

Safety Committee Meeting

Date: February 28, 2024

Location: North Brookfield Police Department Training Room

Time: 1:00 pm to 2:02 pm

Attended by: Mark Smith, Pat Kiritsy, Darren Anderson, Jason Benoit, Steve Bodine (71 New Braintree Road) and Jamie Flamand

Meeting called to order at 1:02 pm

1. Mr. Bodine on New Braintree Road (across from Witt Dr) is requesting to have a street light at the corner turned off. It was off for a long time, but National Grid has turned it back on. They did not give me a reason for this change. Mr. Bodine does astrophotography and needs as little light as possible, this street light is ruining his hobby. National Grid has no problem with turning this off, but since it's at an intersection I'd like the Safety Committee's official opinion on this.
 - After discussion there was a motion to turn the street light off as it was in the past.
 - Yes – 4 No – 1
 - Motion passes
2. I sent a street light list a week or two ago. The Board of Selectmen is requesting the SC review the list and see if any lights can be turned off.
 - After discussion there was a motion to leave the street lights on.
 - Yes – 5 No – 0
 - Motion Passes
3. Parking-The Board of Selectmen would like the Safety Committee to discuss/research doing 15-minute parking along North Main Street in front of the businesses. What is your opinion on this, can we place signs, and is it enforceable?
 - After discussion there was a motion to table this article/item because it is not a safety committee issue
 - Yes – 5 No – 0
 - Motion Passes
4. Parks and Recreation is requesting some way to prevent vehicle traffic going on to the common from St. Clair Ave. Can we put a barrier there (something that can be unlocked so emergency services can access the common if necessary)?
 - After discussion there was a motion to recommend that no barrier be placed/installed.
 - Yes – 5 No – 0
 - Motion Passes
5. Parks and Recreation also requested some type of signage/lights/crosswalk down near the Town Forest Park.
 - After discussion there was a motion to recommend a review previous decisions previously made about this issue. It is the understanding of the Safety Committee that this question was asked previously and an agency of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts indicated that there would be no crosswalk or lights allowed.
 - Yes – 5 No – 0
 - Motion Passes

Respectfully submitted,



Mark L. Smith

North Brookfield Safety Committee