



# **TOWN OF NATICK**

## **Meeting Agenda**

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### **Safety Committee**

Natick Police Department

Date: June 6, 2016 Time: 10:00 a.m.

#### **OLD BUSINESS:**

Citizens Request for traffic calming measures on Main Street in downtown Natick TABLE pending MAPC survey results

Request for approval of MUTCD standard way finding signage to Natick Community Farm and Mass Audubon (white on brown) to be installed: TABLE pending Spring Warrant

Request for pedestrian accommodations to access sidewalk on east side of road in the area of 12 Speen Street. TABLE pending site evaluation and recommendation of options by DPW.

Request for additional light on utility pole in front of 14 Shattuck Street TABLE guidance from DPW on standards.

Residents of Peterson Road Proposal for Increased Safety on Peterson & Ingleside Roads TABLE pending Town Engineer update on design and reconstruction plans.

#### **NEW BUSINESS:**

Request for change of address of three unit building on 71 Summer Street/ 7 Washington Street. After recent construction front doors of each unit are all facing a different street. Owner would like unit on Summer Street remain 71 Summer Street; unit facing Washington Street remain 7 Washington and unit facing Middlesex Avenue be 84 Middlesex Avenue.

Request for change of address change 206 – 208 Bacon Street to 208 Bacon Street

Resident request to address parking on Church Street – (Attachment 1)

Request to address No Parking Signs on Morency Street – (Attachment 2)

April 29, 2016

RE: USING OUR NEIGHBORHOOD FOR A FREE PARKING SPOT

Attention:

Chief James Hicks, Rick Jennett and Officer Scott Lecerra

Not knowing exactly who to approach regarding my requests, I contacted Frank Foss and he suggested your names.

First, I would like to say that I totally understand that parking is at a premium in downtown Natick. Given this shortage, for those who work downtown all day and for those who use the commuter rail to get to work, parking is a challenge, especially when you'd rather not pay for it. It is human nature to try to circumvent the system and many seem to feel they can do this by looking in neighborhoods close to downtown to find a "free" spot.

I live on Church St. which has become a haven for this purpose. Church St is a narrow road to begin with many homes directly adjacent to the sidewalks. Although there are some signs, Church St. does not have NO PARKING or 2 HOUR PARKING signs on the south end beyond Bee St. Parking in front of our homes should be available to our friends, family, guests, or service workers, when they visit or need to work in our homes. Some seem think they can park here day after day, week after week, without consequence and take advantage of the very few spaces available to residents. Their cars have interfered with snow plowing and street cleaning and often make it very tricky to back out of our driveways.

Some of us have spoken directly to owners of these cars, just to be given the brush off. Some of us have written notes and left them on windshields to no avail. Some of us have visited a selectman. Nonetheless, these commuters have just moved their cars to Bee St. or moved further up on Church St., parked on the opposite side, directly in front of some front doors and sometimes up on the sidewalk where there is no curb.

I would like to request that some 2 Hour Parking signs be posted on both sides at the south end of Church St.. Half of Church St. already has NO

ATTACHMENT 1

PARKING signs as do many of the other streets in our neighborhood. I would also like to request that a traffic officer patrol our street occasionally to warn or ticket repeat offenders.

If you are unable to address this petition, would you please help me with the process and direct me to the appropriate town personnel who's responsibility it is to post parking signs.

My neighbors and I thank you in advance for your time and attention to this matter.

Sincerely,

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Chief James Hicks  
Natick Safety Committee  
20 East Central Street  
Natick, M 01760

May 24, 2016

6/16/10:00

Dear Chief Hicks:

Although I am a non-resident of the Town of Natick, I respectfully request that I be allowed to address the Safety Committee at its May 31, 2016 meeting concerning the status of the portion of Morency Street from its juncture with Longview Street to the Framingham line.

According to the 2016 Natick Street Listing document, that portion of Morency Street is listed as "NOT TOWN ACCEPTED." When the Natick Board of Appeals officially approved a variance for the Wilson Gardens development on June 16, 1960, both the Notice of Appeal and plan stipulated that Morency Street was a private way.

Further, the Natick Engineering Department has no record of that portion of Morency Street, which is numbered 56 Morency Street, has ever been accepted by the Town Meeting as a public way.

In spite of that documentation, the Town of Natick, over a decade ago, erected two NO PARKING AT ANY TIME signs opposite the driveway at 53 Morency Street on private property, owned by Wilson Gardens' 126 unit owners. Moreover, the signs are certainly not in conformance with MUTCD standards and are placed amongst trees along a fence.

Further, the Natick Police Department, apparently upon complaint, has recently issued parking tickets to Wilson Gardens' owners and visitors for parking in an off-street parking area on private property. The parking area in dispute is not even located between those two questionable NO PARKING signs.

We need appropriate relief in this matter.

Respectfully,

**ATTACHMENT 2**