



Town of Natick

Minutes

Board or Committee: SAFETY COMMITTEE

Meeting Date: February 8, 2022

Meeting Location: Virtual via Zoom

Members and Staff Present: Chief Hicks, Chief Lentini, Lt. Lauzon, David Gusmini, David Krentzman, Tom Hladick, Amanda Loomis, Joe Weiss, Robin Agostinelli-Solivan, Traffic Officer Andrew Watkins

Members not Present: Peter Gray,

The meeting was called to order at: 10:06 AM

Minutes from December 2, 2021 Meeting Minutes were reviewed and approved.

OLD BUSINESS:

Request to install crosswalk with handicap accessible curb cuts in front of 20 South Ave at the municipal parking lot entrance Committee VOTED to recommend to Select Board to remove 2 parking spots on South Ave and install crosswalk to the Municipal Parking Lot. DPW advice on best location as north side of South Avenue is very limited and to include proper MUTCD flashing pedestrian crossing signage.

Request to address cut-through traffic in Jennings Pond Road neighborhood. Traffic Study completed by Traffic Officer Watkins high volume traffic with average speed 23-24 MPH. Committee VOTED to Take No Action.

Resident Request to address Safety Concerns for intersection of West Street Oakland Street.

TABLE Tom Hladik to work with Town Engineer to look into all options for a resolution.

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

TABLE pending further discussions on what authority we have as a Town on Overhill Road as it is an unaccepted way. DPW to address vegetation growth.

Request for traffic calming measure at the intersection of Harvard Street and Franklin Street.

Concern for the safety of the children in the neighborhood as they play outside every day and cars tend to drive at very high speeds down Harvard Street. **TABLE** pending evaluation of the intersection by Traffic Officer Watkins.

Request of CRT Advisory Committee to address safety concern of Loker Street bridge. TABLE pending DPW and Josh Ostroff come back to committee with recommendation and design wrap fencing with significant height on side rails.

Resident request to address bicycle/pedestrian safety, speeding, overall safety concerns on Winter Street. Traffic Officer Watkins completed a Speed Study over span of 11 days. Highest speed over those 11 days was 59 mph at 2 PM. Natick Police to continue enforcement during high speed times. Committee VOTED TO TAKE NO ACTION. Natick Police to continue enforcement.

Resident requests reduce speed limit on Pleasant Street South from 35 MPH to 30 MPH and traffic calming measures for traffic coming and going to Lookout Farm. TABLE pending a Traffic Study in early Spring.

Resident Request for parking regulations on Upper Bacon and Acadia Road for CRT Acadia Road TABLE pending meeting with Petitioner.

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

NEW BUSINESS:

Resident request for Speed Limit Signage on Whispering Lane and Sanctuary Blvd
TABLE pending Speed Study data and continued enforcement.

Minutes submitted by: Marylee E. Watkins
Meeting adjourned at: 11:26 PM
Next Meeting Date: TBD