



TOWN OF NATICK Meeting Agenda

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Safety Committee

Natick Police Department Date	January 20, 2026	Time: 10:00 AM
VIRTUAL MEETING VIA ZOOM		

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Time: Jan 20, 2026 10:00 AM Eastern Time (US and Canada)
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AI Overview

- Taimur requested flashing school-zone signs for ACCEPT Education Collaborative on Tech Circle to enhance student safety.
- Scott determined the area does not qualify as a "school zone" due to lack of walking students, suggesting a "Safety Zone" recommendation instead.
- Brian requested the matter be placed on the next Safety Committee (SC) agenda for discussion.
- Marylee rescheduled the meeting, proposing January 20th at 10:00 AM, pending committee confirmation.

By Gemini, there may be mistakes. Learn more



Taimur Khan to me Dear Members of the Natick Safety Committee,

My name is Taimur Khan, and I am the Director of Transportation at ACCEPT Education Collaborative, located at 4 Tech Circle, Natick, MA 01760. Our school serves special needs students and supports over 125 students and 230 staff members. Because our arrival and dismissal times are staggered, student drop-off and pick-up operations occur continuously throughout the morning and afternoon.

As part of our ongoing efforts to enhance student safety, I am writing to respectfully request the installation of school-zone flashing speed limit signs on Tech Circle in the vicinity of our school.

Tech Circle is home to multiple businesses and experiences significant traffic during peak school hours. Despite existing signage, many drivers appear unaware of the reduced speed expectations or do not adjust their speed accordingly. Flashing school-zone signs provide a clearer, more visible reminder to motorists, promoting consistent speed reduction during critical times of day.

Installing these enhanced signs would greatly improve safety for our students, reduce the likelihood of traffic-related incidents, and support our shared commitment to maintaining a secure environment for children, families, staff, and the broader community.

Thank you in advance for your time and consideration. I would be happy to attend the next Safety Committee meeting to provide any additional information that may assist in evaluating this request.

Thank you,

Taimur Khan Director of Transportation

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ATTACHMENT 1

On Thu, Oct 23, 2025 at 8:52 AM Chief James Hicks <hicks@natickpolice.com> wrote:

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----- Forwarded message -----
 From: hporeply@ctwplus.com <hporeply@ctwplus.com>
 Date: Wed, Oct 22, 2025 at 4:40 PM
 Subject: Online Form Submittal: General Contact Form
 To: <hporeply@natickma.org>, <hicks@natickpolice.com>, <lauzon@natickpolice.com>

General Contact Form

Department Police Department
 Name Ancaela Rowland
 Email

Subject Request for accident report(s)

Message

There was a traffic accident in front of my home this morning. I would like a copy of this report because it damaged some trees and left muddy ruts. More importantly, we are concerned about safety issues on Eliot Street / Highway 16 due to speeding vehicles, especially as it relates to the traffic approaching from Everett Street. Our neighbors would like to present these reports to the Town of Natick to support a proposal for Safer traffic patterns. If possible we would like to have reports from all historical traffic accidents that occurred in front of these addresses: 260 Eliot, 258 Eliot, 256 Eliot.

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James G. Hicks
 Chief of Police

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Hi Brian,

So there used to be signs all along Cochituate St on the poles that said 'No Parking on Either Side of Street' from 27 all the way down Cochituate to Harrison St.

Then there were signs on the poles from Harrison St down to Washington on the poles saying 'No Parking This Side of Street'.

Over the years they were taken down and Cochituate Street has become one big parking lot.

Bernardi does not help with their 18 wheelers. Instead of turning left towards 27 they turn Right and try to turn the corner of Washington and Cochituate.

The bridge going over the CRT is now ONE WAY! Everyday people have to reverse if there are 2 cars going over the bridge each way. This is extremely dangerous, and not only that, the Eurotech business take cars down Cochituate St. and Washington Ave.

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speed was 26 MPH in a 30 MPH zone.

- Marylee responded that stop signs are not recommended based on data, and DPW may consider installing speed limit signs.
- The committee tentatively set the next meeting for January 20th at 10:00 AM, and Jessica reiterated the need for a stop sign near the speed apparatus.

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Jessica P.

to me

Fri, Oct 24, 2025, 11:13 AM



Hi Marylee, I was provided with your email via the Commonwealth Connect app. I've been expressing my concern about Newfield Drive safety since 12/17/2023 and finally got a response in the app on 10/20/2025.

It's great there is street lighting on Newfield Drive, but safety concerns are still an issue.

The road is used as a cut through both ways, also because Kendall Lane is a mess to drive on.

Can the town please install a stop sign both ways at 1 Silver Hill Way and/or speed bumps. I see there is a speed apparatus installed, but it only flashes how fast you are going, not what the speed limit is. Everyone drives too fast, and the road is commuter central for walking to the train station and others walking for exercise, there are many children as well.

Can the town also install MPH signs, ideally 25 or 30 max.

Vehicles also park on Newfield Drive wherever and whenever, which makes the road more dangerous due to the volume of cut through both ways and people walking. You don't see cars parking on Kendall Lane, Newfield Drive has become the catch all, especially for train commuters trying to save money. It would help if the road did not allow overnight parking, from November 1 to April 30 from 1:00 AM and 6:00 AM, like the town has for their snow and ice policy.

Thank you for your attention to this safety concern,
 Jessica Przywara
 Owner and resident in Deerfield Forest, Natick

ATTACHMENT 4

Safety committee agenda

Fri, Jan 2, 2026 at 4:18 PM

To: watkins@natickpolice.com

Hello,

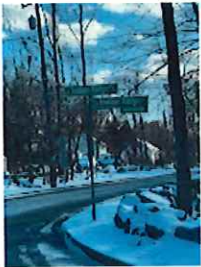
My name is Brie Ostreicher and I am a resident of Indian Ridge Road in Natick. I am writing because Indian Ridge Way and Indian Ridge Road are on the same street and it is causing issues and confusion. Way has 9 homes and Road has many more. For numbers 1-9 of each street, we get each other's mail, visitors, and packages extremely frequently.

There needs to be better signage for the different roads, including the very hidden Indian Ridge Road sign placed at the beginning of Road. If there's any way to re-name the road or the numbers, that would be even better.

See attached photos and please let me know the best course of action.

Thank you!

3 attachments



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Marylee Watkins <watkins@natickpolice.com>
To: Lauzon Brian <Lauzon@natickpolice.com>

Mon, Jan 5, 2026 at 8:24 AM

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Marylee E. Watkins
Senior Executive Assistant
To Chief of Police
Natick Police Department
508-647-9510 ext 2625

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ATTACHMENT 5