



## **NORTHBRIDGE SAFETY COMMITTEE**

January 18, 2023

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

Dear Board of Selectmen:

The Northbridge Safety Committee met **WEDNESDAY JANUARY 18, 2023** at the Police Department. In attendance : Timothy Labrie, Jamie Luchini, Peter Bedigian, Gary Bechtholdt, Anthony Genga, Steven Tyler (Senior Civil Engineer at Howard Stein Hudson) and Sarah Meurer (Staff Civil Engineer at Howard Stein Hudson).

### **I. CALL MEETING TO ORDER**

Timothy Labrie called the meeting to order at 10:03 AM

### **II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Upon motion duly made (Labrie) Safety Committee voted to uphold the meeting minutes of December 18, 2022. All in favor.

### **III. CORRESPONDENCE**

No new correspondence.

### **IV. COMPLETE STREETS PROGRAM – LINWOOD AVE**

Steven Tyler and Sarah Meurer presented a power point presentation on the proposed new sidewalks and crosswalks for Linwood Ave.

Questions that were asked are as follows.

Peter Bedigian: Where the orange barrels are now at the Northbridge Middle School parking lot (east side), what will that be?

Sarah Meurer: That will be new sidewalks.

Gary Bechtholdt: Will there be pavement leading to the Mumford Trail?

Sarah Meurer: No that will be crushed stone.

Gary Bechtholdt: Can we put a curvage instead of a straight path to the Mumford Trail entrance?

Steven Tyler: You can, you would have to talk with the conservation committee to make those plans.

Gary Bechtholdt: In reference to the Northbridge Middle School parking lot (west side entrance/exit) – Is that a one way?

Jamie Luchini: Yes. During school hours it is an exit only.

Peter Bedigian: How is the lighting in the area?

Jamie Luchini: We are working with National Grid to upgrade the lights to LED's.

Timothy Labrie: Asked clarification on the map in front of the Whitinsville Christian School in regards to the curbing cutting into the exit lane.

Steven Tyler: Stated the curbing will not interfere with the existing exit lane.

Gary Bechtholdt: Will widening near the Whitinsville Christian School go into the new Mumford River Walk?

Steven Tyler: No, you may actually be able to remove some of the pavement.

Jamie Luchini: Is there enough footprint to make a dedicated right turn only lane into the Whitinsville Christian School?

Sarah Meurer: No we would need more space to merge the existing lane back in.

Peter Bedigian: Was adding bike lanes discussed?

Steven Tyler: No and because it is a local project not a state project it is not required.

Gary Bechtholdt: What is the pavement width required for a bike path?

Sarah Meurer: 5 feet on each side.

Timothy Labrie: Would you lose your turning lane into the Whitinsville Christian School (if bike path was added)?

Sarah Meurer: Maybe, you would have to use the extra paved space on the side of the road.

Gary Bechtholdt: The crosswalk at the Northbridge High School entrance/exit is that a benefit to slow cars?

Sarah Meurer: Pedestrians crossing will have less time in the roadway and hopefully slow cars turning.

Peter Bedigian stated from a safety committee perspective it will improve Linwood Ave. Timothy Labrie accepted a motion by Peter Bedigian to approve the current plans; Jamie Luchini second, all in favor.

## **V. OLD/NEW BUSINESS**

- a.) Providence Rd/Sutton St/ Upton St intersection – Howard Stein Hudson is waiting on plans and to hear from Mass DOT.
- b.) Mumford Riverwalk Boardwalk – Gary Bechtholdt stated this was moving forward. Plans on construction starting in the summer.
- c.) Cottage Street Stop Sign – Jamie Luchini was waiting on pricing and will be ordering.

**VI. Next meeting is scheduled for February 15, 2023 @ 10:00 am.**

## **VII. ADJOURNMENT**

Timothy Labrie motioned the adjournment of the meeting at 10:53 am, all in favor.

Respectfully yours,



Chief Timothy Labrie  
Northbridge Police Department  
**CHAIRMAN, NORTHBRIDGE SAFETY COMMITTEE**

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Cc: Northbridge Town Clerk

Northbridge Town Manager

Lt. John Ouillette

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