



Town of Natick

Minutes

Board or Committee: SAFETY COMMITTEE

Meeting Date: TUESDAY, JULY 14, 2020

Meeting Location: NATICK POLICE DEPARTMENT

Members and Staff Present: Chief Hicks, Chief Lentini, Lt. Lauzon, Alan Grady, Dave Gusmini, David Krentzman, Joe Weiss

Members not Present: James Freas, Peter Gray, Tom Hladick

The meeting was called to order at: 10:12 AM

Minutes from the April 8, 2020 were reviewed and approved.

Meeting Motions/Actions and Summary of Discussions:

Chief Hicks began the meeting by welcoming Mr. David Krentzman to the Committee, David was appointed by Town Administrator as a resident at large.

OLD BUSINESS:

Resident request to make Palmer Avenue a one way street. 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: Committee VOTED TO TAKE NO ACTION.

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.

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

Resident Request to address pedestrian safety at the intersection of West Street and Oakland Streets. Committee VOTED to place MUTCD Compliant YIELD TO PEDESTRIAN sign just prior to intersection of West Street and Oakland Street in a southerly direction .

NEW BUSINESS:

Resident Request to install street light on existing pole between 121 and 123 Eliot Street. COMMITTEE VOTED TO TAKE NO ACTION there is an existing light in front of property and follows with every other pole which is consistent with most streets in town.

Resident request to change address from 149 Union Street to 185 Woodland Street. Committee VOTED to recommend to Board of Selectmen to hold a Public Hearing to change address from 149 Union Street to 185 Woodland Street.

Resident request for crosswalk crossing Oakland Street at Pond Street Committee VOTED TO TAKE NO ACTION on crosswalk, however will work with DPW and Town Engineer in placing tactile detection markers in an effort to make this intersection safe for a visually impaired resident to safely cross in this location.

Request to Review Operations Maintenance Manual Cochituate Rail Trail
TABLE

Request to install 4 foot high bushes and fencing at 212 – 214 Hartford Street Committee VOTED to approve as request is compliant with current Town By Law and are set back enough from road and will not cause a visual obstruction for motorists.

Resident Request for crosswalk on Pond Street at Point Street TABLE Committee had lengthy discussion with residents on best way to proceed in providing safest way for bicyclist and pedestrians to cross Pond street at this location. Bend in road; grade differential and lack of sidewalk make this a very dangerous location to cross Pond Street. All agreed advocacy for safety needs to be fore front. Table pending DPW to determine if curb cut can be places on both sides of Pond Street as well as work with Town Engineer to come back with both long term and short term solutions.

Minutes submitted by: Marylee E. Watkins

Meeting adjourned at: 11:59 AM

Next Meeting Date: September 29, 2020