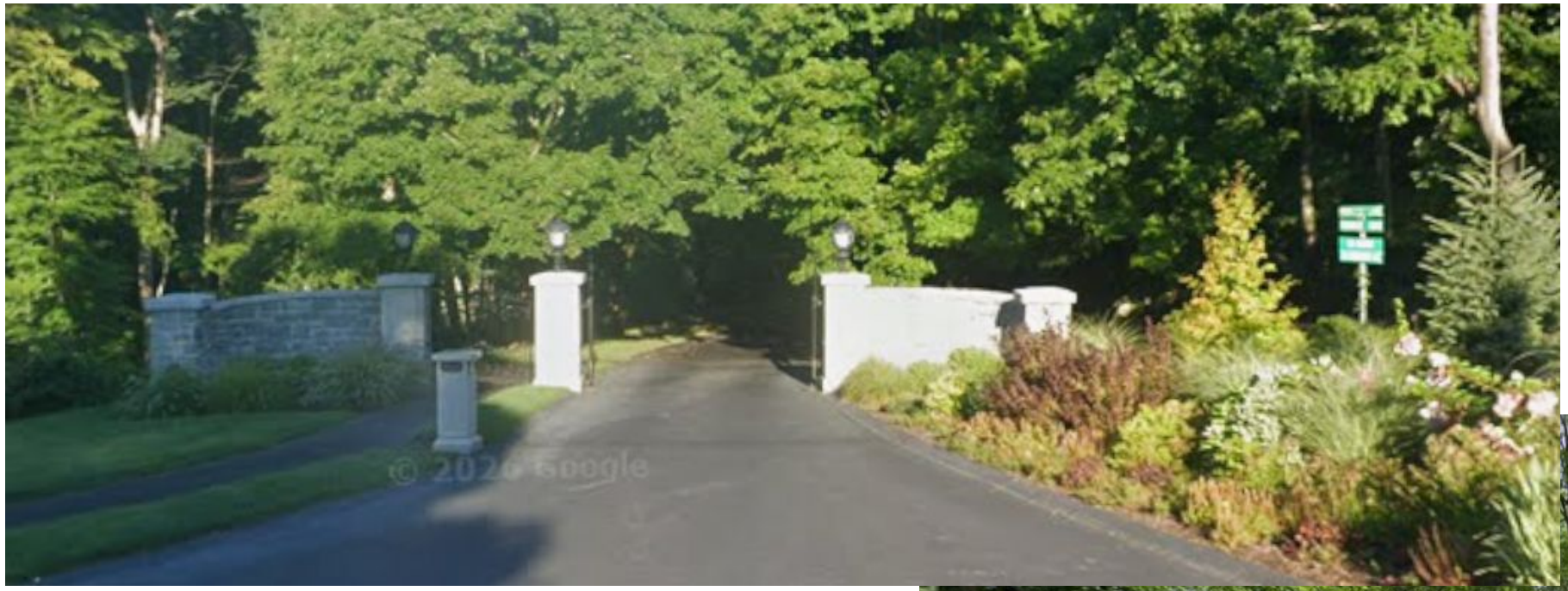
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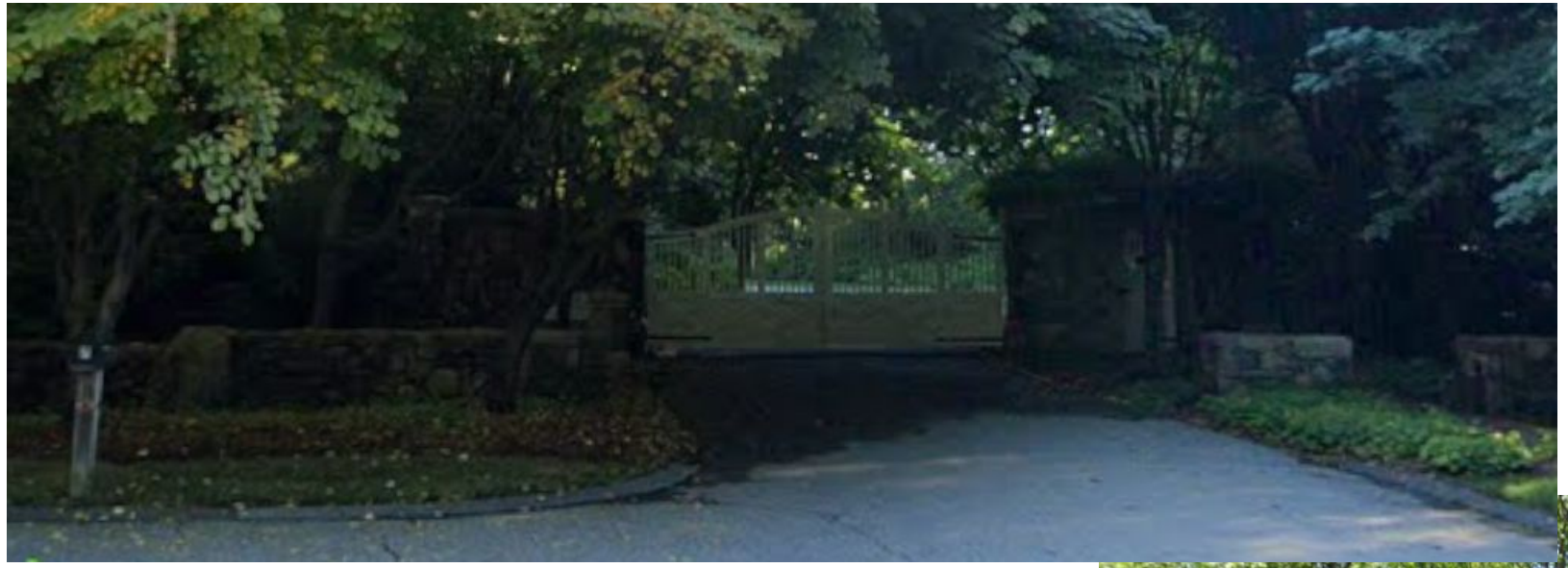
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PRIVATE WAY
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Not all Roads are the Managed Same

Most private roads have HOAs, but some were abandoned by developers or lacked succession plan. Some were plowed for 50+ years despite the Town never formally 'accepting' them. Some residents who lost services are aging or on fixed incomes.

ACCEPT OPEN PRIVATE ROADS

Open to public travel.
Not a Town road.
No HOA upkeep.

KEEP PUBLIC TOWN ROAD

Already accepted as a public road. Not part of this review.

DO NOT FOCUS ON SIGN POSTED, GATED OR HOA ROADS

Access may be limited, or an HOA cares for the road. Not the focus.

EXAMPLES

- Auciello Drive
- Maple Ave
- Newbury Street
- Echo Brook Lane
- Keeby Road
- Rice Street
- Morse Lane

ROAD TOTALS BY MILES

Private Roads:
PRE-1956 MILES: ~3.5
POST-1956 MILES: ~3.5
IN DEVELOPMENT: ~1

TOTAL MILES IN 01748: 118

ESTIMATES WITH TOWN DATA & DOLLAR AMOUNTS

AVG. COST PER MILE TO ACCEPT -> REPAIR: $46K
EST. COST PER MILE TO ACCEPT -> FULLY RECLAIM: $465k
COST PER MILE/YR TO ACCEPT -> PLOW: ~$3k-$6K

Source: "DPW PAVEMENT PLAN 2021 & Hopkinton Revised Street List"

ARTICLE 08

Help Your Neighbors: Review private roads for Town acceptance

WHAT IT DOES

Have the Town check which open private roads could become public roads.

TODAY

All listed roads serve homes and are open to all, but the Town has not accepted them as public roads.

WITH THIS MOTION

Ask Town Staff to formally list eligible roads. Check their shape, repair costs, and path to acceptance. No road is accepted by this vote. Help your neighbors restore services.

ARTICLE 09

Plow Snow on Private Roads

WHAT IT DOES

Let the Town plan snow and ice removal for private roads open to everyone.

TODAY

Some private roads are not covered by Town snow and ice service.

WITH THIS MOTION

Ask Town Staff to propose path to restore plowing. Does not approve spending, simply asks Town to do necessary planning & research.

ARTICLE 10

Raise the cap on private-road repairs

WHAT IT DOES

Raise the annual repair limit from $1,000 to $100,000 per road.

TODAY

The Town if DPW asks may fund up to $1,000 in minor road repairs per road each year under the existing rules.

WITH THIS MOTION

Allow up to $100,000 per road each year. Requests and Town approval would still be required.

ARTICLE 11

Review Bylaws every five years

WHAT IT DOES

Form a group to Review if Bylaws are working or where to make them easier to use.

TODAY

Our Bylaws, rules, deadlines, and steps can be hard to follow, are in conflict or dated. There is no recurring review conducted.

WITH THIS MOTION

Every 5 years, a special committee holds a public hearing -> compile & share ideas within one year, then review the rules at least every five years.

ARTICLE 12

Set Town Meetings for February and October

WHAT IT DOES

Set two regular Town Meetings each year, starting in 2028.

TODAY

Today we have ATM & nearly every year have had a STM.

WITH THIS MOTION

Formalizing meetings in February and October. Review Town projects and loans of $250,000 or more before February.

ARTICLE 13

Hold Town Meeting on weekday evenings

WHAT IT DOES

Set Weekday Requirement for Town Meeting

TODAY

We technically have two bylaws – one says ATM is on Monday and one that says on Saturday

WITH THIS MOTION

Meet on weekdays in the evening. Allow exceptions for emergencies or when the law requires them.

ARTICLE 14

Check the record of police chief candidates

WHAT IT DOES

Review each police chief candidate’s work record before making a hire.

TODAY

The proposal seeks a clear, written review of any discipline or court credibility issues.

WITH THIS MOTION

Asks Town Staff to perform due diligence report on potential chief candidates and, if problems exist, explain in writing why the person can still serve.

ARTICLE 15

Let voters review surveillance tools

WHAT IT DOES

Require a Town Meeting to approve before buying or greatly expanding surveillance tools – ie: Flock Cameras.

TODAY

Voters do not have a way to vote before the Town adds tools such as auto license plate readers.

WITH THIS MOTION

Town must share the purpose, cost, and data rules. Seek Town Meeting approval, with limited exceptions.

ARTICLE 16

Study term limits for elected officials

WHAT IT DOES

Ask the Charter Review Committee to bring term limits to voters in 2027.

TODAY

No term limits exist.

WITH THIS MOTION

Ask Town Staff to study & provide Charter Review Committee language on term limits

ARTICLE 17

Put Town rules and records in one place

WHAT IT DOES

Make one place where people can find Town rules, forms, and public records help.

TODAY

Town policies, forms, and rules may be spread across different sites and offices. Confusing & hard to find information

WITH THIS MOTION

Establish a place people can search Town policies, keep documents up to date, know how to navigate government easier.

ARTICLE 18

Study Establishing a Town Records Access Role

WHAT IT DOES

Give one Town employee the job of helping people get public records or find information (aka University Ombudsman).

TODAY

Town can’t keep up with requests.

WITH THIS ARTICLE

Ask Town Staff to consider plan for new records access officer to improve transparency and agility of access to public information.

ARTICLE 19

Make & Fund a 10-year sidewalk plan

WHAT IT DOES

Plan safer walking routes between homes, schools, parks, and shops.

TODAY

Some sidewalks are missing or do not connect. A townwide list of future projects is needed.

WITH THIS MOTION

Ask Town Staff to begin plan estimate costs to connect the Town and show ways to pay then share the plan with Town Meeting to fund.

ARTICLE 20

Fund culvert and drainage work

WHAT IT DOES

Seek money to fix a culvert, improve drainage, and repair the road.

TODAY

Due to a Scribner's error, the article names “Hoffman Road” but Town leaders have said a planned, unbudgeted project is on Hawthorne Lane.

WITH THIS MOTION

No Action :‘(

ARTICLE 21

Review zoning rules every five years

WHAT IT DOES

Check Town zoning rules and maps at least once every five years.

TODAY

Last time new zoning was evaluated was during the Obama Administration.

WITH THIS MOTION

Establish periodic review of rules with public input. Make a clear chart of allowed, special-permit, and banned uses. Update Zoning.

ARTICLE 22

Study Zoning to Support Town Staff

WHAT IT DOES

Study whether Town and school staff could get first chance to buy some homes.

TODAY

This article does not create a new home-buying right for employees today.

WITH THIS MOTION

Ask Town Staff to check state law and options for Starter Home districts, including resales. Report back in 2027.

ARTICLE 23

Plan Town Hall parking and a community center

WHAT IT DOES

Replace the old Parks and Recreation building with parking, and study a new center elsewhere.

TODAY

The Parks and Recreation building uses land next to Town Hall previously voted on at Town Meeting for parking.

WITH THIS MOTION

1) We need Downtown parking & at Town Hall.
2) Ask Staff to scope study for site for potential community center, costs (space for sports, seniors, people with disabilities, and a pool.)

ARTICLE 24

Register vacant business buildings

WHAT IT DOES

Helps first responders know about before they enter vacant business buildings in an emergency.

TODAY

Empty commercial and industrial buildings can create safety and access problems.

WITH THIS MOTION

Ask staff to help prepare data to support safety fee program & establish fee structure so fees disappear as occupancy improves.

ARTICLE 25

Finish every Town Meeting article

WHAT IT DOES

Make sure each item on the Town Meeting list is dealt with before the meeting ends.

TODAY

A meeting can end before some items on the warrant are heard.

WITH THIS MOTION

Hear or act on each item. An item may move to a later night of the same meeting.

ARTICLE 26

Draw article order at random

WHAT IT DOES

Use a public drawing to set the order of most Town Meeting.

TODAY

The order of most articles is set ahead of the meeting.

WITH THIS MOTION

Draw order of articles at random. Keep key items in place (financial) and allow for Town Meeting Body to move by majority vote.