

Norton Traffic Safety Committee Meeting Minutes

DATE: Wednesday, January 17, 2024
Time: 12 PM
Location: Norton DPW Conference Room

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In Attendance:

- Rob Welsh, (Citizen)
- George Hast, (Citizen Alternate)
- Bob Kimball, (Chair) Citizen)
- John Goodwin (Police)
- Keith Silver
- Steve Hornsby (Select Board)
- Jason Robbins (Fire)

Absent: Ralph Stefanelli, Kristine Hadsfield

Also present Jared Ferrara (DPW)

The meeting was called to order at 12:02 by Bob

SPREDD gave a presentation on the draft Woodward Street/Home Foods Heavy Traffic Report. A final report will be available for our next meeting. The report includes: The community technical memorandum for the Woodward Street Heavy Vehicle Exclusion and the Home Market Foods Entrance. Additional items were requested within the technical memorandum. We asked that they remove the text on the alternate entrance which would have been located closer to the middle of the facility. SRPEDD agreeing that the rear path to the entrance may not be in suitable condition. Also removed was the text on the proposed angled driveway. The report reviewed the heavy vehicle's minimum turning path in MassDOT's Design Manual and it should be sufficient for the proposed entrance's location. Added was that any new driveway should be designed to adequately accommodate heavy vehicle turns/maneuvers as to minimize impacts to existing traffic on South Worcester Street

Hazardous intersections were raised, ELM and Pine, Dean and Harvey. Jarred Ferrara will check on Dean and Harvey. Bob will talk to the select board about options and perhaps getting MASS DOT to attend a future meeting. John Goodwin was asked to find out how many accidents had occurred at Pine/Elm and Main. John reported 48 major accidents from 2016 to 2023.

There is a complaint about cars cutting through the Solomese School. NPD is aware and signage was discussed.

The minutes were reviewed. Rob Welsh motioned to approve, seconded by Jason Robbins, vote was unanimous.

Next meeting will be held on Wednesday February 14, 2024, at the Norton DPW Conference Room at 12PM.

Motion to adjourn was made by John Goodwin and seconded by Rob Welsh. Vote Unanimous.

Meeting adjourned at 01:28 PM

Keith Silver
Rob Welsh

John Goodwin
Bob Kimball

Kristine Hadsfield