



Town of Natick

Minutes

Board or Committee: SAFETY COMMITTEE

Meeting Date: September 30, 2025

Meeting Location: Virtual via Zoom

Members and Staff Present: Chief James Hicks, Deputy Chief Brian Lauzon, Brian Caisse, David Gusmini, David Krentzman, Amanda Loomis, Joe Weisse

Members not Present: Chief Ferschke, Alan Grady, Matt Gillis

Meeting Called to Order: 10:11AM

Meeting Motions/Actions and Summary of Discussions:

APPROVE MINUTES – May 27, 2025 Meeting

OLD BUSINESS:

Walnut/Bacon/Chestnut Street intersection.

TABLE pending design concept to be brought forward by Town Engineer Bill McDowell upon report by Tighe & Bond in early Spring.

Resident request for a four way Stop sign at the intersection of Pitts and Nelson Street.

VOTED to Take No Action.

Resident request to reduce speed on Woodland Street TABLE pending report from Town Engineer and Transportation/Economic Development Planner.

Residents concern for speed on Park Avenue Committee **VOTED to Take No Action.** Natick Police Department to continue enforcement and monitor speed.

Request to address parking issues on Cochituate Street. Committee **VOTED to Take No Action.**

NEW BUSINESS:

Resident request for “Right Turn Only” sign for vehicles exiting 7/11 parking lot on 172 North Main Street TABLE pending intersection review by Town Engineer William McDowell.

Resident request to erect signage to slow traffic down on the Wellesley end of Bacon Street. TABLE pending Traffic Enforcement, Education and Traffic Study.

Resident request for traffic calming measures on West Street and Campus Drive Committee **VOTED to recommend to Select Board to install flashing lights on existing Stop Signs.**

Morse Institute Library request for signage on Washington Street to alert motorists of Book Mobile entering/exiting the garage doors. TABLE pending review by facilities to investigate possibilities of flashing light sign to alert motorist that vehicle is backing into the garage as well as DPW fleet Maintenance adding back up strobe lighting on bookmobile.

Resident request to address safety concerns for motorists travelling south on Union Street attempting to access Route 16 Eastbound. TABLE pending evaluation by Superintendent of Communications Division of Natick Fire Department to evaluate traffic light sequences. DPW to paint STOP line and Don't Block Intersection on Route 16 Eastbound at Robert Sproule Lane similar to that on Main Street at Pond Street.

Request to change address from 83 Eliot Street to 1 Badger Avenue Committee **VOTED to Take No Action** front door of home is on Eliot Street changing address to Badger Ave would pose a problem for public safety response.

Request address Safety Concerns at 1 South Main Street Committee **VOTED to Take No Action.** Building Inspector David Gusmini and Deputy Chief Lauzon will work with building owner to address concerns as project progresses.

Resident request to address landscaping vehicles parked overnight on New Hampshire Ave. Committee **VOTED to Take No Action.** Building Inspector David Gusmini will work with landscaping business owner to resolve the issue.

Resident request for Stop Sign on Grant Street at Sherman Street Motion to Recommend to Select Board to install MUTCD Stop Sign, Stop Bar and Stencil Stop on Grant Street Southbound at Sherman Street.

Safety Concerns-Intersection of Speen Street and West Central Street TABLE pending Town Engineer William McDowell renders an opinion on moving Stop sign back 15 feet on Speen Street heading North at intersection of 135. Explore possibility of funding to install investigative surveillance system.

Minutes submitted by: Marylee Watkins

Meeting adjourned at: 12:00 PM

Next Meeting Date: 10-28- 2025