



TOWN OF NATICK

Meeting Agenda

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Safety Committee

Natick Police Department

Date: January 15, 2019 Time: 10:00 a.m.

Approval of November 20, 2018 Safety Committee Meeting Minutes

OLD BUSINESS:

DPW Director Marsette to present asset inventory of 22 traffic signals under the jurisdiction of the Town of Natick. TABLE for presentation of asset analysis and inventory.

Citizens Request to address parking on Summer Street. TABLE pending review of Washington Ave project as work will impact Summer Street.

Resident Request to add a crosswalk on Pond Street at Fiske Lane Committee has concerns due to lack of side walk on north bound side of Pond Street in addition to the poor sight lines. COMMITTEE VOTED TO TAKE NO ACTION in placement of crosswalk on Pond at Fiske Lane however Committee recognizes need to provide safe crossing in the area and will look into best solution possible.

Request to add an ancillary name to 1 block long portion of North Avenue to Huck Saxe Boulevard. Committee agreed to concept however TABLE pending research for best practice for signage design. Proposed location center of Washington Street at North Ave.

NEW BUSINESS:

Request of Board of Selectmen to address removal of public trees on Pond Street west of High Street due to obstruction of visibility of vehicles exiting from High Street onto Pond Street. (Attachment 1)

Citizens Request to install a flashing signal at the end of Dover Road to warn motorists travelling on Pleasant Street South to slow down. (Attachment 2)

Resident request to address traffic concerns on Kendall Lane. (Attachment 3)

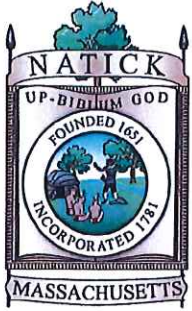
Resident Request to erect a "caution - deer" warning sign on Bacon Street across from the Walnut Hill School fields. (Attachment 4)

Request for a crosswalk in the vicinity of 1 North Main Street. (Attachment 5)

North Main Street Reconstruction Project update

Request to hold discussions on increase in fees for certain violations of Traffic Rules and Orders.

Committee Member Request to discuss recent 911 outages.



**TOWN OF NATICK
MASSACHUSETTS**

TO: Amy Mistrot, Chair Board of Selectmen
Melissa Malone, Town Administrator

CC: Arthur Goodhind, Tree Warden
James Hicks, Police Chief

FROM: Jeremy Marsette, P.E.
Director of Public Works

JTM

DATE: January 2, 2019

**SUBJECT: POND STREET AT HIGH STREET – STREET TREES
REFERRAL TO SAFETY COMMITTEE**

On December 19, 2018 a duly noticed and posted public hearing was held for the removal of two public street trees on Pond Street west of High Street. The trees were posted and the hearing advertised as required by MGL Chapter 87, Shade Trees. The hearing was attended by several residents, some in favor of removal and some opposed. The residents of 75 Pond Street, Joseph and Rene Weisse, submitted a written objection to the tree removal. To proceed with the removal, the Board of Selectmen may now hold a hearing to discuss and determine a course of action. The Board is not obligated to hold a hearing or proceed any further, but may choose to do so if it desires.

The traffic and pedestrian safety of the intersection of Pond Street and High Street has been noted as a concern by residents. The Town has previously taken steps to improve the safety (in particular, visibility) at this location. However, there remains concerns by residents that two trees on Pond Street, west of High Street, obstruct visibility of vehicles exiting from High Street on to Pond Street.

It is requested that the Board of Selectmen refer this matter to the Town's Safety Committee for a recommendation, prior to the Board holding a hearing to discuss. Please include this referral on the consent agenda for the Board's meeting of January 7, 2019.

ATTACHMENT 1



Intersection of Pleasant South and Dover Road

4 messages

Jackie Hoglund <

To: "watkins@natir

atickpolice.com>

Fri, Dec 21, 2018 at 4:44 PM

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Dear Officer Watkins & the Natick Selectmen -

I am writing with hopes to bring your attention to a dangerous traffic intersection in South. Natick. My husband and 4 children and I have lived at 45 Pleasant Street South (facing the intersection of Charles River St/Dover Rd) for just over 3 years now and in that time have witnessed countless (likely 10-20) serious accidents either involving motor vehicles or motor vehicles and bicycles. I think I, alone, have called 911 at least 5 times for various accidents. And, I am sure there have been even more during working hours that I have not been present for.

In the past two weeks alone there have been 2 serious accidents, including one this morning which required someone being transported by ambulance on a stretcher.

It is quite concerning. There are times I need to wait 3-5 minutes just to exit my own driveway due to the number of cars and their speed traveling down Pleasant Street South.

I would like to suggest that a flashing signal be installed at this intersection. One which flashes red for the stop at the end of Dover Road and at the same time is a constant yellow flash warning motorists traveling on Pleasant South to slow down.

Please let me know what needs to be done to accomplish this. If I need to get signatures from neighbors, I will do that; if I need to present to a board or meeting regarding the dangerousness of this intersection, I'd be more than happy to.

It's only a matter of time before someone gets seriously injured or dies as a result of this intersection.

Thank you for your time,
Jackie Hoglund
45 Pleasant Street South

ATTACHMENT 2



Marylee Watkins <watkins@natickpolice.com>

Fwd: Traffic issues on Kendall Lane

1 message

Sun, Dec 30, 2018 at 4:48 PM

James Hicks <hicks@natickpolice.com>

To: Brian Lauzon <Lauzon@natickpolice.com>, Marylee Watkins <watkins@natickpolice.com>

For Safety Committee on 1/15?

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From: Melissa Malone <mmalone@natickma.org>

Date: Sun, Dec 30, 2018 at 11:26 AM

Subject: Fwd: Traffic issues on Kendall Lane

To: <jhicks@natickma.org>

FYI

Sent from my iPhone

Begin forwarded message:

From: "Marissa Farrell" via Selectmen" <selectmen@natickma.org>**Date:****To:****Cc:****Subject:** Re: Traffic issues on Kendall Lane

To all involved,

Please clarify public vs. non public way. I know from my neighbor, who is a lifelong resident, that at one point Kendall lane WAS a private one-way street. That is clearly no longer the case.

This street has local traffic from residents but also carries the weight (you can see how torn up the road becomes) of the Adesa auto auction car carriers and the many landscaping tractor trailers which are parked in Framingham/Ashland overnight and leave for other towns via Kendall.

In the 14+ years I've lived here, I've lost pets and nearly my son's life when he was 3 to speeding cars. It is necessary to note that in both circumstances they were ON THE SIDEWALK and, due to the narrow nature of the street, two larger vehicles trying to pass each other, caused the incidents.

It is abhorrent the level of traffic and speeding that this Natick street endures all day with so many families of young children. We continue to lose neighbors who move away due to the street primarily.

After so many years of complaints, it is good to see movement on the issue, however, only a true safety change will be accepted. As residents, we all worry that it will take the loss of a life to make a real change.

Marissa Farrell & Eric Gelfond at 88 Kendall lane

Namaste, Marissa

www.theinharasystem.com

Workshops for Women!

Next workshop: November 11, 2018 2:00-6:00

Sent from Yahoo Mail on Android

Sun, Dec 30, 2018 at 9:42 AM, Pam Abern

ATTACHMENT 3



Marylee Watkins <watkins@natickpolice.com>

Fwd: Question for Safety Committee: deer crossing warning sign?

3 messages

Brian Lauzon <lauzon@natickpolice.com>
To: Marylee Watkins <watkins@natickpolice.com>

Wed, Dec 5, 2018 at 2:10 PM

Safety Committee agenda?

Date: Wed, Dec 5, 2018 at 1:35 PM
Subject: Question for Safety Committee: deer crossing warning sign?
To: <hicks@natickpolice.com>
Cc: <lauzon@natickpolice.com>

Good afternoon -

I'd like to ask about getting a "caution - deer" sign posted on Bacon Street across from the Walnut Hill School fields.

Deer come from the Town Forest and cross here with some frequency. I've had a couple of close calls myself and over the years have known several people who've either had near-misses or collisions. I imagine the number of incidents is higher than what I know about personally.

A good friend collided with a deer while driving in that same stretch a couple of weeks ago, causing significant damage to the car, though the deer apparently was able to run away.

As I understand from her call to the Natick police following the accident, the department does not track car-animal collisions. I told her I would check to see if the Town would consider putting a MUTCD deer crossing sign on the north (westbound) side of Bacon Street at that point.

Please let me know if there's any additional information you or the Safety Committee need to consider this. One of us would be happy to attend the Safety Committee meeting.

Thank you!



Terri Evans

ATTACHMENT 4



Marylee Watkins <watkins@natickpolice.com>

Fwd: Crossing outside Calliope

1 message

Brian Lauzon <lauzon@natickpolice.com>
To: Marylee Watkins <watkins@natickpolice.com>

Mon, Jan 7, 2019 at 11:54 AM

Can we include this on the agenda?

----- Forwarded message -----

From: **Scott Lacerra** <lacerra@natickpolice.com>
Date: Thu, Dec 6, 2018 at 6:51 PM
Subject: Fwd: Crossing outside Calliope
To: Brian Lauzon <lauzon@natickpolice.com>

----- Forwarded message -----

Hi there,

I have inquired about the crosswalk outside my store on 1 N. Main before but after crossing tonight and again, having no one stop, and the next person almost hit me, I am asking again for you to please do something about this dangerous crosswalk.

My mother works at my store and crosses every day. One night, she texted me after she was so close to being hit she had to sit in her car and shake it off before she could drive home. I posted her text to my business FB page. Every commenter had their own horror story about crossing there and having cars come way too close.

My husband takes the train and crosses there every day and every night he comes home telling me about someone who blew through the crosswalk, or how he was caught in the middle because one side stopped and the other didn't.

Someone is going to get hurt here. Every person dear to me crosses here EVERY. DAY. I am begging you to please do something. A flashing signal. Anything. The message sign you guys put outside Stone's Auto was appreciated but doesn't help. Something needs to signal people someone is there and stops them.

Please PLEASE do something. It is very scary, even in the daytime and at night downright terrifying.

I am at Calliope Thursdays and Saturdays. My mom, Lori, is there the other days. We would both love to talk about this if you had time to stop by. Thanks very much,

Kristina Burkey
Calliope Paperie

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Scott Lacerra

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ATTACHMENT 5