



NORTHBRIDGE SAFETY COMMITTEE

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

Dear Board of Selectmen:

The Northbridge Safety Committee met **WEDNESDAY FEBRUARY 28, 2024** at the Police Department. In attendance: Timothy Labrie, Gary Bechtholdt, George Murray, David White, Richard Wetherbee and Steven Tyler.

I. CALL MEETING TO ORDER

Timothy Labrie called the meeting to order at 10:01 a.m.

II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Upon motion duly made (Murray) Safety Committee voted to uphold the meeting minutes of January 17 2024. All in favor.

III. CORRESPONDENCE & COMMUNICATIONS

- The Northbridge Board of Selectman voted to accept the recommendations of the Safety Committee as outlined in the minutes of September 20, 2023.

IV. LINWOOD AVENUE LAYOUT: COMPLETE STREETS FINAL DESIGN – REVIEW

Steven Tyler, PE- Howard Stein Hudson Associates, presented the final highway design plans dated 01/2024. These plans had changes the Safety Committee made in previous meetings.

Motion to move the solar rectangular rapid flashing beacon (RFB) from the crosswalk at 670 Linwood Ave to in front of the Northbridge Middle School at 171 Linwood Ave. Safety Committee recommends requesting 3 (three) RFB's on the entire project placing one at the crosswalk to the entrance of the school,

second one at the crosswalk to the entrance of the field and the third as an alternate potentially going to the 3rd crosswalk just west of the cemetery.

George Murray motioned, Gary Bechtholdt second. All in favor.

Sheets No. 35 showed the entrance to 427 Linwood Ave, Northbridge High School.

George Murray questioned if buses would be able to make the turn into the school without taking up the whole entrance/exit. Steven Tyler assured there would be plenty of room without causing any traffic hazards.

Motion to approve the layouts as proposed with the RFB motion.

Gary Bechtholdt motioned, George Murray second. All in favor.

V. OLD/ NEW BUSINESS

A.) STATUS OF ACTION

- Quaker Lane- School Street & Quaker Street vehicle traffic signal request. Chief Labrie reports following up with the Town Manager, Adam Gaudette. Mr. Gaudette stated this project is not feasible at this time and advised the residents can petition the state for a study.
- North Main Street – D Street & Overlook Street pedestrian crosswalk signal request. Chief Labrie reports following up with the Town Manager, Adam Gaudette. Mr. Gaudette stated this project is not feasible at this time and advised the residents can petition the state for a study.

B.) TOWN PROJECTS

- Main Street Causeway -Municipal Vulnerability Program /MVP Project – status update on design phase.
- Carpenter Road Causeway -Municipal Vulnerability Program /MVP Project – status update on design phase.

Next meeting is scheduled for March 20, 2024 @ 10:00 am.

VIII. ADJOURNMENT

Timothy Labrie motioned the adjournment of the meeting at 10:44 a.m. all in favor.

Respectfully yours,



Chief Timothy Labrie
Northbridge Police Department
CHAIRMAN, NORTHBRIDGE SAFETY COMMITTEE

-LMG

Cc: Northbridge Town Clerk

Northbridge Town Manager

Lt. John Ouillette

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