



# TOWN OF NATICK Meeting Agenda

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## Safety Committee

Natick Police Department Date: October 25, 2022 Time: 10:00 AM  
VIRTUAL MEETING VIA ZOOM

### Safety Committee Meeting – October 25, 2022

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Tuesday Oct 25, 2022 · 10am – 1pm (Eastern Time - New York)

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## APPROVE MINUTES September 27, 2022 Meeting

### OLD BUSINESS:

#### **Resident Request to make Overhill Road One Way from Franconia to Route 27**

TABLE pending updating petitioner on Town Council opinion on Accepted Way vs Unaccepted Way.

#### **Request of CRT Advisory Committee to address safety concern of Loker Street bridge.**

TABLE pending review Fall 2022.

#### **Resident Request for parking regulations on Upper Bacon**

TABLE pending Public Meeting of neighbors for input prior to recommendation forward to Select Board.

#### **Resident request for Speed Limit Signage on Whispering Lane and Sanctuary Blvd**

TABLE pending Speed Study data and continued enforcement.

#### **Resident request for traffic calming measure on Brookdale Road.** TABLE pending Traffic Study.

#### **Walnut/Bacon/Chestnut Street intersection.**

TABLE Town Engineer Bill McDowell will keep Safety Committee apprised of the status.

#### **Resident request to install in the vicinity of 40 Ranger Road speed bump, "Hidden Driveway" sign or 15 MPH Speed Limit sign on Ranger Road in an effort to slow down traffic at curve in roadway.** Table pending speed study.

#### **Resident request for a street light on the circle near 15 Bunker Lane.**

TABLE Deputy Chief Lauzon will work with DPW to research alternative means of illuminating this area as there are not any overhead utilities.

#### **Resident request to reduce Speed Limit on Sherwood Road.** TABLE pending Speed Study

### NEW BUSINESS:

#### **Resident concern for safety issues due to deteriorating conditions of the intersection of Speen Street and West Central Street.** (Attachment 1)

**Resident request to address concern for pedestrian safety issues on Adams Street due to dumpsters obstructing the use of sidewalks.** (Attachment 2)

**Resident Request for traffic calming measures on Union Street.**



Marylee Watkins &lt;watkins@natickpolice.com&gt;

**Fwd: Speen and 135**

1 message

Alan Grady <...>  
To: watkins@natickpolice.com

Fri, Oct 14, 2022 at 1:25 PM

Hi Marylee, I received this mail from a Natick resident requesting it to be considered for the next Safety Meeting .

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From: Alan Grady  
Date: Tue, Oct 4, 2022 at 3:18 PM  
Subject: Re: Speen and 135

Got it

On Mon, Oct 3, 2022 at 4:20 PM [redacted] <...@...com> wrote:  
Please share with the Safety Committee.

The deteriorating condition of the intersection of Speen St and West Central (Rt 135) is becoming a dangerous place.

Northbound cars are swerving to avoid the bumps; either to the left into the left turn lane for Speen South, or to the right into cars looking to turn North from 135 West.

Eastbound vehicles making a left turn from 135 onto Speen Northbound are swerving to avoid the bumps.  
Southbound cars making a left turn from Speen onto 135 East are swerving to avoid the bumps.

On Friday I witnessed a landscaping truck stopped at the top of the bridge over the train tracks. They were retrieving equipment that fell off their truck. In order to avoid the truck, northbound traffic was moving to the left, into the southbound left turn lane, which was is a blind spot for cars coming southbound and can not see cars coming up the bridge. I was afraid for a head on collision.

The effect of these 'speed bumps' slows traffic and is creating a dangerous situation that seems to worsen each day.

Please fix the intersection.

On Monday, September 26, 2022 at 04:43:10 PM EDT, [redacted] e:

On Sat, Sep 24, 2022 at 8:06 AM fishman@...

Hi Alan  
Congratulations on surviving so long as a town meeting member. I threw in the towel a ways back.  
If there are not already plans for immediate change (by the state or town)...Would you be comfortable submitting a motion to increase funding for the immediate improvement of the intersection of Speen and 135? This need to be addressed. It's a (first world) disaster that's past due.  
When I spoke to Jeremy Marsette at DPW about it probably a year ago he claimed ignorance of any problems. I encouraged him to go drive east west and north south and see for himself. We go through it 6 times a day during school days. I would be happy if someone could get off their ass and remove the detour sign at the SE corner and the garbage can in the pond in the NW retention pond.  
Regards  
David Fishman

Sent from my T-Mobile 5G Device

Hi David, I'm actually meeting with the Deputy DPW Director and the town Engineer soon. Marsette is useless ..... He is spending his time interviewing outside. I'll call tomorrow about the detour sign. I haven't seen the garbage can.

# ATTACHMENT 1





Marylee Watkins <watkins@natickpolice.com>

**Fwd: Adams Street Pedestrian Safety Concerns**

1 message

**marc weinstein**

Thu, Oct 20, 2022 at 8:48 AM

To: "watkins@natickpolice.com" <watkins@natickpolice.com>

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From: **marc weinstein**

Date: Mon, Oct 17, 2022 at 12:43 PM

Subject: Adams Street Pedestrian Safety Concerns

To: [lacerra@natickpolice.com](mailto:lacerra@natickpolice.com) <[lacerra@natickpolice.com](mailto:lacerra@natickpolice.com)>, Ernie Feiteira <[marcweinstein@natickpolice.com](mailto:marcweinstein@natickpolice.com)>

Hello Sgt. Lacerra,

As a follow up to my voicemail this morning, I have attached representative pictures of dumpsters that line Adams Street obstructing use of the public sidewalk for safe pedestrian passage. Adams Street pedestrian and vehicle traffic has increased exponentially as it is now the heart and pulse of Natick's cultural district.

As respective Adams Street residents and Trustees of the Adams House Carriage ("ACH") Condominium Association, we are increasingly witness to numerous close calls of unsafe pedestrian passage as the dumpsters are public sidewalk obstacles forcing pedestrians into the middle of the street and within harm's way of oncoming vehicle traffic. Suffice it to say, we are speaking of families with baby carriages, young children, elderly, etc.

Thank you for your timely attention to this matter and suggestions to remedy these unsafe public roadway conditions. I welcome the opportunity to get better acquainted and can also be reached at 781-956-1586

Kind regards,  
Marc Weinstein, ACH Resident and Trustee

**3 attachments**



**Adams Street Sidewalk (1).JPG**  
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**Adams Street Sidewalk (2).JPG**  
172K



**Adams Street Sidewalk (3).JPG**  
180K

**ATTACHMENT 2**