

## **NORTHBRIDGE SAFETY COMMITTEE**

December 21, 2022

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

Dear Board of Selectmen:

The Northbridge Safety Committee met **WEDNESDAY DECEMBER 21, 2022** at the Police Department. In attendance : Timothy Labrie, David White, Jamie Luchini, George Simmons, Peter Bedigian, Gary Bechtholdt and Heather Elster (Executive Director Whitin Community Center).

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

Timothy Labrie called the meeting to order at 10:05 AM

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

Upon motion duly made (Labrie) Safety Committee voted to uphold the meeting minutes of October 19, 2022. Jamie Luchini second. All in favor.

### **III. COORESPODENCE**

Tmothy Labrie received an email from Jim Roberts, resident of Upton Street, regarding tractor trailer trucks parking on Rte 122 (Providence Road) waiting to unload at 2355 Providence Road. Trucks are blocking the view of residents pulling out of Upton Street onto Providence Road. Timothy Labrie recommended no parking signs be placed on Providence Road northbound between Upton Street and Advinia Care's entrance adjacent to Electric Pond.  
Second – all in favor.

### **IV. COTTAGE STREET / HILL STREET INTERSECTION**

Heather Elster, Executive Director of the Whitin Community Center, had concern about their stone wall on Hill Street being struck numerous times during the past couple years. Board of Directors at the Community Center requested either bollards be installed on town property or a flashing stop sign on Cottage Street.

Timothy Labrie recommended a flashing stop sign on Cottage Street @ Hill Street.

All in favor, Peter Bedigian sustained voting due to being on the Board at the Whitin Community Center.

## **V. LINWOOD MEMORIAL FIELD: PROPOSED IMPROVMENTS**

Jamie Luchini presented a layout design of the basketball courts, pickle ball court and four squares court.

Timothy Labrie questioned if there would be security cameras installed. Jamie Luchini advises security cameras are being discussed.

Gary Bechtholdt questioned if the gates would be locked. Jamie Luchini stated the gates would not be locked and emergency personnel would have access.

Timothy Labrie approved the layout design with the camera recommendations if there was funding, Pete Bedigian second and all in favor.

## **VI. ROCKET POCKET PARK (2217 PROVIDENCE ROAD): PROPSD LAYOUT/DESIGN**

Gary Bechtholdt, Town Planner, proposed a draft of the property. Suggested placing fencing along the southside entrance and along the back of the property.

David White questioned how close the trees will be to the fence and voiced concern about over growth. Gary Bechtholdt states the trees would be inside the fence line and would not be an issue.

Dave White questioned if there would be security cameras. Gary Bechtholdt agreed camera's would a good idea and it would have to be discussed at a later time who would manage and what system to use.

Peter Bedigian questioned if there would be lighting after hours. Committee suggested 2 street scape lights be placed – one on the inside corner and one out near the street. Lights could be on timers.

Peter Bedigian asked if there would be any restricted hours. Gary Bechtholdt stated no.

Peter Bedigian asked about trash removal. Jamie Luchini suggested placing a Berkowitz trash barrel inside.

Timothy Labrie motioned to support the layout and discussed proposals.  
All in favor.

## **VII. OLD/NEW BUSINESS**

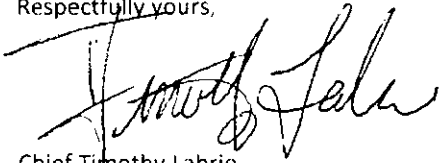
- a.) Linwood Ave – Jamie Luchini is going to invite a representative from Howard Stein Hudson Consultants to come to a meeting to discuss their proposed plans.
- b.) Providence Rd/Sutton St/ Upton St intersection - Jamie Luchini stated the state is still drafting up a design for a roundabout.
- c.) Mumford Riverwalk Boardwalk – Gary Bechtholdt RFP (Request for Proposal) is being created for an OPM (Owners Project Manager).

**VIII. Next meeting is scheduled for January 18th, 2023 at 10am.**

**VIII. ADJOURNMENT**

Timothy Labrie motioned the adjournment of the meeting at 10:46 am, all in favor.

Respectfully yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Timothy Labrie". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Timothy" and last name "Labrie" clearly distinguishable.

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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