



Town of Natick

Minutes

Board or Committee: SAFETY COMMITTEE

Meeting Date: Tuesday, September 27, 2022

Meeting Location: Virtual via Zoom

Members and Staff Present: Chief Hicks, Deputy Chief Lauzon, Chief Ferschke, Alan Grady, Dave Gusmini, Tom Hladick, Robin Agostinelli-Solivan, Bill McDowell, Jeremy Marsette

Members not Present: Peter Gray, David Krentzman, Joe Weiss

The meeting was called to order at: 10:18 AM

APPROVE MINUTES June 14, 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 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. Committee VOTED to TAKE NO ACTION traffic study revealed 85% 23 MPH.

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.

Request for continued review of default Speed Limits Committee recommends Select Board to review roadway and streets to set default speed limits on a street by street basis.

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.

NEW BUSINESS:

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 3 Way Stop Coming from Pond - Lakeview and the intersection of Lakeview/Proctor. Committee VOTED to TAKE NO ACTION at this time, using STOP signs to control speed is a bad practice. Enforcement best means of controlling speed of motorists.

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.

Request to add “Blind Driveway” sign at 221 Washington Avenue Committee VOTED TO TAKE NO ACTION as they do not support due to Safety Issues of proposed location of driveway.

Request for crosswalk allowing those on the northern side of Pond Street to safely cross the street. Committee VOTED to Recommend to Select Board to install crosswalk with proper MUTCD signage on Pond Street at Fiske Road on the east side of the intersection.

Request for STOP Sign at the intersection of Fern and Moore street, once the paving is completed. Committee VOTED to install MUTCD approved STOP sign, STOP line and STOP Stencil at Moore Street at Fern Road and on Fern Road at Sylvester Road.

Resident request for address change from 30 ½ West Street to 32R West Street. Currently there is a 30; 30R: 30 ½ and 32 West Street. His home 30 ½ is behind 32 West Street. Committee VOTED to recommend to Select Board to hold a Public Hearing to change address from 30 ½ West Street to 32 R West Street.

Request of resident on Arlington Road for Speed Limit signs to be erected at the entrance to the neighborhood (Melvin Road and Abbott Road) in an effort to slow motorists down. Committee VOTED to TAKE NO ACTION. Neighborhood is THICKLY SETTLED Default speed limit of 30 MPH.

Resident request for suggestions of the committee in an effort to slow down traffic on Walnut Street. Committee VOTED to Recommend to Select Board to change speed limit on Walnut Street (in the area between Bacon Street and North Avenue currently under a 35 MPH Special Speed Regulation) to 30 MPH due to speed

studies, width of street, proximity to playground and Walnut Hill School, Pedestrian activity to and from Natick Center and obvious commuting route in north south direction to avoid Route 27 traffic.

Request for parking adjustments on the following streets: Committee VOTED to Recommend to Select Board changes as indicated:

Morse Street –No Parking west side entire length of street.

Bee Street – Voted to Recommend to Select Board to make a One Way east to west (Church Street to School Street). Parking prohibited north side of Street.

School Street – Voted to Recommend to Select Board to make One Way south to north (East Street to Common Street). Parking Prohibited west side of Street.

Request to add Crosswalk Oak Street in vicinity of East School. Committee VOTED to recommend to Select Board to install a crosswalk with proper MUTCD signage on Oak Street at Orchard Road.

Minutes submitted by: Marylee E. Watkins

Meeting adjourned at: 12:07 PM

Next Meeting Date: October 25, 2022