



## NORTHBRIDGE SAFETY COMMITTEE

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Dear Board of Selectmen:

The Northbridge Safety Committee met **WEDNESDAY FEBRUARY 19, 2020** in the Police Station Conference Room (1 Hope Street). The following members were present: Chairman James Shuris, Chief of Police Walter Warchol, George Murray, Peter Bedigian, Fire Chief David White, and Jamie Luchini (Alternate) were present. Richard Maglione, R. Gary Bechtholdt & James Sheehan were absent.

The following members of the public were in attendance:

Ron Muller  
Eric Bazzett

### CALL MEETING TO ORDER

Chairman Shuris called the meeting to order at 10:00 AM.

#### I. APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES

*Upon motion duly made (Chief Warchol) and seconded (G. Murray) the Safety Committee voted (6-0) to ACCEPT the meeting minutes of November 20, 2019.*

*J. Shuris elected to move the order of the agenda.*

#### III. TRUE NATURES WELLNESS (Marijuana Retail Dispensary) – Site Plan Review

Eric Bazzett, Allen Engineering & Associates

J. Shuris read the notes from the Planning Board, as asked by G. Bechtholdt. See attachment for full memo. Ron Muller introduced himself and stated he represents True Natures Wellness. He then presented his traffic study report. It was noted that all intersections in the vicinity are operating at acceptable levels and can handle the added estimated traffic from the facility. Also, the stone wall will be removed for sight line purposes.

J. Shuris requested hard copies of the traffic study for the Safety Committee from Ron Muller.

A discussion about adequate parking followed. R. Muller explained the current sight design has 38 parking spaces, the Town bylaw for a building this size is only 26.

J. Shuris asked R. Muller why the Planning Board wanted 50 parking spaces in the design?

E. Bazzett stated that at the Planning Board meeting, 50 spaces were not discussed, just added spaces.

R. Muller provided the Committee with a site parking comparison between the Millbury site and the proposed Northbridges site.

E. Bazzett informed the Committee that 5-7 spaces can be added in the design without encroaching on the gas line easement.

J. Shuris just wants to make sure that there will be no parking on Main Street.

*Upon motion duly made (Chief Warchol) and seconded (G. Murray) the Safety Committee voted (6-0) to accept the site plan if they add 5-7 parking spaces in it.*

## II. CORRESPONDENCE

Police Chief Warchol received a complaint from the Route 122 Grille stating that motorists traveling north are unable to see pedestrians in the crosswalk due to headlights from motorists traveling south.

Chief Warchol would like to add flashing pedestrian signs in that location.

*Upon motion duly made (Chief Warchol) and seconded (Chief White) the Safety Committee voted (6-0) to have J. Shuris contact the Mass DOT and see if they will install two flashing pedestrian signs in the vicinity of the Route 122 Grille.*

## IV. FIRE STATION BUILDING PROJECT – Presentation/Discussion

Fire Chief, David White

Chief White presented the fire station project to the Safety Committee.

The full presentation can be found, in its entirety, on the Town of Northbridge webpage.

G. Murray inquired if any traffic controls would be necessary on Providence Road.

Chief White does not think any will be necessary.

All Safety Committee members were pleased with the design.

## V. OLD/NEW BUSINESS

J. Shuris informed the Committee that R. Maglione wants to add a future agenda item to discuss the new Balmer Elementary School's evacuation route.

Chief Warchol does not think this should be discussed in an open meeting, due to security risks.

All members agreed.

This item will not be placed on a future agenda.

**VI. STATUS OF ACTION – 20 NOVEMBER 2019 Safety Committee meeting minutes**

J. Shuris informed the Committee that both 30MPH, with Caution Children, signs have been installed on Eisenhower Drive

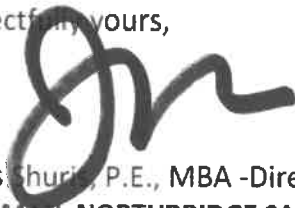
**VII. NEXT SAFETY COMMITTEE MEETING DATE**

March 18, 2020 at 10:00am  
Police Station

**VIII. ADJOURNMENT**

Having no additional business, the Safety Committee adjourned its meeting of Wednesday February 19, 2020 at or about 10:51AM.

Respectfully yours,



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**CHAIRMAN, NORTHBRIDGE SAFETY COMMITTEE**

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