



Town of Natick

Minutes

Board or Committee: SAFETY COMMITTEE

Meeting Date: THURSDAY, AUGUST 20, 2020

Meeting Location: NATICK POLICE DEPARTMENT

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

Members not Present: Chief Lentini, Peter Gray, Dave Gusmini David Krenzman

The meeting was called to order at: 09:39 AM

Meeting Motions/Actions and Summary of Discussions:

NEW BUSINESS:

Request for Down Town Traffic Calming Concepts

Committee discussed traffic calming concept to reconfigure and redesign curb extensions to create a shorter crossing distance for pedestrian safety and crosswalk visibility in area of downtown Natick. Town to run a two phase initial test of plan design prior to making permanent changes to see effectiveness of design; to see what curb extensions would look like and to ensure enough room for Public Safety vehicles to travel through safely. COMMITTEE VOTED to recommend to Select Board the Safety Committee's favorable support of the downtown traffic calming study. The Safety Committee strongly recommends it is important not to put pedestrians in harms way during initial testing phase and therefore, request that pedestrians be restricted from the crosswalk(s) during the initial phase.

Resident Request to add street lights in the vicinity of 28 Porter Road.

Motion to TABLE pending DPW to coordinate with vendor to evaluate possibility of placing lights on existing poles.

Minutes submitted by: Marylee E. Watkins

Meeting adjourned at: 10:35 AM

Next Meeting Date: September 22, 2020