

Town of Natick
Safety Committee Minutes
February 26, 2008

Members in attendance: Chief Mannix Chief Sabourin
Lt. Lauzon Robert Ward
John Slamin Patrick Reffett
Charlie Sisitsky Michael Melchiorri

Old Business:

Approval of Minutes: The Committee VOTED to approve the November 27, 2007 Safety Committee Minutes.

Request to change traffic signal sequence at the intersection of West Central Street and Kendall Lane: The committee agreed to continue to wait for the state to make a determination on this issue. No vote was necessary.

New Business:

Forest Street two-way status: In May of 2004, the Safety Committee voted to recommend removing the one-way restriction on Forest Street during the period of reconstruction of Rte. 135. Since the construction is nearly completed, the committee needed to revisit this issue. The committee VOTED to recommend keeping Forest Street as a two-way street.

Request for Stop Sign at Highland and Middle Streets: The committee VOTED to make a request to the Planning Board that they make the recommendation to include a stop sign on Middle Street at Highland as part of their approval process for a planned subdivision.

Request to properly mark handicapped stalls in Middlesex Avenue parking lot: The committee VOTED to ask the DPW to place appropriate signage in the handicapped parking places.

Route 9 at State Street: Mass Highway recently changed the signage that restricted motor vehicles from taking a right turn during certain a.m. and p.m. hours, eliminating the p.m. right turn restriction. The committee VOTED to ask Mr. Reffett, the town of Natick Community Development Director, to coordinate with Mass Highway to resolve this issue.

Natick Collection Traffic Plan: The committee was asked to review the traffic pattern in the area of the Lord & Taylor store. It was agreed to allow more time to monitor this area.

Request to move the taxi stand on North Avenue at Walnut Street further east: The committee VOTED to recommend relocating the taxi stand to the first space at the end of the crosswalk to eliminate the existing taxi stand and convert this area to a bus drop off area.

Intersection of Hayes Street and West Central Street: The committee was asked to consider fully signalizing this intersection. It was VOTED to discuss this issue with state authorities before making a recommendation to the Board of Selectmen.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:35 a.m.