Pine Oaks Village III:** Housing 65 elder residents who rely on safe pedestrian access.
- **Harwich Mariners Baseball Field:** Hosting at least 20 home games each season, with an average of 1,500 fans arriving via Oak Street for each game.
- **Cape Cod Regional Transit Flex Line:** Regularly traveling Oak Street on its route from Harwich Star Market to the Lower Cape.

This concentration of facilities makes Oak Street uniquely dense and heavily trafficked. Yet pedestrians are left without safe passage. Extending the sidewalk is not merely a matter of convenience—it is a matter of public safety.

We urge the Town of Harwich to support the many residents and visitors who, by choice or necessity, walk rather than drive. A continuous sidewalk will ensure safe access to the schools, parks, community spaces, and services that make Harwich such a vibrant and welcoming community.

Carol Ann Pater
502-776 7979



Outlook

Re: Crosswalk Petition

From Member - Linda Cebula <linda.cebula@harwich-ma.gov>

Date Thu 10/23/2025 3:28 PM

To Lauren Zent <Lauren@sbsonesource.com>

Please collect the signatures as per the policy
Please send me a copy

Many thanks Linda Cebula

From: Lauren Zent <Lauren@sbsonesource.com>

Sent: Wednesday, October 22, 2025 10:41 AM

To: Member - Linda Cebula <linda.cebula@harwich-ma.gov>

Subject: Crosswalk Petition

Good morning, Linda,

I hope this message finds you well.

I was referred to you by Natasha Lyon, with whom I've been in contact regarding my inquiry about installing a crosswalk in front of our business on Route 137.

I'm nearly finished completing the petition paperwork, but I had a quick question about the signature page. It mentions that the staff will determine the Area of Influence (AOI). Should I submit the application first and wait for the AOI to be defined before collecting signatures?

The area I'm requesting the crosswalk for is primarily surrounded by local businesses, which I'm hoping will support the petition. There are no neighboring residences in the immediate area, the farthest I was planning to go for signatures was to the nearby charter school/RPM Carpets. For reference, our business is located at 182 Route 137 in Harwich.

Thank you in advance for your guidance!

Best regards,

Lauren Zent

Human Resources & Executive Assistant

SBS OneSource

182 Route 137, Harwich, MA 02645

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Cell: (508) 246-2944

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<https://sbsonesource.com/>

10/31/25

Appendix C – CROSSWALK APPLICATION FORM (page 1 of 3)

These forms are used to request the installation of a crosswalk on a Town Maintained street or to request the Town make a request to MassDOT jurisdiction streets/roads. When these completed forms are submitted. Town staff will evaluate the request to determine if the application is acceptable for the type of crosswalk, and make sure that the location is a Town maintained street. **Application to be submitted to the Harwich DPW, Highway & Maintenance, 273 Queen Anne Road, PO Box 1543, Harwich, MA 02645 with a copy to Traffic Safety Committee, Town Hall, 732 Main Street, Harwich MA 02745.**

Contact Information

Name (please print) Lauren Zent

Mailing Address PO Box 1753 Harwich MA 02645

Phone Number 508-246-2944 Email lauren@sbsresource.com

Description of Request:

Please describe the requested crosswalk location. Attach a map or picture if necessary: please
see attached document

Please describe the nature of the neighborhood traffic and why it may be beneficial to install a crosswalk (attach additional sheet if necessary): please see attached document

Please list locations of existing sidewalks and crosswalks in the immediate area: The closest
crosswalk location is located approximately 1/4 mile
down 137 in front of the CVS Pharmacy (148 Rte 137
Harwich)

Desired Location of Crosswalk: Drawn in Yellow. This location would help provide the safest crossing location for pedestrians to multiple businesses along Route 137.



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985 One Source
182 Rte 137

Neighborhood Traffic Description and Justification for Crosswalk Installation:

The area surrounding our office at 182 Route 137 in Harwich, MA, experiences consistent vehicular traffic throughout the day, particularly during morning and afternoon commuting hours, lunch breaks, and weekends due to the nearby plaza. Route 137 serves as a connector for both local residents and commercial vehicles, contributing to a steady flow of cars, trucks, and delivery vans.

Despite the presence of businesses on both sides of the road—including our office and the plaza directly across the street—there is currently no designated pedestrian crossing in the vicinity. Employees, clients, and visitors frequently walk between these locations, often having to navigate fast-moving traffic without the safety of a crosswalk. This poses a significant risk, especially during peak hours or in inclement weather when visibility is reduced.

Installing a crosswalk would provide a safe, clearly marked path for pedestrians, encouraging safer foot traffic and potentially reducing vehicle speeds in the area.

Appendix C – NEIGHBORHOOD PETITION FORM (page 2 of 3)

Please fill out these forms and return with completed application.

THE UNDERSIGNED AGREE TO THE FOLLOWING:

1. All persons signing this petition do hereby certify that they own property or reside within the following area: Hamwich MA, between the addresses of
182 Route 137 & 1421 Orleans Road, within businesses
along Route 137

2. All persons signing this petition do hereby agree to the following problem in the defined area:
Safety concerns due to lack of crosswalk on
Route 137, Hamwich

3. All persons signing this petition do hereby agree that the following contact person(s) represents the neighborhood in matters pertaining to items 1 and 2 above:

Name of key contact person (please print) Chris Dias
Legal/Mailing Address PO Box 1753 Hamwich MA 02645
Phone: 508-896-8866 email: chris@sbsonesource.com

Name of additional contact (optional) (please print) Lauren Zent
Legal/Mailing Address PO Box 1753 Hamwich MA 02645
Phone: 508-246-2944 email: lauren@sbsonesource.com

Please attach additional pages if necessary to discuss the request.

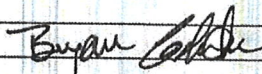
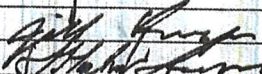
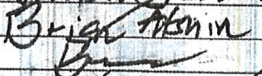
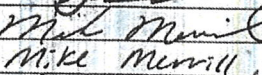
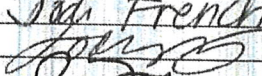
Date Submitted: 10/31/2025

Appendix C – NEIGHBORHOOD PETITION FORM (page 3 of 3)

This petition is provided so that residents may work together to promote the installation of a crosswalk in their neighborhood.

The staff will identify an "area of influence" (AOI) in the neighborhood. The AOI includes properties abutting the street and properties on intersecting streets within a reasonable distance of the proposed crosswalk locations. Contact Engineering Department for a map and addresses for the AOI.

The petition must be signed by at least 75 percent of the owners or residents of properties within the AOI. Each property is entitled to one signature. Valid signatures include those from (1) a property owner or spouse, (2) an adult head of household, or (3) an adult renting the property.

SIGNATURE AND PRINT NAME	ADDRESS OF PROPERTY	DATE
 John DeTraglia GM	192 Rt 137 East Harwich	10/31/25
 April Jones	181 RT. 137 E. Harwich	10/31/25
Robert N. Kelley Jr.	181 Rte 137 Harwich Paint & Decorating	10.31.25
 Bryan Collette	175 Route 137 Harwich, MA	10/31/2025
 John Kuz	1 Auston Rd Harwich, MA	10/31/25
 Brian Kuz	1 Auston Rd Harwich MA	10/31/25
 Mike Merrill	157 Route 137 Harwich, MA 02645	10/31/25
Jodi French	157 Route 137 Harwich MA 02645	10/31/25
 Tracy Crouce	172 RTE 137 Harwich	10/31/25
Tracy Crouce	181 Rte 137	10/31/25
Terry Crouce	Rt 137 Consignment business	10/31/25