



TOWN OF NATICK

Meeting Agenda

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Safety Committee

Natick Police Department

Date: April 26, 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.

Davis Brook Drive residents requesting Safety Committee address speed calming measures for the neighborhood. TABLE pending speed study to be conducted on Davis Brook and Farm Hill this spring.

NEW BUSINESS:

Residents request to address pedestrian crosswalks on Speen Street, motorists are not stopping when pedestrian crossing lights are flashing. (Attachment1)

Resident of Justin Road requesting "No Outlet Sign" be erected to warn motorists it is not a through street.

Residents request to address pedestrian safety concerns on crosswalks on Mill Street. (Attachment 2)

Residents of Peterson Road Proposal for Increased Safety on Peterson & Ingleside Roads (Attachment 3)

Next Scheduled Meeting: May 31, 2016



Marylee Watkins <watkins@natickpolice.com>

Fwd: Safety Committee Issue

1 message

Fri, Mar 11, 2016 at 6:43 PM

10: Marylee Watkins <watkins@natickpolice.com>

Marylee, Attached is a letter from West Natick residents requesting consideration and action to upgrade the crosswalk lights on Speen Street . Can we add to the next Safety Meeting ?

Regards, Alan Grady.

Begin forwarded message:

From: _____
Date _____
To: _____
Subject: Safety Committee Issue

Dear Natick Safety Committee,

We are writing to ask that the Safety Committee take a close look at the pedestrian crosswalks on Speen Street. It has been our experience that, more often than not, cars do not stop when the pedestrian lights are flashing. Nobody believes that cars intentionally go through the lights when people are trying to cross, but more likely it is simply a case of drivers not paying attention or not expecting the lights.

One solution may be to switch to the high intensity, LED lights (like the ones that are used downtown). We ask that the Committee consider this as a way to get the traffic to stop for pedestrians in the crosswalks.

Thank you,

ATTACHMENT 1

March 7, 2016

Safety Committee
Attention: Chief James Hicks
20 East Central St.
Natick, Ma. 01760

Re: Mill St. Pedestrian crash/fatality
On Monday 2/22/2016 Victim: Vilyam Khusid

Re: Recommendations/ Concerns

Please listen to the valid safety concerns of crossing guard, Ed Murphy, stationed at Beaver Dam and Mill St. As well as, all crossing guards concerns.

Please act immediately on these valid concerns for the safety of all the children and pedestrians.

Put up push button flashing pedestrian crossing lights at Beaver Dam Rd. and Mill St.
The most effective ones are now located at the Natick town hall and Library crossing.

And... Mill St
Put reflective disks on existing Pedestrian/Dangerous intersection sign, located between #148 and 152 Mill St., for better visibility.

Make Ranger Rd. coming onto Mill St. a No Left Turn.

This is a fatality waiting to happen.

Thank you for your time and consideration in this life saving matter.

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ATTACHMENT 2

MARCH 7, 2016

Safety Committee
Attention: Chief James Hicks
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Natick, Ma. 01760

Re: Mill St. Pedestrian crash/fatality
On 2/22/2016 victim Vilyam Khusid

Re: Concerns

Crossing guard Ed Murphy, requested the replacement of a Pedestrian crossing sign with an arrow to the crosswalk at Beaver Dam Rd and Mill St. This had been knocked down by a plow truck. He brought his concern to his supervisor, who in turn advises her superior of the issue. The response Ed received from the town was "We know about it".

Nothing was done.

Ed requested, the removal of a HUGE pile of tree debris, on Mill St. on the Ranger Rd. side, at the crosswalk. This was from a snow storm on Monday 2/8/2016. The tree debris extended several feet from the curb into the street.

This Huge pile of tree debris COMPLETELY BLOCKED any access to the use of the crosswalk at Beaver Dam Rd and Mill St.

VERY ALARMING: Children walking down Ranger Rd. attempting to approach the crosswalk could Not do so safely. The children were forced to walk into the middle of Mill St. Because of the tree debris. The children and any pedestrian, would have to attempt approach to the crosswalk, with their back to traffic

At a posted DANGEROUS INTERSECTION

Would you want this to be your child?

The response Ed received from the town again was, "We know about it"

AGAIN Nothing was done. This was unresolved for two weeks.

In the very early morning of Tuesday 2/23/2016 The morning after the pedestrian crash

MIRACULOUSLY the HUGE pile of tree debris was gone from the hazardous situation it created for The safety of all school children and pedestrians.

Thank you for your time and consideration in this life saving matter

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To: Natick Safety Committee

From: Mike Sampson (12 Peterson) and Ken Chernack (7 Peterson), representing other concerned residents of Peterson and Ingleside Roads

Re: Proposal for increased safety on Peterson & Ingleside Roads

Background:

Within the past 5 years there has been both a large increase in traffic volume cutting through Peterson & Ingleside roads (exacerbated by the ongoing construction at the Route 9 and Oak Street interchange), and an increase in school-age children in the neighborhood. 700 cars per day are on Peterson, while there are approximately 25 elementary and middle school students who take the school buses on Peterson. This same number of children ride bikes and play outside in the neighborhood.

In an attempt to slow excessive speed over the past 2 years, members of the neighborhood have been in contact with Lt. Lauzon and other town departments, who provided an electronic radar speed sign installation on Peterson Road last year, and who have encouraged us to submit this proposal to you. With the imminent re-paving of Peterson and Ingleside Roads (likely causing an increase in traffic speed), it is even more important that we take action.

With the goal of increasing safety and reducing speeding on Peterson and Ingleside Roads, we propose the following improvements:

- 1) Creation of two 3-Way Stop intersections: one at Oxford RD and Peterson RD and one at Ingleside RD and Peterson RD
- 2) Painted "STOP" lettering, Stop Lines and Crosswalk Lines at the above intersections (subsequent to the paving of Peterson and Ingleside Roads).
- 3) Installation of two signs (one in each direction) "SLOW – Children at Play" or "Thickly Settled District" or similar on Peterson RD.

Thank you for your consideration.

Mike Sampson, Ken Chernack

ATTACHMENT 3