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ADA Sidewalks – 100 Main Street
Common Driveway Request – 2094 Quaker Street
Reduce Speed Limit and/or Speed Bumps – Hemlock Street
Handicapped Parking on Main Street – 1 Main Street

Dear Board Members:

The Northbridge Safety Committee met on Wednesday March 16, 2016, in the Police Station Conference Room. The following members were present: Chairman Gary Nestor, James Shuris, Jamie Luchini, Chief Walter Warchol, George Murray, R. Gary Bechtholdt II, and Paul Halacy. Peter Bedigian was absent.

Also in attendance were: Mr. Bruce Frieswick, Northbridge Commission on Disabilities, Mr. John Holtz, Wilmington Medical Supply Company, for 100 Main Street, and Ms. Karina G. Quinn, P.E., Guerriere & Halnon for 2094 Quaker Street.

Recognizing the presence of a quorum the meeting was called to order at 11:00 a.m. by Chairman Nestor.

Approval of Minutes: The chairman asked for approval of the minutes of the December 16, 2015 Safety Committee meeting. Motion was made by Chief Warchol and seconded by Mr. Shuris to accept minutes as posted, Vote was 6 – 0 with Mr. Murray abstaining.

Correspondence:

The Chairman noted receipt of a memorandum dated March 14, 2016 from Ms. Sharon L. Susienka, Executive Assistant to the Town Manager regarding Board of Selectmen vote to accept the recommendations of the Safety Committee as outlined in the meeting minutes for the December 16, 2015 meeting.

ADA Compliant Sidewalk - Mr. John Holtz, Wilmington Medical Supply, Inc. located at 100 Main Street, Whitinsville, asked the committee to consider improving the sidewalk(s) at the intersection of Main Street and Forest Street to accommodate wheel chairs and persons with mobility issues. Mr. Holtz stated that improving the sidewalks would allow more clients to access his business. The committee considered his request and agreed that sidewalk improvements should be made at this intersection. The DPW Director, Mr. James Shuris and Highway Superintendent, Mr. Jamie Luchini informed the committee these improvements could be made with available funds and the work should be completed

by July 15, 2016. *Upon motion duly made by Mr. Murray and seconded by Chief Warchol, the Safety Committee recommends the work be completed under the direction of the Northbridge DPW Director with a completion date of July 15, 2016; the vote was unanimous.*

Common Driveway Request – 2094 Quaker Street: Ms. Karina G. Quinn, P.E., representing Guerriere & Halnon, Inc. presented a request for a common driveway at 2094 Quaker Street, near the Upton town line. During her presentation Ms. Quinn informed the committee the driveway would service two (2) house lots. The site lines in both directions appear to be adequate, 400' towards Upton and 750' towards Northbridge. Ms. Quinn also stated there would be a 10 percent slope leading onto Quaker Street and transition to a 12 percent slope further into the driveway before it leveled off. Chief Nestor inquired about the larger fire department vehicles entering and exiting the property as to whether the longer trucks – ladder truck – would bottom out possibly causing damage to the vehicle. Ms. Quinn stated there would be no problem with having the vehicle being brought to the site at the beginning of the excavation process to evaluate and make the proper adjustments to prevent this from happening. *Upon motion duly made by Chief Warchol and seconded by Mr. Murray, the Safety Committee recommends the project as presented with the above concerns being addressed; the vote on this was unanimous.*

Reduced Speed Limit on Hemlock Street: The Chairman read an email from Mr. William Dausey asking the committee to either reduce the speed limit or place speed bumps on Hemlock Street because of speeding in the area. It was noted by members that Hemlock Street is a dead end street as well as the two streets leading off of it. It was also noted that the people doing the speeding were probably residents of the area. The Safety Committee does not recommend placing speed bumps on a public way and the speed limit in this development is appropriate for the area. It was brought to the attention of the committee the streets were not accepted ways at this time. Chief Warchol stated he would make contact with Mr. Dausey and try to address his concerns.

Handicap Parking on Main Street: At the December 16, 2015 Safety Committee meeting, Mr. Bruce Frieswick, Northbridge Disability Commission, asked the committee to consider additional handicap parking spots at the Alternatives Unlimited Building at 1 Main Street, Whitinsville. Mr. Frieswick stated there should be additional spaces for safety considerations. The committee advised Mr. Frieswick that handicap parking spaces come under the direction of the town Building Inspector and a request would be made to that office to investigate the possibility of creating additional handicap parking at the 1 Main Street facility. Building Inspector, James Sheehan, approached the facility representative, Mr. Leonard Jolles, and asked if it were possible to create additional spots at his facility. Mr. Jolles replied back in a letter presented to the committee he would see what could be done to accommodate the request. He posted one (1) additional spot in the front of the building.

Mr. Frieswick stated this spot does not meet the requirements of handicap parking as to the location and current condition of the area. He stated additional work would have to be done and requests the committee send it back to the building inspectors' office for further review and report. *Upon motion duly made by Mr. Murray and seconded by Chief Warchol the safety Committee recommends the Northbridge Building Inspector provide the committee with a written report for their next meeting. The vote on this was unanimous.*

Street Light Policy: The committee reviewed and discussed the current Street Light Proposal in affect dated 7/24/1995. It was felt a new document should be written to be adopted by the Board of Selectmen as a policy to assist with the decision making when requests are made. DPW Director James Shuris stated he would provide the committee with wording for their review and input from the

members in order to develop a policy that can be adopted by the BOS. It was agreed that a new document would be available for review at the next scheduled meeting of the Safety Committee.

Respectfully yours,

Gary A. Nestor, Northbridge Fire Chief
Chairman Northbridge Safety Committee

Cc: Northbridge Town Clerk
Northbridge Town Manager/BOS
Northbridge Planning Board
Lt. Timothy Labrie
Disability Commission
Mr. John Holtz

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