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## **NORTHBRIDGE SAFETY COMMITTEE**

May 17, 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 MAY 17, 2023** at the Police Department. In attendance: Timothy Labrie, Jamie Luchini, Peter Bedigian, Gary Bechtholdt, George Murray, George Simmons, Anthony Genga, David Pickart, Melissa Walker, Amy McKinstry and Jeffrey Bedigian.

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

Timothy Labrie called the meeting to order at 10:03 a.m.

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

Upon motion duly made (Labrie) Safety Committee voted to uphold the meeting minutes of April 19, 2023. All in favor.

### **III. CORRESPONDENCE**

The Northbridge Board of Selectman voted to accept the recommendations of the Safety Committee as outlined in the minutes of March 15, 2023.

### **IV. (draft) CONSERVATION LAND USE REGULATIONS**

David Pickart, Conservation Agent, went over the new proposed "Conservation Land Use Regulations".

Timothy Labrie suggested changing #1 from "one hour before sunrise until one hour after sunset" to specific times posted.

George Murray questioned where the sign would be posted?  
David Pickard responded at the kiosk.

Anthony Genga questioned if the gates would be locked?

David Pickard stated the gates would remain open unless there are issues and then they can lock them.

Safety Committee is in favor of #1 – 11 but with a wording change in #1 to match the times posted on the signs already placed at Shining Rock. The violations will also be consistent with the town language. Jamie Luchini motioned. George Murray second. All in favor.

## **V. NORTHBRIDGE PUBLIC SCHOOLS: STUDENT & VEHICULAR CIRCULATION**

George Simmons, Director of Facilities of the Northbridge Public Schools, reported contacting MIAA (towns insurance) and requested they send a representative to observe traffic. They recommended a rep from Mass Dept of Labor.

On 5/4/23 Mass Dept of Labor did come out and they recommended whomever is handling the traffic pattern to be properly trained at a traffic control class. A rep from MIAA did not show to the site visit.

George Simmons and Amy McKinstry (superintendent of school) both recommended a traffic light be placed at the intersection of NES, Crescent Street and Lake Street.

George Murray questioned what the MIAA rep said when called?

George Simmons stated that “we” would be liable if an accident occurred. No further comment by MIAA.

The following concerns/suggestions were made:

Gary Bechtholdt questioned how a traffic light would keep the traffic moving. If parents are sitting 8 cars deep at the stop sign now waiting to turn into the school, they still won’t move if the light turns green.

Peter Bedigian suggested maybe a traffic light that is similar to the fire department traffic light that can be set for only when needed.

Jamie Luchini had a concern for the traffic guard stepping out to cross children when someone had a green light.

Timothy Labrie had concern with who would be coming up with the traffic study funding and suggested the school administration send a proposal to the town manager for a traffic study.

Peter Bedigian suggested the job description be amended for whomever takes on the traffic control position.

Peter Bedigian had a safety concern for the traffic controller and suggested the town council be involved with recommendations.

Jamie Luchini stated the DPW can install 2 blinking pedestrian solar lights on Crescent Street.

George Murray recommended the safety committee waited until the traffic study was completed and town council gave their opinion.

Safety Committee recommends having DPW install the 2 blinking pedestrian solar lights, the traffic controller strictly crosses student and does not handle vehicle traffic and supports funding for a traffic study. Motioned by Gary Bechtholdt. George Murray second, all in favor.

#### **VI. CARPENTER ROAD CAUSEWAY – PARKING CONCERNS**

Jeffrey Bedigian, resident of Rocky Road, attended the meeting with concerns about people parking on the north side of the bridge on Carpenter Road. Mr. Bedigian stated on numerous occasions he was almost struck head on and did not think a fire truck would be able to get down the road when people are parked on both sides.

There used to be a dirt spot where cars could pull into but it is Water Company property and it has since been blocked off with boulders.

Gary Bechtholdt questioned if there were any no parking signs on Carpenter Road by the causeway already? Jamie Luchini stated no.

Timothy Labrie recommended a site visit prior to recommending no parking signs.

Jamie Luchini motioned to do a site visit and to discuss this again at the next meeting. George Murray second. Peter Bedigian abstained voting due a relation to the complainant.

#### **V11. OLD/NEW BUSINESS**

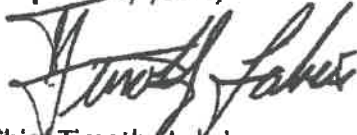
- a.) May 4<sup>th</sup> Crescent Street/Lake Street and Linwood Ave Site Visit Observation were attended by George Simmons, Jamie Luchini, Timothy Labrie and Gary Bechtholdt.
- b.) Status of Action: April 19 Safety Committee Meeting. Minutes were approved today and will be added to the Selectman's Agenda for May 22<sup>nd</sup>.

**Next meeting is scheduled for June 21, 2023 @ 10:00 am. .**

#### **VIII. ADJOURNMENT**

Timothy Labrie motioned the adjournment of the meeting at 10:57 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 Oullette

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