



TOWN OF NATICK

Meeting Minutes

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Safety Committee

Natick Police Department

Date: June 28, 2011 Time: 10:00 a.m.

MEETING MINUTES

OLD BUSINESS:

Committee Approved Minutes of the May 31, 2011 Safety Committee Meeting

Pedestrian Crosswalk Safety on South Main Street, near Hometown Paint The installation of a bump out was discussed, but could pose a problem with drainage constraints and parking space elimination related to the standard pedestrian cross walk signs which would need to be constructed. This issue was TABLED in order to allow further investigation regarding cost and necessity of the bump out.

Windy-Lo Nursery request for a sign warning motorists A request was received from the owner's of the Windy-Lo Nursery, asking for "Slow Vehicles Exiting" would be beneficial to alert drivers on Route 16 that a business is ahead and vehicles are entering the Road. Also, there are four (4) bus stops for elementary school children within a half mile of the Windy-Lo entrance two (2) at the entrance itself and at Broadmoor Wildlife Sanctuary. Lt. Lauzon informed the committee that there is no crash data to support additional signage. The committee recommended asking the business owners to trim the brush. Lt. Lauzon will follow up with a site visit NO VOTE was necessary.

NEW BUSINESS

Liberty Street: Lt. Lauzon and Mr. Hladick were asked to check this area to see if the signs are at the proper height and type. Rte 135 (Wellesley Avenue) Northwest corner signs are not in compliance.

181 Bacon Street Blind Driveway: The committee was reminded that this area will be part of the Mathworks Plan, but as a potential remedy to consider such an "Intersection Ahead" or "Blind Driveway". The Committee VOTED to recommend the installation of "Blind Driveway" signage east of the property in the west bound line.

Main Stone Road: The issue has been brought before the Safety Committee several times. It was brought to the attention of the Committee that landscapers have been parking on the street. Parking enforcement should resolve the issue. NO VOTE necessary.

Natick Paperboard vs. Natick Mills Bigelow: The two parties involved have taken it to Court to determine the ownership of Bigelow Rd. The town owns 11 Mechanic Street. The

Committee VOTED to respectfully recommend to the Board of Selectman that they require 2 or more unrestricted access/egress for emergency vehicle access be mandatory. The Committee further VOTED that this access be completely unobstructed.

Construction Signs: Mr. Slamin would like the DPW to look at the construction signs around town to see if any of them should be removed. The committee VOTED to take no action.

Natick Federal Bank: There are no pedestrian crosswalk signs on Main Street at South Avenue to the bank. The committee will look at this issue to determine if crosswalk signs can be put up to advise motorists of the pedestrian crosswalk in advance. This issue was TABLED to evaluate the necessity for the installation of bump outs. DPW will surface paint the crosswalks. Further discussion will take place at the next meeting.

Change of Address Request from 54-56 Eliot Street to 56 Eliot Street: A change of address request was received by town hall from Barber's Fine Home Builders requesting a change of address. The Committee voted to deny this request 56 Eliot Street is already in use (Bacon Free Library).

Request for a stop sign at the corner of Sassamon Road and Indian Spring Road: This request was received by Mr. Ostroff, Board of Selectmen member. The petitioner explained that there are fourteen children in the neighborhood riding bicycles and scooters in and around the cul-de-sac. The concern is that motorists drive from Indian Spring Road onto Sassamon Road without looking to the right (toward the cul-de-sac). Having a stop sign in place would increase the likelihood of motorists seeing the children playing in the area. The Committee VOTED to TAKE NO ACTION.

Request for high visibility double-backed pedestrian crosswalk signs at the crosswalk on the corner of Bacon Street and Fairbanks Place. The petitioner stated that this has been a neighborhood concern for several years with regard for children at the crosswalk on the corner of Bacon Street and Fairbanks Place, citing the heavily traveled road with a speed limit of 35 mph and the bend in the road not far from the corner, making it difficult for both drivers and pedestrians to see each other with advance notice. The Committee voted to recommended not to approve as written, this is not a good location for a crosswalk do not allow placement of anything in roadway.

The Committee will meet again on September 27th, 2011 at 10:00 AM.

The Committee adjourned at 11:28 AM.