

## Sampson, David

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**From:** Sampson, David  
**Sent:** Tuesday, July 15, 2025 3:17 PM  
**To:** nshoelson@gmail.com  
**Subject:** Request for Slow Down Signs on Beechwood Ave

Good afternoon Mr. Shoelson,

The Department of Public works forwarded your request for Slow Down signs on Beechwood Ave to me. Your request must be addressed by the Watertown Traffic Commission. The next scheduled meeting is Wednesday September 24, 2025 at 1:30pm. You are not required to attend the meeting, but I strongly encourage you to attend. It is helpful to be there in the event the Commission has any specific questions. If you want to be present at a meeting, but cannot make the one in September, the following meeting is October 29th.

I also respectfully submit the following information for your consideration:

- This morning an electronic speed feedback sign was installed at 64 Beechwood Ave. You can expect the sign to display vehicle speeds in approximately 7 days.
- In terms of installing warning and/or regulatory signage, the City must abide by very specific federal and state standards, and all signs must comply with the federal Manual on Uniform Traffic Control Devices. The manual is the national standard for all traffic control devices installed on any street, highway, bikeway, or private road open to public travel. The Traffic Commission would determine whether Slow Down signs are included in the manual, and whether the signs can be used on Beechwood Ave for the purpose you request.
- As you noted, Beechwood Ave is adjacent to the Perkins School. If Slow Down signs are not approved, depending on any available speed data and crash data the Commission may have other suggestions on how to raise driver awareness on Beechwood Ave.

Please confirm that you received this email.

I hope this helps. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me at the phone number listed below.

Respectfully,  
Sgt. D. Sampson

*Sergeant David Sampson  
Watertown Police Department  
Traffic Division  
552 Main Street  
Watertown, MA 02472  
617-972-6547*

Hello,

I am a resident of Watertown living at 54 Beechwood Ave. I am concerned about the constant speeding going both ways and I would really like to request two traffic signs be put up heading north and south urging cars to slow down. Beechwood Ave is a major cut through for traffic between North Beacon Street and Charles River Road. There are constant speeders on this road traveling up to 40 MPH, which is dangerous and inappropriate. Cars should not be traveling more than 15 mph on this road in my opinion.

Further, Beechwood Ave directly borders the Perkins School for the Blind campus and there are often people with blindness and other disabilities walking along and across the street. Also, there is a parking lot exit along Beechwood and I have seen multiple close calls with cars speeding almost hitting those exiting the lot.

I appreciate your attention to this matter and please let me know if any further information is needed.

Best,  
Nick Shoelson

## Sampson, David

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**To:** Anna Kristina Scherling  
**Subject:** RE: student pedestrian safety at the Lowell Ave/Carroll St intersection

Good afternoon Ms. Scherling,

As an update, I met with the City Engineer to discuss potential improvements at the intersection. The following steps can be taken in the short term:

- Adjustment of the Stop sign on Lowell Ave for eastbound traffic. The sign is currently affixed to a utility pole, located beyond the crosswalk. To bring the sign into compliance, the sign will be affixed to a dedicated post and aligned with the roadway Stop line.
- Installation of 3 No Parking Here to Corner signs. The City's regulations prohibit parking within twenty feet of a crosswalk on that side of the roadway where a pedestrian may enter said crosswalk. These restrictions will help increase the lines of sight at the intersection. If staffing and resources allow, the signage will be installed in the near future as a trial period/interim measure, and I will work to get full approval from the Traffic Commission. The three signs will be posted at the following locations:
  - Carroll Street northbound at Lowell Ave
  - Lowell Ave eastbound and westbound at Carroll Street

I have attached a Word document to give you a general idea of the three parking restrictions.

The City Engineer will work to assess whether the intersection qualifies for other measures such as an all-way Stop control, additional No Parking restrictions, etc. Any recommendation(s) by the Engineer would ultimately need Traffic Commission approval.

Based on your email (and 2 others), I have placed a request for *safety improvements at the intersection of Lowell Ave and Carroll Street* on the September 24, 2025 Traffic Commission agenda. The meeting will be held at 1:30pm in the Council Chambers of the Administration Building, 149 Main Street. You are not required to attend the meeting, but I strongly encourage you or another interested neighbor to attend. It is helpful to be there to support your request and to help answer any questions the Commission may have.

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Respectfully,  
Sgt. D. Sampson

**From:** Anna Kristina Scherling <annakristina28@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Friday, September 5, 2025 9:14 AM  
**To:** Sampson, David <dsampson@police.watertown-ma.gov>  
**Subject:** student pedestrian safety at the Lowell Ave/Carroll St intersection

Hi Sargent Sampson!

It was lovely meeting you this morning, and I'm so thrilled you're taking a look at student pedestrian safety at the Lowell Avenue and Carroll Street intersection.

My husband, Ian, and I have two kids, and our oldest is a third grader at Lowell. We live near the Waverley Ave/Lowell Ave intersection and walk to school often.

As a pedestrian, I've often noted that the intersection at Lowell Ave and Carroll St has poor visibility and can be very busy, particularly around the beginning (and presumably end) of the school day. There is a brick fence and cars frequently park right at the intersection. If you're walking on the school side of Lowell Ave toward the school, it is hard to see if a car is coming before you step into the street, especially for kids. Our daughter is now old enough to walk to school herself per school policy. We talk about safety on our walk frequently and I'm confident in her pedestrian safety skills. However, this particular intersection is concerning enough that I don't feel comfortable letting her navigate it alone. As a driver, I have also noted that it can be difficult to assess if there are pedestrians. And especially at school arrival time, drivers can be in a hurry.

Currently, there is no stop sign at that intersection for Carroll Street and no reminder for running-late drivers that there is a crosswalk. It would be an ideal intersection for a crossing guard, but I understand your staffing challenges. That said, with or without a crossing guard, I see potential to improve safety at that intersection. Making it a four way stop, adding a flashing crossing sign or even a basic crosswalk warning sign, and/or posting "no parking here to corner" could all help keep our young pedestrians safer.

Thanks so much for looking into this issue!

Anna

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**Anna Scherling**  
[@annakristina28](#)

## Sampson, David

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**To:** Nora Viskin  
**Subject:** RE: Lowell School Safe Crossing

Good afternoon Ms. Viskin,

Thank you very much for your email – It was a pleasure meeting you the other day.

As an update, I met with the City Engineer to discuss potential improvements at the intersection. The following steps can be taken in the short term:

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Respectfully,  
Sgt. D. Sampson

**From:** Nora Viskin <nora.viskin@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Saturday, September 6, 2025 9:53 AM  
**To:** Sampson, David <dsampson@police.watertown-ma.gov>  
**Subject:** Lowell School Safe Crossing

David,

Thank you so much for observing the traffic at Lowell drop off Friday morning. We're grateful the city is taking our concerns seriously. Our family walks to school rain or shine, and we'd love the opportunity to allow our now 4th grader to walk independently. Unfortunately, the corner of Lowell and Carroll Streets is simply too complicated and dangerous in the morning. As you witnessed, local residents drive too fast (ignoring the crosswalk) and park on corners in ways that impact visibility (especially for small bodies). We understand it has been challenging to staff the crossing guard role and appreciate the district's openness to considering alternative options such as speed bumps/stop signs/crossing lights.

Please let me know how I can be of help.

Many thanks,  
Nora Viskin (mother of 2 current and 1 future Lowell Leopard)

## Sampson, David

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**From:** Sampson, David  
**Sent:** Tuesday, September 9, 2025 12:46 PM  
**To:** Meg's Personal Gmail  
**Subject:** RE: Intersection of Carroll Street & Lowell Avenue: Safety  
**Attachments:** Lowell\_Carroll Aerial Photo.docx

Good afternoon Ms. Lim,

It was nice to meet you last week.

Based on our conversation and other concerns I received, I met with the City Engineer to discuss potential improvements at the intersection. The following steps can be taken in the short term:

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Respectfully,  
Sgt. D. Sampson

**From:** Meg's Personal Gmail <limmeg3@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Saturday, September 6, 2025 2:49 PM  
**To:** Sampson, David <dsampson@police.watertown-ma.gov>  
**Subject:** Fwd: Intersection of Carroll Street & Lowell Avenue: Safety

Begin forwarded message:

**From:** Meg's Personal Gmail <limmeg3@gmail.com>  
**Date:** August 27, 2025 at 9:19:13 AM EDT  
**To:** dpwdept@watertown-ma.gov  
**Subject: Intersection of Carroll Street & Lowell Avenue: Safety**

Hello,

My name is Margaret Lim. I live at the intersection of Carroll Street & Lowell Avenue, at 36 Carroll Street. This summer I have observed on several occasions young children on bicycles flying across the Carroll Street intersection from Lowell Avenue to the Lowell Elementary School. I have also observed cars driving down Carroll Street at far too great a speed for safety in a densely populated area, let alone a school zone. I have spoken with a couple groups of children warning them of the danger, but it doesn't really change the situation.

I would like to see 4-way stop signs on this intersection to prevent a tragedy. Is there a process to follow to get this to happen?

Regards,

Margaret Lim

Lowell Avenue at Carroll Street



## Sampson, David

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To: piperhadley@gmail.com

Good afternoon Ms. Hadley,

I received your email from Councilor Izzo. Your request for a pedestrian walk signal must be addressed by the Watertown Traffic Commission. I have placed your request on the September 24, 2025 agenda. The meeting will be held at 1:30pm in the Council Chambers of the Administration Building, 149 Main Street. You are not required to attend the meeting, but I encourage you to attend. It is helpful to be there to support your request and to help answer any questions the Commission may have.

Please confirm that you received this email.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me at the phone number listed below.

Respectfully,  
Sgt. D. Sampson

*Sergeant David Sampson  
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552 Main Street  
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617-972-6547*

**From:** Piper Hadley <piperhadley@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Thursday, September 4, 2025 6:40 PM  
**To:** Izzo, Emily <eizzo@watertown-ma.gov>  
**Subject:** Cross Walk Light Needed

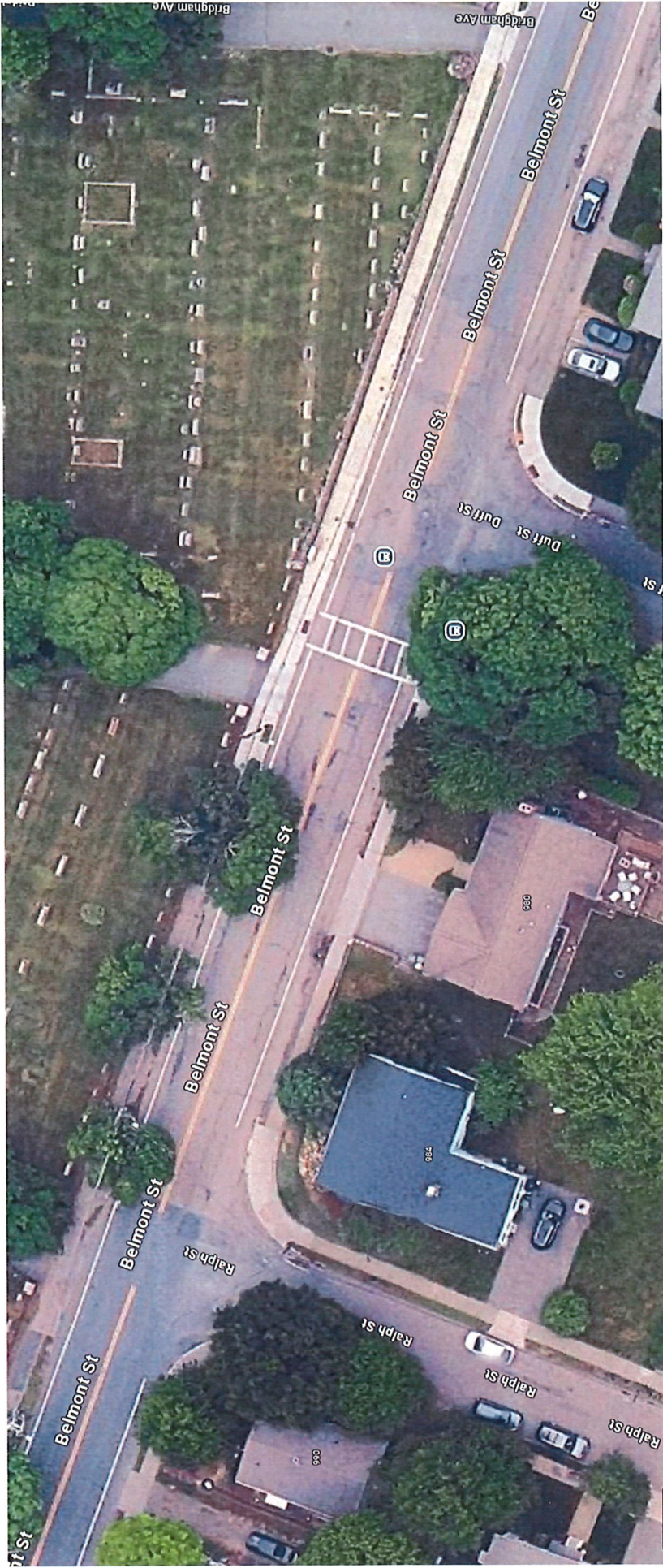
Hi,

I am writing to express my concern about the cross walk on the corner of Belmont st and Duff st. There is no flashing cross walk light here so most drivers dont notice it and therefore dont stop. My children and I have almost been hit multiple times since moving back to Watertown this past April. This cross walk is commonly used as it connects to the Cemetery that is a popular spot for walks and bike riding in the area. I grew up in Watertown the majority of my life and decided to move back with my family because it is so walkable but with the lack of safety on this street for pedestrians it is becoming more dangerous.

I have emailed DPW and received no response. Please let me know if there is someone else I should be contacting about this issue or anything else I can do to get this done and make it safer for the children.

Thank you  
Piper Hadley  
Resident of Belmont Street

Belmont Street at Duff Street



To the Members of the Traffic Commission

My name is John Clinton and I have lived at 62 Fayette Street for the past 32 years. My home is located at the corner of Fayette Street and Pearl Street, a busy intersection that unfortunately has been the site of numerous accidents over the years.

The primary issue is that many drivers fail to notice the stop signs at this intersection. One particularly serious incident involved a driver who ran through the stop sign, crashed through my fence, and ended up with their vehicle in my yard. Thankfully, no one was injured in that situation, but it is only a matter of time before something worse happens.

I am not requesting a change in the traffic pattern. I am simply asking the Commission to consider replacing the existing stop signs on both sides of Pearl Street and Fayette Street with the newer solar powered stop signs equipped with flashing LED lights. These blinking stop signs are far more visible, especially during evening hours or in inclement weather, and they have already proven effective in other parts of town including the nearby intersection at the other end of Fayette Street.

This small upgrade could significantly reduce the risk of accidents and help protect both drivers and residents. I appreciate your time and consideration and I hope you will take action to improve the safety of this intersection.

Sincerely

John Clinton

62 Fayette Street

## Sampson, David

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**To:** n1mal@comcast.net  
**Subject:** RE: Request/Safety issues

Good morning Ms. Lombard,

I received your email and will place your requests on the September Traffic Commission agenda. I am working with the Traffic Commission Chair to confirm the meeting date and time; once I know, I will email you the details. You are not required to attend the meeting, but I encourage you to do so. It is very helpful to be present in the event the Commission has any questions or wants clarification. I know you and I have worked on some past traffic and parking concerns on Sycamore Street, so I think it would be good for you to attend the meeting.

In terms of the crash you referenced on 8-6-25, I reviewed the report and spoke to a supervisor that was working that afternoon. Please be advised that speeding does not appear to be a primary factor in that crash.

I will reach out to you as soon as I know the Traffic Commission date and time.

Respectfully,  
Sgt. D. Sampson

**From:** n1mal@comcast.net <n1mal@comcast.net>  
**Sent:** Thursday, August 7, 2025 3:31 PM  
**To:** Sampson, David <dsampson@police.watertown-ma.gov>  
**Subject:** Request/Safety issues

Hello,

I'm wondering how to make a request for some safety measures to be added to Sycamore Street.

Yesterday there was a single car accident in which the car flipped over. My guess is the driver was speeding and lost control resulting in it flipping. Thankfully no one was hurt. Both the driver and the passenger were completely unharmed and were able to crawl out of the car before first responders got there.

But this accident highlights numerous issues involving safety on this street. First, Sycamore is a heavily traveled street for both cars and pedestrians. Had someone been walking along that sidewalk where they crashed they likely would have been hit with lots of debris from the car, tree, etc. Again, thankfully no one was walking there. The other ongoing issue with Sycamore is the high rate of speed that cars are often going on this street. I've also noticed that in the past 2 years or so that there have been many near misses at Chandler and Sycamore. It's become a very common occurrence. First you hear a car braking, then the horns going and then some yelling. There is nothing new at that corner that would explain this. No new trees, no new structures, etc. The only thing that explains it is that cars are traveling faster. The near misses occur when a car is trying to pull out of Chandler onto Sycamore and it's a car coming from the Belmont Street ~ Watertown side of Sycamore traveling towards Lexington Street in Belmont.

I spoke to my neighbor today and he agreed that that corner has become quite dangerous. Even during our conversation in front of his house we witnessed it again.

My last concern, and something I have requested several times many years ago, is a crosswalk. The only crosswalks on Sycamore Street are at the very end at Belmont Street and at Lexington Street in Belmont. That is not enough. There needs to be another one at some mid point and there needs to be some signage saying there is a crosswalk ahead. That should help to slow traffic and will certainly make it safer for those crossing the street. I cross the street daily and I can attest that speeding is an ongoing issue and the one of the biggest areas of concern is someone coming from the Watertown side from Belmont Street going toward Belmont at the bend where Sycamore curves slightly (Perry Street). I also understand that some may not want a crosswalk taking up any space in front of their property. I would not mind at all. I have the space and that area seems to make the most sense for one.

I've attached a photo from yesterday where you can see all the debris from the accident that was on the sidewalk. I'm not sure if the driver yesterday was cited but from the sounds of my own cameras it certainly sounds like she was speeding. Lastly, I want to mention also that the response time from Watertown Police, Fire, and EMT's was incredibly quick. I can tell from my cameras the exact time of the crash and within 3 minutes there were emergency vehicles here.

Thank you  
Noreen Lombard

## **Sampson, David**

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**From:** Sampson, David  
**Sent:** Friday, August 22, 2025 7:07 AM  
**To:** T Yu  
**Subject:** RE: Request for Speed Bump Near Casey playground, Watertown MA

Good morning Ms Yu,

Please be advised that the next Traffic Commission meeting will be held on September 24<sup>th</sup> at 1:30pm in the Council Chambers of the Administration Building (149 Main Street). Your request will be addressed at this meeting. I hope to see you there.

Respectfully,  
Sgt. D. Sampson

**From:** T Yu <yue.live520@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, August 20, 2025 12:12 PM  
**To:** Sampson, David <dsampson@police.watertown-ma.gov>  
**Subject:** Re: Request for Speed Bump Near Casey playground, Watertown MA

Dear Sgt. D. Sampson,

Thank you for the update and for placing my request on the September agenda. I plan to attend the Watertown Traffic Commission meeting and would appreciate the date and time once they're confirmed.

Thank you again for your assistance.

Best regards,  
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On Wed, Aug 20, 2025 at 7:03 AM Sampson, David <[dsampson@police.watertown-ma.gov](mailto:dsampson@police.watertown-ma.gov)> wrote:

Good morning Ms. Yu,

I received a copy of the request that you sent to the DPW regarding Watertown Street. Please be advised that your request must be heard by the Watertown Traffic Commission; I have placed this item on their September agenda. Although you are not required to attend the meeting, I encourage you to do so. It is helpful for the Commission to hear directly from you and to be present for any follow up questions they may have. I am working with the Commission Chair to solidify the date and time of the meeting. Once I receive confirmation I will let you know. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me at the number listed below. Thank you.

Respectfully,

Sgt. D. Sampson

*Sergeant David Sampson*

*Watertown Police Department*

*Traffic Division*

*552 Main Street*

*Watertown, MA 02472*

*617-972-6547*

**From:** T Yu <[yue.live520@gmail.com](mailto:yue.live520@gmail.com)>

**Sent:** Thursday, August 14, 2025 11:34 PM

**To:** DPWDept <[dpwdept@watertown-ma.gov](mailto:dpwdept@watertown-ma.gov)>

**Subject:** Request for Speed Bump Near Casey playground, Watertown MA

Dear Watertown Public Works / Traffic Control Division,

I am writing as a concerned resident and parent to request the installation of speed bumps (or another traffic-calming measure) near Casey Playground, specifically on Watertown Street between house numbers 87 and 103.

This area experiences frequent vehicle speeding, despite the presence of families, young children, and a marked pedestrian crossing. I have personally witnessed cars accelerating in an attempt to pass before pedestrians can cross, creating a dangerous situation. With many young children regularly walking to and from the playground, the lack of speed control creates a serious safety hazard.

I respectfully ask that the Town conduct a traffic study and consider installing speed bumps or similar measures to reduce vehicle speeds and enhance safety in this area.

Thank you for your attention to this important issue. I look forward to your response.

Sincerely,

Tingting Yu

Email: [yue.live520@gmail.com](mailto:yue.live520@gmail.com)

Address: 4 Repton Circle, Watertown, MA

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## Sampson, David

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**To:** Elizabeth Crossan  
**Subject:** RE: Request to Remove HP Signage

Okay, thank you. I will notify the Department of Public Works.

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**From:** Elizabeth Crossan <kmclaughlin111@comcast.net>  
**Sent:** Monday, July 28, 2025 8:26 AM  
**To:** Sampson, David <dsampson@police.watertown-ma.gov>  
**Subject:** Re: Request to Remove HP Signage

Good morning Sgt Sampson,

Yes correct, Mr Carmine Devinentis no longer lives at 19-21 Ralph Piteri Terrace, and the house was purchased vacant.

Thank you.  
Elizabeth McLaughlin

On Jul 28, 2025, at 8:03 AM, Sampson, David <dsampson@police.watertown-ma.gov> wrote:

Good morning Ms. McLaughlin,

Thank you for your email. Just to clarify - Although you purchased the home, Mr. Carmine Devinentis no longer lives at 19 Ralph Piteri Terrace, correct?

DS

**From:** Elizabeth Mc Laughlin <kmclaughlin111@comcast.net>  
**Sent:** Thursday, July 24, 2025 2:22 PM  
**To:** Sampson, David <dsampson@police.watertown-ma.gov>  
**Cc:** kmclaughlin111@comcast.net  
**Subject:** Re: Request to Remove HP Signage

Hi Sgt Sampson,

We purchased the house at 19-21 Ralph Piteri Terrace, Watertown, MA on July 9 2025. There is a Handicapped Parking sign in front of the house that the neighbor said was used by the previous occupants of the house. If the sign is no longer

needed , we were requesting to have the Handicapped parking Space sign removed.

Thank you,  
Kevin and Elizabeth McLaughlin.

On Jul 23, 2025, at 12:18 PM, Sampson, David  
<[dsampson@police.watertown-ma.gov](mailto:dsampson@police.watertown-ma.gov)> wrote:

Good morning Ms. McLaughlin,

Thank you for your call earlier. When you have a moment, please send me an email explaining the ownership change of the residence, when the change of ownership took place, and that the sign is no longer needed.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me. Thank you.

Respectfully,  
Sgt. D. Sampson

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