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63 MAIN STREET
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TRAFFIC SAFETY COMMITTEE

MEETING AGENDA

June 20, 2024

6:30 p.m.

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6:30 p.m. – Call Meeting to Order

1. New Items:

- a. Bartlett Street safety zone timing; inquiry below
- b. Brigham Street truck traffic, inquiry below
- c. West Main Street/Lincoln Street/Crestwood Drive, inquiry below
- d. Townwide speed limit reduction; member information

2. Continuing Discussions:

- a. Crosswalk enhancements; funding

3. Ongoing Items:

- a. Heavy Commercial Vehicle Exclusion (HCVE) for Lincoln Street
- b. HCVE for Brigham Street

4. Public comment

5. Approval of April 9, 2024 meeting minutes

6. Next meeting schedule

7. Adjournment

End

Attachment: Original inquiries



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Bartlett Street Safety Zone

“My name is XX from XX Bartlett Street. I notice an article in the local newspaper about a resident asking to limit the High School Safety Zone light to shorter hours. Being that I am directly across the street from the light going northbound I actually disagree with the other resident and your ruling to shorten the hours of the safety zone and think the longer they remain on the better it is from a safety perspective. I have no issue with the lights going to 9PM whatsoever and the residents were not consulted in any changes have been recommended. I disagree with Mitch Cohens statement in the article that generally there are not many events past 8:30. I have seen many buses and events that end after 8:30 in my time here on Bartlett Street. In fact, I would request that we also change the 700 feet safety zone going south to 800 feet. The speed limit sign is directly in my front yard and encourages the students, buses, and parents to hit the gas before the end of the zone as they hustle back to Southboro, hence making my driveway very dangerous. Please reverse the decision and open this up to a more inclusive discussion.”

Brigham Street truck traffic

“Please consider this as a formal letter of complaint about the use of Brigham Street by the Waste Management company. There is a steady stream of huge garbage trucks from Waste Management going up and down the street from early morning into the afternoon on weekdays and sometimes on Saturday. Brigham Street is used as a shortcut between Route 20 and South Street to avoid the traffic lights in the center of town, and that is obviously what Waste Management is doing. We have followed the trucks on several occasions and they do not do any business on Brigham Street. In general, the truck drivers are rude to traffic on the street, often driving over the yellow line because the street is narrow in many places. We have spoken to several neighbors about this and they agree. One neighbor told us his wife was walking with their grandchild and was almost struck by one of the trucks. We think they are well above the speed limit in many cases. We have to cross the street to get to our mailbox, and there are times I’m afraid to do that. My wife and I have both been forced off the road in separate instances. Brigham Street is used by many pedestrians as well, many of them pushing baby carriages. We are concerned that there will be a devastating accident at some point if these trucks are not more controlled. We would appreciate any help that the town of Northborough could provide.”

West Main Street/Lincoln Street/Crestwood Drive

I recognize this was addressed on 9/14/24 but was curious if the request to mass dot to install a light at the four way intersection of rt 20 and Lincoln st requires followup inquiries? Would it be more effective to report to the news and share pictures like the horrible accident on 05/31/24 to drum up attention for mass dot to do something? I don’t take pictures but an accident seems to be happening there every few weeks and it’s never



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just a fender bender. Even for the pedestrian light people just drive through it because they are confused.