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NORTHBRIDGE SAFETY COMMITTEE

March 15, 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 MARCH 15, 2023** at the Police Department. In attendance: Timothy Labrie, David White, Jamie Luchini, Peter Bedigian, Gary Bechtholdt, George Murray and David Pickart.

I. CALL MEETING TO ORDER

Timothy Labrie called the meeting to order at 10:04 a.m.

II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Upon motion duly made (Labrie) Safety Committee voted to uphold the meeting minutes of January 18, 2023. All in favor. George Murray sustained due to being absent from this meeting.

III. CORRESPONDENCE

No new correspondence.

IV. 821 QUAKER STREET

Resident of 821 Quaker Street, John Robicheau, is requesting a Blind Driveway sign. Timothy Labrie and Jamie Luchini did a site visit and due to narrow roads and the curve agree a sign should be placed in the northbound travel lane just prior to his driveway. Peter Bedigian motion to approve, all in favor.

V. CASTLE HILL FARM: Intended Purchase & Propose Passive Recreational Use

Proposed design plans were presented by David Pickart, Conservation Agent.

(See Draft List of Proposed Uses, Improvements and Prohibitions dated 3/9/23)

Plans include a paved parking area with 10/12 spots, trash receptacle and kiosk. New hiking trails. Prohibited activity would include: No drugs/alcohol, no hunting, no recreational vehicles and no drones (unless used by emergency personnel)

David White: How will you enforce no drones and rec vehicles?

David Pickart: A Friends of Castle Hill Committee will be formed and will help enforce this.

Gary Bechtholdt: Will it be posted?

David Pickart: Yes it will.

David Pickart stated he found 12 working hunting stands on the property. They are considering only allowing bow hunting when deer become over populated.

David Pickart proposed allowing camping and outdoor fires with permits from the fire department.

David White recommended prohibiting outdoor fires due to the difficulty of gaining access to the property should a fire get out of control.

David Pickart pointed out mountain biking was currently on the prohibit list.

Gary Bechtholdt stated the Planning Board supports no mountain bikes because it is a preserve.

Peter Bedigian asked if there would be lighting.

David Pickart: It can be allowed by using solar panels to power lighting and they are considering security cameras in the parking lot and at Riley Pond.

Peter Bedigian inquired about canoes or boats on Riley Pond?

David Pickart: No motorized boats are allowed but you could launch a canoe.

Timothy Labrie questioned whether the current residents are aware of these plans.

David Pickart: Yes I have had discussions with the residents

George Murray motioned to support the draft list of proposed uses, improvements and prohibitions dated March 9, 2023 with the exception of camping, outdoor fires and to include blocking off a trail on the Uxbridge town line that has a 30 foot drop due to safety concerns.

Peter Bedigian second, all in favor

VI. NORTHBRIDGE PUBLIC SCHOOLS: STUDENT & VEHICULAR CURCULATION

This was tabled to the next meeting.

VII. OLD/ NEW BUSINESS

a.) Linwood Ave Complete Streets - moving forward.

b.) Providence Rd/Sutton St/Upton St/School St Intersection Improvement – Jamie Luchini advises this is moving forward.

c.) Jamie Luchini updated that the flashing stop sign has been installed on Cottage Street @ Hill Street.

- d.) Jamie Luchini updated the no parking signs for Rte 122 @ Upton Street are in and should be installed in the upcoming weeks.
- e.) George Murray stated the "no left turn" sign was missing from the Jumbo Donuts exit onto Church Street. Requested this be added to the next meeting.

Next meeting is scheduled for April 19, 2023 @ 10:00 am.

VIII. ADJOURNMENT

Timothy Labrie motioned the adjournment of the meeting at 10:43 a.m. 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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