



**TOWN OF NORTHBOROUGH
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TRAFFIC SAFETY COMMITTEE
MEETING AGENDA-*AMENDED*

February 13, 2024
6:30 p.m.

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6:30 p.m. – Call Meeting to Order

1. Process for items Considered by the Traffic Safety Committee
2. New Items:
 - a. Crosswalk alert systems for schools, specifically Lincoln Street schools (3 crosswalks)
 - b. Speed humps at school crosswalks
 - c. School Department request for school zone controls replacement on Lincoln Street (4 each)
 - d. Crosswalk with alert system on Hudson Street at Silas Drive
 - e. No parking zone on Stirrup Brook Lane and Jenkins Drive
3. Continuing Discussions:
 - a. Peer community survey discussion
 - i. Speed bump installation on “cut through” roadways, Winter Street
 - ii. Stop sign requests where not warranted by Federal Highway Administration
4. Ongoing Items:
 - a. HCVE for Lincoln Street (Update)
 - b. Heavy Commercial Vehicle Exclusion (HCVE) for Brigham Street
 - c. Excessive Speed on Green Street. Speed monitoring options.
 - d. Memo to the Select Board in support of hiring two additional officers dedicated to traffic enforcement.
 - e. Selective Traffic Enforcement Program (STEP) utilization for speed control
5. Public comment
6. Approval of January 9, 2024 minutes
7. Next meeting schedule
8. Adjournment

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Original Inquiries

- 2.a./b. Crosswalk alert systems for schools, specifically Lincoln Street schools (3 crosswalks)

“Would it be wise to incorporate speed tables/raised crosswalks and/or RRFB's at the school zones? I saw something in the 11/15 minutes about utilization where speed limits are 25mph and am wondering if the 20mph school/safety zones classify as relevant?.As you may know, on Lincoln Street, there are 2 crosswalks in ~100' by Pleasant Street and Melican. Both of these come up quick and drivers from out of town may not be aware of their presence. The same type of issue occurs at LSS near the bottom of the hill and drivers may not be prepared to brake. Is it appropriate to have a sign part-of-the-way down the hill warning that a school zone is approaching? As someone who graduated from both of the above schools and still lives on Lincoln Street, I can speak from first-hand experience that more awareness of the school zones and crosswalks would be immensely beneficial for the students, especially walkers.”

- 2.c. School Department request for school zone controls replacement on Lincoln Street

“Central Mass Signal has serviced our school zone signals for many years. They recommend that the clock mechanisms be replaced. Central Mass has repaired the clocks many times and the scheduling mechanism continues to deteriorate. As a result, the aging scheduling mechanism (clock) has become unreliable, and the flashing lights are not engaged at the appropriate times. We appreciate your consideration to replace the clocks in each of the signals for Melican and LSS.”

- 2.d. Crosswalk with alert system on Hudson Street at Silas Drive

“I am emailing you to request a crosswalk, along with some type of a walking light to indicate cars to slow down when crossing for Silas Dr/Hudson st intersection, and a street light at night for Silas Drive. Some background: Our subdivision on Silas drive consists of 4-5 houses. Silas Drive intersects with Hudson St. The sidewalk on Hudson st is on the other side, and in order to get to it from Silas Dr, we need to cross Hudson st. There is currently no crosswalk to do this safely. As you might know, cars tend to use Hudson St as a drive-through from the Marlborough area to cross into Northborough. Most of the time, the cars are coming much faster than the speed limit for Hudson st, and we have run into several occasions where the cars can't stop in time and create close run-ins. I have a 3 year old active child who loves to go on walks regularly, along with a senior dog and 2 senior citizens (my husband's parents) that live with us, and they need to take their time to cross. Hence, we'd like to request for a cross walk along



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with a crossing light to indicate cars to slow down. We also noticed that the area gets really dark at night as there's no street light on Silas Dr. This makes it impossible to walk after the sun is down. My father-in-law cannot drive, and he relies on walking to the nearby grocery stores and is unable to do so during the nights due to the darkness. I would like to request for 1) a crosswalk on Silas/Hudson, 2) a crosswalk light to indicate cars to slow down when someone is waiting to cross, and 3) a street light on Silas Dr for some light in the area during the night."

2.e. No parking zone on Stirrup Brook Lane and Jenkins Drive

"I'm emailing today requesting a no parking sign on Stirrup Brook Lane and Jenkins Dr. Today two 18 wheelers used our street again as a u-turn and one ended up parking at the end of Stirrup Brook. Unfortunately, as you know he cannot be asked to move but he is not allowed to idle and was asked by the police to shut his engine off. After shutting off his engine, he continued to stay there to sleep for two hours. While there, FedEx delivery trucks, a town salter, and the garbage truck along with our neighborhood traffic all needed to avoid him sitting there - it's not a wide road. This is something as neighbors we do NOT want. Word will get around to all truckers that there are side roads to park and wait until their time has come to show up at the warehouse. We do not want to set a precedent that this is ok. Amazon and surrounding warehouses should be responsible for truck parking, not the neighborhoods."