

Norton Traffic Safety Committee Meeting Minutes

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DATE: Wednesday, April 12, 2023
Time: 1PM
Location: Norton DPW Conference Room

In Attendance:

- Keith Silver (DPW)
- Jason Robbins (Fire)
- Rob Welsh, (Citizen)
- George Hast, (Citizen Alternate)
- Bob Kimball, (Chair) Citizen)
- John Goodwin (Police)
- Kristine Hadsfield (School)
- Christian Zahhner (BOH)

- Not present: Steve Hornsby, Ralph Stefanelli

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Keith Silver
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The meeting was called to order by Chairman Bob Kimball at 1:05PM

380 S. Worcester

Update from Christian Zahner, Board of Health, regarding Home Market Foods.

A sound study was completed and Christian is waiting for the results from Home Foods.

- Usage of Bay 1(front) was reported as restricted to daytime hours 7am – 6 pm.
- Usage of Bay 1 outside this time frame was being done due to facility construction on the back. This was said to be “temporary” on a letter dated 8/24/2021
- Discussion about signage on Home Foods property restricting noise.
- Discussion about “S” turn on the right hand side of the building and the noise impact.
- There are additional noise reduction measures that will take place in May. (Signage, truck routing) Further noise studies will wait until after that has been done. All future traffic in and out will be directed to the left side of the building.
- There is no enforceable law regarding traffic and noise. This needs to be addressed by town and facility working together.
- Using the Woodward St gate is not an option.
- Additional directional signage will be requested for Eddy and S. Worcester from the Selectboard.
- A letter will be sent to the Selectboard asking for assistance on getting these improvements accomplished.

Route 123

- The State DOT is waiting for various things that have to be done before paving the road. These things need to come from various entities and have to go in order so that compounds and extends scheduling.
- These various parties do not update or communicate with the town manager as well as would be desirable, this hampers his ability to predict times and dates and plan for the town's needs.
- An article for road improvements at the intersection of Rte 140 (Mansfield Ave) and Rte 123 (Main Street) is in the next Warrant for town Meeting for \$50,000.
- The Public Virtual Design Meeting on N./S. Worcester Street will be discussed at our next meeting

Discussion about installing sidewalks near and around our schools. Kristine Hadfield will give an update at our next meeting.

Next meeting will be held on Wednesday May 12, 2023, at the Norton DPW Conference Room at 1PM.

Motion to adjourn was made by Rob Welsh and seconded by Jason Robbins. Vote Unanimous.

Meeting adjourned at 2:05 PM