## Town of Weymouth Massachusetts

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### **MEMORANDUM**

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TO:

**TOWN COUNCIL** 

FROM:

MAYOR ROBERT L. HEDLUND

RE:

TRAFFIC REGULATIONS – PINGREE SCHOOL VICINITY

ASSOCIATED WITH NEW DRIVEWAY ACCESS – EGRESS

**PATTERN** 

DATE:

SEPTEMBER 6, 2018

I submit the following measure to Town Council:

"That the Town of Weymouth, through Town Council, pursuant to G.L. Chapter 40, § 22, and the Town of Weymouth Code of Ordinances, Sections 13-102(l) and (aa), and 13-104(a), authorize the erection of signs, signals and markings regulating motor vehicle and pedestrian movements as follows:

Stop			
Street	Intersecting	Direction	
Cottage Street	Commercial Street	Eastbound	
Pingree School Driveway	Commercial street	Westbound	

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Crosswalk		
Street Crossing	Location	
Commercial Street	South Side of Pingree School Driveway Intersection	

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Restricted Turning Maneuvers			
Location	Direction	Restriction	Time
Commercial Street	Northbound	Left Turn	8:30 AM to 3:45
at Cottage Street		Prohibited	PM, Monday
C			through Friday,
			Except Holidays,
			September 1
			through June 30
Pingree School	Westbound	Left Turn	8:30 AM to 3:45
Driveway at		Prohibited	PM, Monday
Commercial Street			through Friday,
			Except Holidays,
			September 1
			through June 30

Do Not Enter			
Street not to be Entered	Direction	<b>Intersecting Street</b>	Times
Pingree School Driveway	Eastbound	Commercial Street	8:30 AM to 9:30
			AM and 11:30 AM
			to 3:45 PM,
			Monday through
			Friday, Except
			Holidays,
			September 1
			through June 30

and cause the above regulations to be listed in the Town of Weymouth Code of Ordinances, Chapter 13, Regulations Affecting Motor Vehicles, Attachment 1 – Appendix A under Schedule II, Restricted Turning Maneuvers, and Schedule IV, Crosswalks, and under new headings, Schedule IX, Stop, Schedule X, School Zone, and Schedule XI, Do Not Enter."

A report from the Traffic Engineer and the Police Department on this subject will follow.

This measure requires a Legal Notice and Public Hearing.

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#### **MEMORANDUM**

TO: Town Council

FROM: Owen MacDonald, Traffic Engineer, Sgt. Brendan Fogarty, WPD

COPY: Ted Langill, Chief of Staff, Bob Luongo, Planning Director

DATE: September 6, 2018

SUBJECT: Traffic Regulations Associated with Pingree School Vicinity New Driveway Access Egress Pattern

Purpose: The Massachusetts Department of Transportation (MassDOT) has reconstructed the Commercial Street/ Cottage Street/ Pingree School Driveway Intersections to facilitate safe street crossing by students and parents. Council enactment of certain traffic regulations is required for safe and efficient operations. In addition, the School administration wishes to implement a pattern of vehicular access via the Lovell field entrance on Broad Street, and egress via the driveway on Commercial Street. Restrictions are needed to minimize the chance of school pickup and drop off traffic backing up to the Broad Street Lovell Field entrance.

Recommendations: Enact traffic regulations shown on Contract Drawing Number 14 (copy attached) and stated below:

- Stop Sign regulation on Cottage Street and Pingree School Driveway, both intersecting Commercial Street.
- School Zone 20 mile per hour speed limit during certain hours on Commercial and Cottage Streets approaching the Pingree School Driveway.
- Crosswalk across Commercial Street at the Pingree School Driveway.

In addition, to implement the School's desired access - egress traffic pattern without impacting Lovell Field access, at certain times:

- Prohibit left turns from Commercial Street northbound to Cottage Street westbound
- Prohibit left turns from the Pingree School Driveway westbound to Commercial Street Southbound.
- Prohibit access to the Pingree School Driveway.

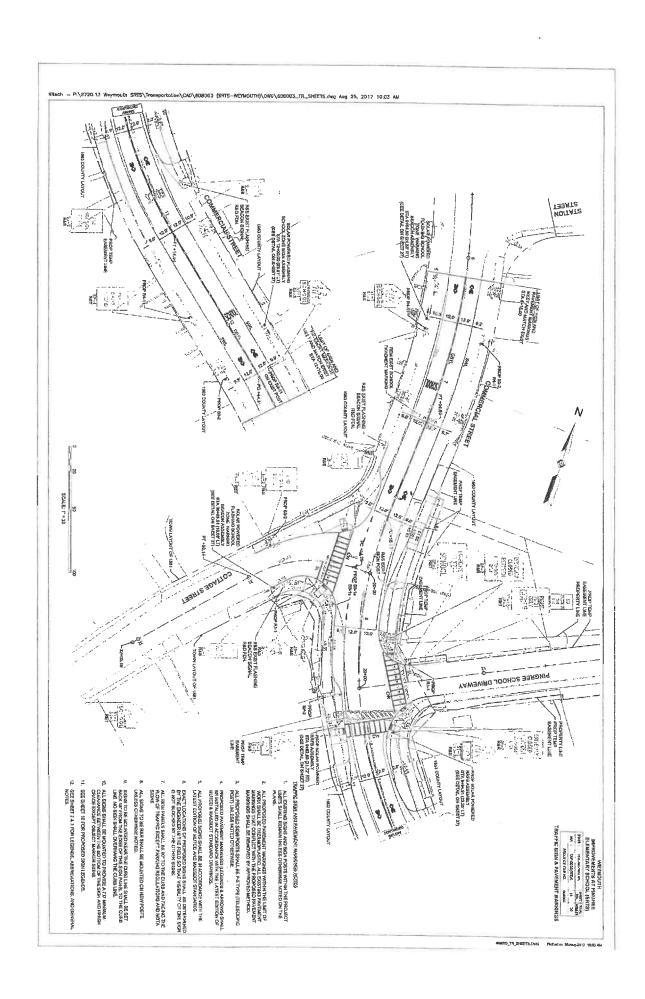
Background:

MassDOT administers the Safe Routes to School program in an effort to encourage more walking and less driving to and from school with a goal of reducing greenhouse gases and improving people's health. A number of years ago, several Weymouth primary schools were evaluated for safe walking potential and parental interest in walking. The Pingree School indicated the greatest parental interest in walking with reasonable safe walking potential, particularly if the crossing distance across Commercial Street could be shortened. The Town applied for and received a Safe Routes project which has resulted in the recently completed sidewalk and traffic control changes.

Coincidentally at the same time, Lovell Field was reconstructed with roadways from Broad Street to the lower end of the Pingree School Driveway. The school administration saw an opportunity to improve the school's access – egress traffic pattern. The proposed regulations build on existing regulations regarding turn restrictions between Commecial Street and the Pingree School Driveway, and add a restriction to keep northbound Commercial Street traffic moving away from the school to minimize the potential for traffic back-ups into Lovell Field, or to Jackson Square.

Sgt. Brendan Fogarty

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