



Town of Natick

Minutes

Board or Committee: SAFETY COMMITTEE

Meeting Date: Tuesday, February 18, 2020

Meeting Location: NATICK POLICE DEPARTMENT COMMUNITY ROOM

Members and Staff Present: Chief Hicks, Lt. Lauzon, Chief Lentini, James Freas, Alan Grady, Dave Gusmini, Tom Hladick, Patricia Paine, Joe Weisse.

Members not Present: Peter Gray

The meeting was called to order at: 10:01

Minutes from the January 16, 2020 Meeting were reviewed and approved.

Meeting Motions/Actions and Summary of Discussions:

OLD BUSINESS:

Resident request to make Palmer Avenue a one way street. Natali Gingersfield resident of Palmer Ave requested the Committee consider making Palmer Ave a one way street. Palmer Avenue is a narrow street with no sidewalks making it dangerous for pedestrians. Would also like to request a traffic volume counter study be assessed. **TABLE** Pending Neighborhood Meeting.

Resident request to address safety concerns on entering and exiting driveway at 25 Hartford Street. Committee VOTED to have discussions with MassDOT to determine a solution to allow resident to safely enter and exit driveway.

Request for 2 hour Parking Restriction Monday – Friday 9:00 AM – 5:00 PM on the following streets: **TABLE** pending further review.

- Church Street , Lincoln Street, Wilson Street, Grant Street

Request by Town Engineer to discuss design and construction options for Walnut Street Bacon Street Intersection. **TABLE** pending updates from Town Engineer as project progresses.

Resident request to address Safety Concerns for intersection Dover Road and Pleasant Street.

Committee VOTED to recommend to Board of Selectmen to erect 2 MUTCD approved intersection warning signs on Pleasant Street north and south of Dover Road at their January 15, 2019 Meeting. DPW Installed MUTCD approved warning signs, Stop bar painted and cleared all obstructing foliage. Committee VOTED TO TAKE NO ACTION all has been completed and no further feedback from residents.

NEW BUSINESS:

Resident request to post NO RIGHT TURN ON RED at Pond Street and Speen Street intersection.

Committee VOTED TO TAKE NO ACTION.

Resident Request to restrict right turn Monday-Friday 7-9 AM onto Keane Road similar to New Hampshire Road, Connecticut Road and Maine Road.

Committee feels in doing so it will shift problem from one street to another and ultimately congest the intersection of Route 9 and Oak Street more than it already is. Committee VOTED to TAKE NO ACTION.

Resident Request to address lack of lighting on Main Street at intersection of South Ave very difficult to see pedestrians in crosswalks.

TABLE pending attendance from DPW Director.

Request to address a serious public safety issue at the intersection of Rt 9 and Oak St in the area of Scrub A Dub.

Committee VOTED to Recommend to Board of Selectmen to work with property owner and other Town Committees to address serious safety concern on Route 9 and Oak Street in area of Scrub-A-Dub.

Request for additional street lights between 13 and 19 Bunker Lane

TABLE pending attendance of DPW Director.

Request for “NO PARKING HERE TO CORNER” on Donovan Lane.

Committee VOTED to continue enforcement of no parking on any street or highway within 20 feet of an intersecting way, as per the Town of Natick Traffic Rules and Orders rather than erecting a sign.

Request for “Flashing Speed Sign” on Peterson Road.

Committee VOTED to TAKE NO ACTION twice a year signboards are put up in the area and data collected does not indicate a speed issue. 85% of speed was recorded at 22 MPH.

Request to address traffic concerns and speed enforcement on Speen Street.

Natick Police Department to continue enforcement in area will also undergo speed study in an effort to identify volume, time, speed and direction of traffic.

Request for a STOP SIGN on Sylvester Road at Moore Street.

Committee VOTED TO TAKE NO ACTION.

Request to put safety measures in place at intersection of North Main and driveway to Primrose School. Committee VOTED TO TAKE NO ACTION. This should be included in the planning of the roadway redesign of North Main Street.

Request that Natick Public School Parking Lots be added to the Traffic Rules and Orders TABLE

Natick High School
Wilson Middle School Lots
Kennedy Middle School Lots
Bennett Hemenway Elementary School
Brown Elementary School
Johnson Elementary School
Lilja Elementary School
Memorial Elementary School

Resident Request to address pedestrian safety at the intersection of West Street and Oakland Streets. Danielle Newland resident of Oakland Street addressed Committee on her concerns on the visibility of crosswalk on West Street at Oakland Street. Overgrowth of shrubbery on corner causes serious visibility issue for those travelling southbound on Oakland wanting to take a right turn onto West Street. In addition, vehicles travelling Northbound on Oakland wanting to take a left turn onto West Street misconstrue a vehicle stopped for pedestrians in the Southbound traffic as a vehicle stopped to allow them to take a left turn. **TABLE** pending further review.

Resident Request to remove dead Pine tree on Pinewood Avenue Committee VOTED TO TAKE NO ACTION at this time, however, Tree Warden will inspect tree prior to next meeting and report back to Safety Committee whether or not it has become a Safety Concern of great urgency.

Minutes submitted by: Marylee E. Watkins
Meeting adjourned at: 12:09 PM
Next Meeting Date: March 31, 2020