



NORTHBRIDGE SAFETY COMMITTEE

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NORTHBRIDGE TOWN CLERK
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September 9, 2020

Northbridge Board of Selectmen
Northbridge Memorial Town Hall
7 Main Street, Whitinsville MA 01588

Dear Board of Selectmen:

The Northbridge Safety Committee met **WEDNESDAY SEPTEMBER 9, 2020** virtually, via zoom. The following members were present: Chairman James Shuris, R. Gary Bechtholdt, Chief of Police Walter Warchol, Peter Bedigian, Fire Chief David White, and Jamie Luchini (Alternate) were present. George Murray, George Simmons, Lt. Timothy Labrie (Alternate), and James Sheehan (Alternate) was absent.

The following members of the public were in attendance:
None

CALL MEETING TO ORDER

Chairman Jim Shuris called the meeting to order at 10:01 AM.

Chairman Shuris read the Governor's order

I. APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES – 05 AUGUST 2020

Upon motion duly made (Chief Warchol) and seconded (P. Bedigian) the Safety Committee voted (6-0) to ACCEPT the meeting minutes of August 5, 2020.

II. WHITINSVILLE GOLF COURSE (WGC):

Chief Warchol spoke with WGC Manager, Frank Ianetta and WGC President Sal Damato. They were unable to attend the meeting. They wish to keep players from parking on the side of Fletcher Street in the area of the driving range.

Chief Warchol recommended placing “No Parking” signs in this area.

J. Shuris asked G. Bechtoldt if this could be done on Fletcher Street being a Scenic Road.

G. Bechtoldt advised signs could be erected and suggested only places 2 to 3 signs.

Chief Warchol and J. Shuris will meet with Frank Ianetta and Sal Damato for best sign placement.

Upon motion duly made (Chief Warchol) and seconded (G. Bechtoldt) the Safety Committee voted (6-0) to recommend the placement of 2 to 3 “No Parking” signs on Fletcher Street, in the vicinity of the Whitinsville Country Club driving range.

III. OLD/NEW BUSINESS

G. Bechtoldt asked if the Shining Rock trail head discussion would be placed on a future agenda, as well as where the Complete Streets program was at.

J. Shuris stated that the Town was just approved for Shared Streets project grant. This project will include pavement markings, a temporary sidewalk, new traffic routing at the Northbridge Middle School parking lot. This project should be completed by the end of October.

J. Shuris informed the Committee that we will be filing a Tier 3 application for our Complete Streets program by the end of October, with hopes to be approved for application in the spring.

J. Luchini gave an update on road paving this year. This will include Church Street, from Oviatt Square to Leland Road and Highland Street, from Church Street to Romanowski Drive.

P. Bedigian asked on follow-up on the traffic lighting issue at Plummer's Corner. The red light on Church Street Ext. is not being bypassed if there is no one waiting in queue for a left hand turn onto Church Street from the opposite direction. He believes this is a sensor issue.

J. Shuris and J. Luchini will have a report for the next Safety Committee meeting.

P. Bedigian began a discussion about cars parking on the roadside at the blocked off parking entrance of the Shining Rock trailhead. He feels that this is hindering travel on an already narrow roadway and therefore a safety issue. The issue seems to be more of a problem during the late afternoon and weekend timeframes.

Chief Warchol reminded the Committee this was a directive from the Board of Selectmen.

Chief White stated that the blocked off parking area makes access to the trail more difficult for fire and safety apparatus.

G.Bechtoldt informed the Committee that Lt. Labrie reached out to him and stated that his internet is down.

IV. STATUS OF ACTION: 05 AUGUST 2020 SAFETY COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

No action taken at this time.

V. NEXT SAFETY COMMITTEE MEETING DATE

October 14, 2020 at 10:00am

VI. ADJORNMENT

Having no additional business, the Safety Committee adjourned its meeting of Wednesday September 9, 2020 at or about 10:30AM.

Respectfully yours,



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CHAIRMAN, NORTHBRIDGE SAFETY COMMITTEE

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Cc: Northbridge Town Clerk
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Northbridge Town Manager

Lt. Timothy Labrie