

Town of Natick
Safety Committee Minutes
October 28, 2008 **Revised**

The meeting was called to order by Chief Mannix at 10:03 a.m.

Members in attendance:	Chief Mannix	Lt. Lauzon
	Chief Sheridan	Patrick Reffett
	Ronald Ordway	Glen Glater
	John Slamin	Michael Melchiorri
	Robert Ward	

Also in attendance: A. Richard Miller, Ms. Jill Miller, and Ms. Sally Evans

Approval of the July 29, 2008 Safety Committee Minutes: The committee VOTED to approve the July minutes with one correction, that being Lake and Washington Avenue not Lake and Washington Street.

New Business:

Request for Speed Enforcement on Speen and Hartford Streets: The committee received an email from a resident who sent a request to the Selectmen asking for speed enforcement in the area of Speen and Hartford Street. Lt. Lauzon, the Traffic Safety Lieutenant, agreed that this can be accomplished without any action being taken by the committee.

Request for a Crosswalk on Marion Street at Pauline Drive: Chief Mannix received a petition from Natick residents with more than seventy-five signatures, requesting a crosswalk be installed midway on Marion Street, in the area of Pauline Drive or Donovan Lane. This is not the first time this issue was brought before the Safety Committee where the committee voted against it because there are limited sidewalks in the area. The committee agreed to revisit this issue in an attempt to find the safest solution and best place to put a crosswalk. Lt. Lauzon will identify a solution at the next Safety Committee Meeting.

Request to have Yellow Lines Painted on Winter Street: The committee received four letters from Natick residents, first thanking the Department of Public Works for repainting the yellow lines on Winter Street in the area of Frost Street. The committee VOTED to recommend asking the DPW to continue painting these lines where appropriate from Winter Street to Oak Street.

Request for Three-Way Stop at the Intersections of Winter Street, Nancy Drive, the Entrance of Brandon School and Frost Street, as well as at Rathbun: The Committee

discussed this issue and agreed that this would not be an appropriate area for three-way stops and VOTED to take no action on this issue.

Request from the Protect East Natick Group: The Safety Committee received a letter regarding the potential impact to neighborhood traffic and children's safety if Wellesley Road Extension were to become a through-way. The group is requesting a traffic study to determine the safety issues it will raise before any further action is taken to connect Wellesley Road and Wellesley Road Extension. The Committee discussed this issue and VOTED to take no action.

Request for Stop Sign at the Intersection of Farwell and Rockland Streets: Chief Mannix received a letter from a resident requesting a stop sign on Rockland Street as drivers turn onto Farwell Street. The Committee VOTED to take no action on the signage, but will request the DPW cut back the vegetation at this intersection.

Discussion Regarding the Current Operation and Queuing Problem Experienced at the Rte. 135/Hayes Street/Lincoln Street Traffic Signals: Mr. Mark Coviello, the town of Natick Engineer, received a letter from BETA regarding the recent traffic concerns regarding the current operation and queuing problems experienced at the Route 135/Hayes Street/Lincoln Street traffic signals, requesting alternative measures be considered prior to converting the signal to full operation. The committee VOTED to recommend a stop bar and sign on the northeast corner of the intersection.

Request for Review of the Signal Lights and the Impact it has on Motor Vehicles Turning Left onto Pond Street from Speen Street Southbound: The Board of Selectmen received an anonymous letter from a resident who stated that there have been "a lot of accidents at the intersection of Speen and Pond Street, including a serious accident involving a family member" (of the petitioner). The letter went on to suggest the light be timed for a southbound advanced green light or a recommendation from the committee to provide a safer option to allow a left turn at this intersection. Lt. Lauzon advised the Committee that this issue is tied to on-going road construction in this area. Lt. Lauzon further explained that he has been in touch with the Town Engineer, Mark Coviello regarding resolution to this issue.

The committee VOTED to recommend the required public hearing necessary for the Board of Selectmen to approve the naming of the Natick Collection and the Town of Natick's Nouvelle Way.

The committee adjourned at 11:15 a.m.