

June 14,2026

Watertown Traffic Commission
149 Main St
Watertown, MA 02472

We are residents of Watertown and live at the Village Condominiums.

The nature of our problem/request is when turning onto Belmont St from Pierce Rd our view is obstructed by cars parked on Belmont St. This has become a safety issue.

To solve this problem we are requesting 'No Parking Here to Corner' signs on Belmont St at the intersection of Pierce Rd.

A similar problem exists when exiting the parking lot between 36 and 38 Pierce Rd. We would also like to request 'No Parking Here to Corner' signs at either side of the parking lot entrance.

Sincerely

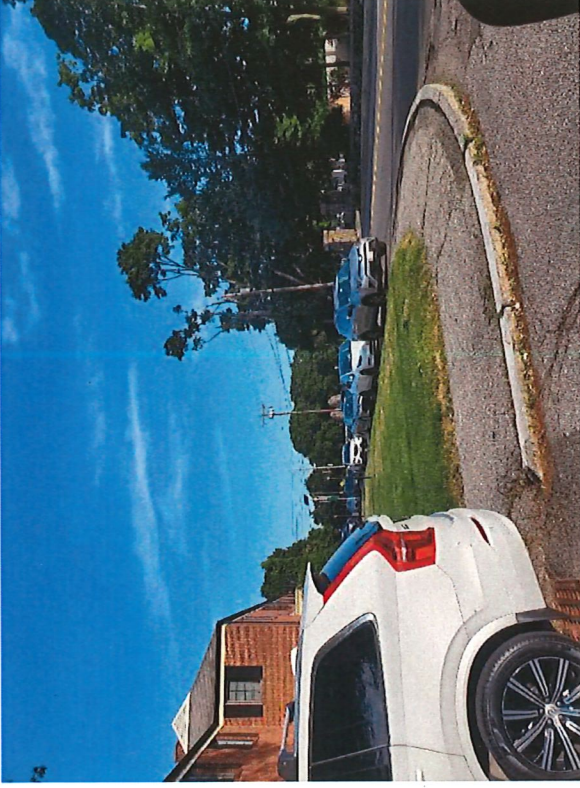
Elaine Martin
Lexington St

Janice Connolly
Pierce Rd

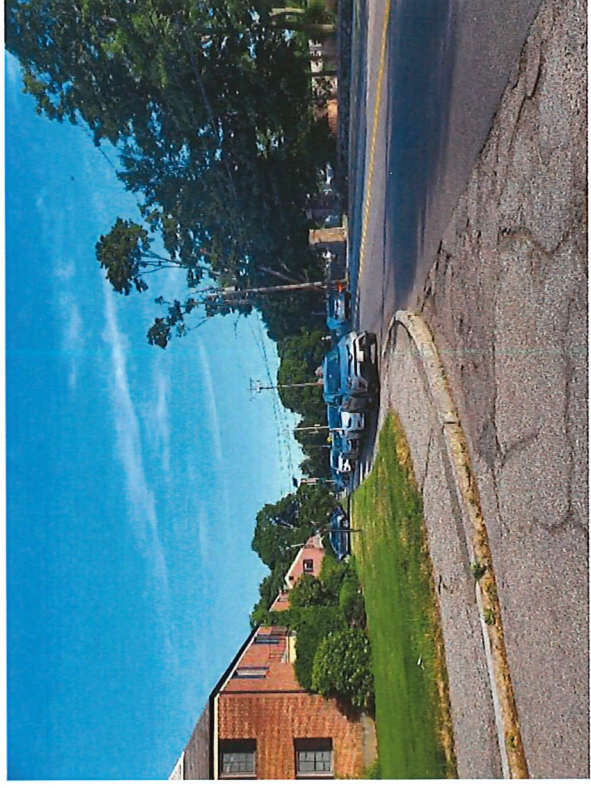
Belmont Street at Pierce Road



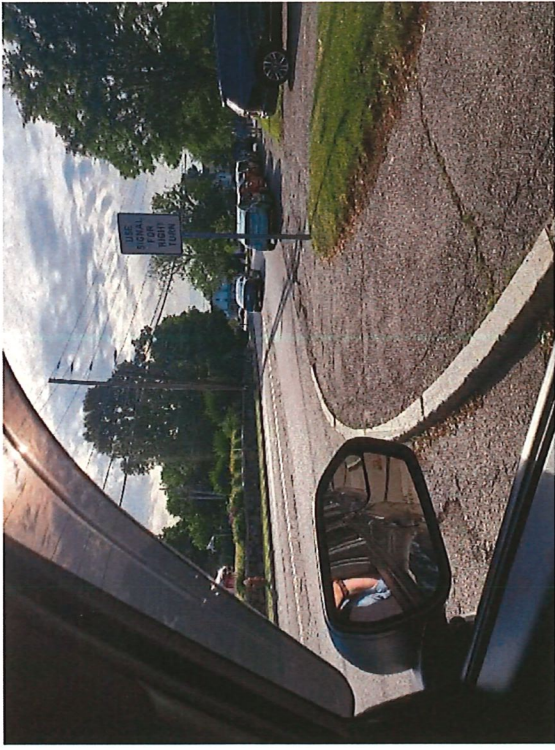
Pierce Road at Belmont St - View to the West from "Stop Line"



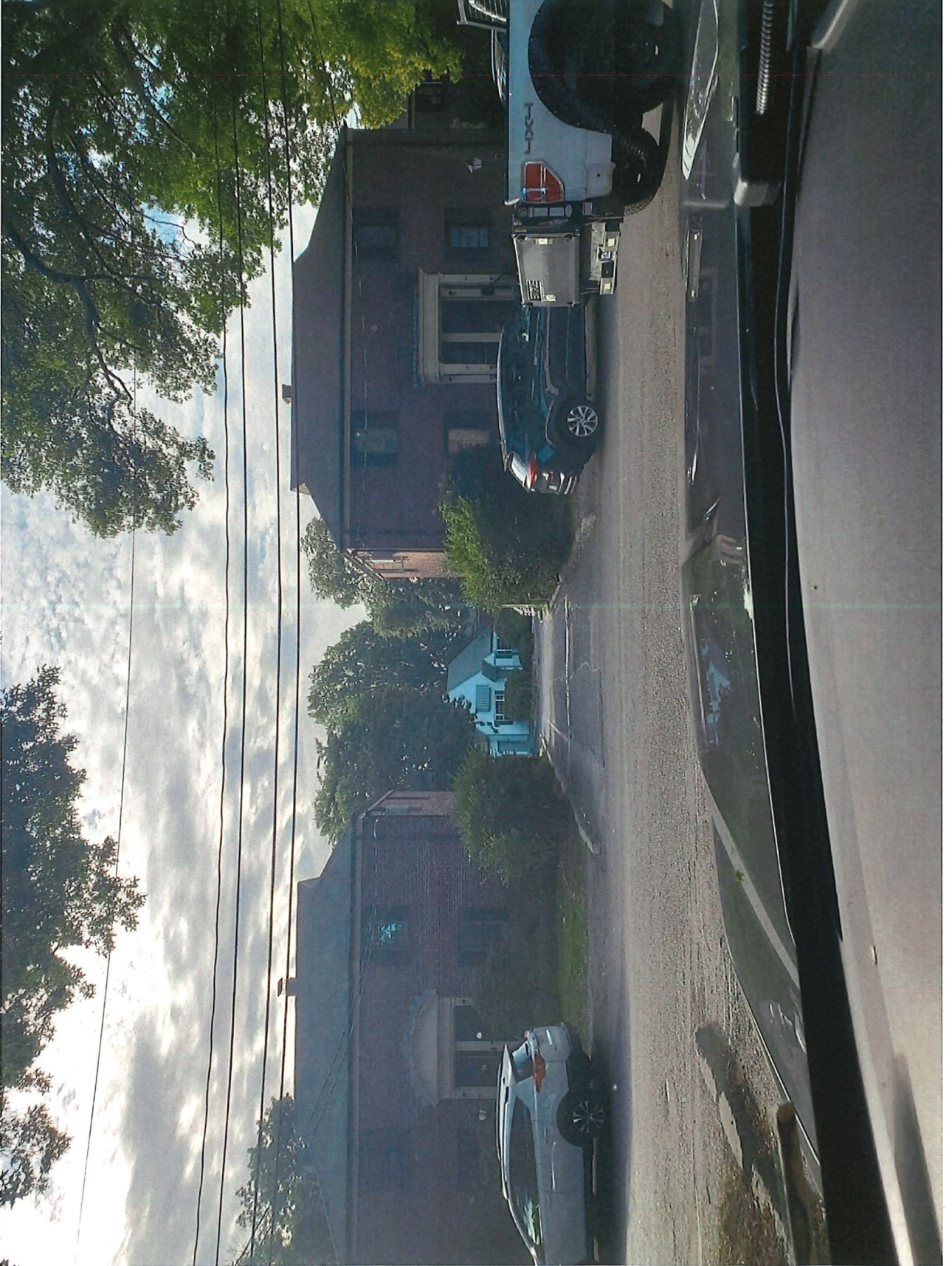
Pierce Road at Belmont St - View to the West entering Belmont Street



Pierce Road at Belmont St - View to the East



36 Pierce Road



Sampson, David

From: Sampson, David
Sent: Thursday, June 18, 2026 7:50 AM
To: 'higorF1321@gmail.com'
Cc: 'kettelyfernandes350@gmail.com'
Subject: RE: Request for No Parking Sign Evaluation

Good morning Mr. Fernandes,

It was a pleasure speaking with you yesterday. I understand your concern of vehicles parking on Whites Avenue too closely to the intersection and crosswalk at Summer Street. Members of the Department of Public Works and I assessed the west side of Whites Avenue between Summer Street and your driveway – The distance between the crosswalk and your driveway is only 23 feet. The Watertown Traffic Rules and Orders prohibit parking within twenty feet of a crosswalk on that side of the roadway where a pedestrian may enter said crosswalk. In the situation adjacent to your residence, a vehicle cannot legally park between your driveway and Summer Street.

I have added a request to the Traffic Commission agenda to prohibit parking on the west side of Whites Avenue from a point 23' north of Summer Street to Summer Street. Photos and measurements of the area will be distributed to the Traffic Commission members prior to the meeting.

The Traffic Commission meeting will take place on Wednesday June 24, 2026 at 7:00pm in the Administration Building (149 Main Street) in the Lower Hearing Room. You are not required to attend the meeting, but I encourage you to do so. It is helpful to be there in the event the Commission has any questions.

Please confirm that you received this email, and please let me know whether you and Mrs. Fernandes plan to attend the meeting.

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

Respectfully,
Sgt. D. Sampson

From: Sampson, David
Sent: Wednesday, June 17, 2026 9:33 AM
To: 'kettelyfernandes350@gmail.com' <kettelyfernandes350@gmail.com>
Subject: FW: Request for No Parking Sign Evaluation

Good morning Ms. Fernandes,

I received a copy of your request for a No Parking sign. The matter needs to be heard by the Watertown Traffic Commission. I am finalizing the Commission's agenda this morning. If you could give me a call as soon as possible to discuss this, I may be able to add this item to their agenda. I can be reached at 617-972-6547. Thank you.

Respectfully,
Sgt. David Sampson
Watertown Police Department
Traffic Division

From: Malfa, Maria <mmalfa@watertown-ma.gov>
Sent: Wednesday, June 17, 2026 9:04 AM
To: Sampson, David <dsampson@police.watertown-ma.gov>
Cc: Woodard, Kevin <kwoodard@watertown-ma.gov>; DPW Front Office & Administration <DPWFrontOffice@watertown-ma.gov>
Subject: Fw: Request for No Parking Sign Evaluation

Forwarding

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From: Kettely Fernandes <kettelyfernandes350@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, June 17, 2026 8:54 AM
To: DPW Front Office & Administration <DPWFrontOffice@watertown-ma.gov>
Subject: Request for No Parking Sign Evaluation

Dear Public Works Department,

I am a resident at 157 Summer St, Watertown and I would like to request an evaluation for a 'No Parking' sign near our home. We are on a corner, and cars often park in a way that blocks our driveway and impedes traffic near the crosswalk. Could you kindly guide me through the procedure for requesting signage in this location? I appreciate your assistance.

Best regards, Kettely

Whites Avenue at Summer Street



From: stanizzi28@comcast.net <stanizzi28@comcast.net>

Sent: Monday, May 18, 2026 12:26 PM

To: Bicycle and Pedestrian Committee <bikeped@watertown-ma.gov>

Cc: Mermell, Zeke <zmermell@watertown-ma.gov>; citymgr <citymgr@watertown-ma.gov>; Sideris, Mark <msideris@watertown-ma.gov>; Hanrahan, Justin <jhanrahan@police.watertown-ma.gov>; McCarthy, Brendan <bmccarthy@watertown-ma.gov>; Jerram, Erika <ejerram@watertown-ma.gov>; Schreiber, Gideon <gschreiber@watertown-ma.gov>; Nicole Gardner <ngardner@watertown-ma.gov>; Moon, Michelle <mmoon@watertown-ma.gov>; Theo Offei <toffei@watertown-ma.gov>; Bays, Caroline <cbays@watertown-ma.gov>; Gannon, John <jgannon@watertown-ma.gov>; Palomba, Anthony <apalomba@watertown-ma.gov>; 'SUSAN TAVERNA' <suzie03@comcast.net>

Subject: FW: Citizen Concern | Public Path - Cottage Street

PLEASE FORWARD THIS EMAIL TO THE FOLLOWING INDIVIDUALS: Chelsea Thomson | Eileen Botti | Adrian Hauck | Rebecca Lin | Maria Saiz | Hannah Rakoff | Jenny Wang | Jamie Burke, Chair | Shanta Keller

Dear Members of the Bicycle & Pedestrian Committee,

I am reaching out to report an incident that occurred on Sunday, 5/17 at approximately 6:00pm on the path that crosses Cottage Street. My sister, Susan Taverna, was driving our 86-year old mother home, who lives on 58 Cottage Street. As my sister was approaching the bike path at a very reduced speed, a biker came across the path without stopping at the stop sign and struck my sister's car. The biker then approached my sister's vehicle in an aggressive matter, using vulgar language to insinuate that it was my sister's responsibility to stop for him. This is the mentality that continues to be enabled by not taking a stand or taking proactive action to force those that use this path to understand that they, too, have a responsibility for using the path appropriately. As you might well imagine, our mother was very upset about this incident and luckily there was no injury to the biker or damage to my sister's vehicle. My sister phoned the Watertown PD earlier today to report the incident, but in my opinion, this is not an issue that should be addressed by our police department.

As you can see from the email chain below, this was my worst fear and it has now come to fruition. I have made NUMEROUS attempts and requests to have the matter addressed by someone, anyone, within the City of Watertown's government stream and yet, here I am, well over a year later asking for action to be taken AGAIN. How long will it take or what will it take for any of you to step up and take action? How hard would it be to add a couple of speed bumps to both sides of the path to force bikers to slow down? I implore you to put your collective heads together and come up with a solution before something tragic occurs. At this point, I don't care who maintains the path or who's jurisdiction that path is in. I care about the safety of the residents of Cottage Street who need to drive up/down their street, as well as the safety of those who actually use the path responsibly.

Regards,

Maria Stanizzi
58 Cottage Street |

Thank you.

Maria

From: stanizzi28@comcast.net <stanizzi28@comcast.net>

Sent: Saturday, April 26, 2025 6:40 AM

To: 'Mermell, Zeke' <zmermell@watertown-ma.gov>

Cc: 'citymgr' <citymgr@watertown-ma.gov>; 'Sideris, Mark' <msideris@watertown-ma.gov>; 'Hanrahan, Justin' <jhanrahan@police.watertown-ma.gov>; 'McCarthy, Brendan' <bmccarthy@watertown-ma.gov>; 'Jerram, Erika' <ejerram@watertown-ma.gov>; 'Schreiber, Gideon' <gschreiber@watertown-ma.gov>; 'Magoon, Steve'

<smagoon@watertown-ma.gov>; 'Moon, Michelle' <mmoon@watertown-ma.gov>; '311 Report It' <311@watertown-ma.gov>

Subject: RE: Citizen Concern | Public Path - Cottage Street

Hello Zeke,

I appreciate the acknowledgment and the update on where these concerns that I brought to the city's attention nearly 1 year ago currently stand. I look forward to hearing what proactive steps will ultimately be taken to address said concerns. My hope is that a reasonable solution will be reached before the spring/summer season begins in earnest and the use of the bike path intensifies.

Thank you.

Maria

From: Mermell, Zeke <zmermell@watertown-ma.gov>

Sent: Friday, April 25, 2025 1:30 PM

To: stanizzi28@comcast.net

Cc: citymgr <citymgr@watertown-ma.gov>; Sideris, Mark <msideris@watertown-ma.gov>; Hanrahan, Justin <jhanrahan@police.watertown-ma.gov>; McCarthy, Brendan <bmccarthy@watertown-ma.gov>; Jerram, Erika <ejerram@watertown-ma.gov>; Schreiber, Gideon <gschreiber@watertown-ma.gov>; Magoon, Steve <smagoon@watertown-ma.gov>; Moon, Michelle <mmoon@watertown-ma.gov>; 311 Report It <311@watertown-ma.gov>

Subject: RE: Citizen Concern | Public Path - Cottage Street

Good afternoon Maria,

I am confirming that I received your email and am sorry to hear about the experiences you described. I want to be clear that you are being heard and this is being taken seriously.

The proper time is being taken to work on solutions, but we are coordinating with 311, DPW, Watertown Police, and others, on your inquiry.

Respectfully,
Zeke

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In responding, note that the MA Secretary of State determined most email is public record and cannot be kept confidential.

From: stanizzi28@comcast.net <stanizzi28@comcast.net>

Sent: Friday, April 18, 2025 6:23 AM

To: Mermell, Zeke <zmermell@watertown-ma.gov>

Cc: citymgr <citymgr@watertown-ma.gov>; Sideris, Mark <msideris@watertown-ma.gov>; Hanrahan, Justin <jhanrahan@police.watertown-ma.gov>; McCarthy, Brendan <bmccarthy@watertown-ma.gov>; Jerram, Erika <ejerram@watertown-ma.gov>; Schreiber, Gideon <gschreiber@watertown-ma.gov>; Magoon, Steve <smagoon@watertown-ma.gov>; Moon, Michelle <mmoon@watertown-ma.gov>; 311 Report It <311@watertown-ma.gov>

Subject: RE: Citizen Concern | Public Path - Cottage Street

Good morning, Zeke.

Again, I appreciate your response and the information provided. However, I continue to see no discussion of any constructive solution to this problem. On Friday, April 11th, while I was driving back home a biker came shooting across this path and it was perilously close call. Once again, the biker did not stop at the stop sign and he was wearing headphones while biking and did not even hear my horn honking to warn him. I have now reached a point of frustration and am tired of these conversations where nothing is resolved. If you or anyone else included in this email chain truly cared about addressing the concerns that I have raised, then action would have been taken. The lack of action begs the question of why do I care if none of you care enough to resolve this. I will now sit back and wait for what is likely inevitable to occur and maybe then each of you will care enough to take proactive steps rather than giving me the equivalent of what is referred to as the "run around."

Thank you.

Maria

From: Mermell, Zeke <zmermell@watertown-ma.gov>

Sent: Thursday, April 17, 2025 2:13 PM

To: stanizzi28@comcast.net

Cc: citymgr <citymgr@watertown-ma.gov>; Sideris, Mark <msideris@watertown-ma.gov>; Hanrahan, Justin <jhanrahan@police.watertown-ma.gov>; McCarthy, Brendan <bmccarthy@watertown-ma.gov>; Jerram, Erika <ejerram@watertown-ma.gov>; Schreiber, Gideon <gschreiber@watertown-ma.gov>; Magoon, Steve <smagoon@watertown-ma.gov>; Moon, Michelle <mmoon@watertown-ma.gov>; 311 Report It <311@watertown-ma.gov>

Subject: RE: Citizen Concern | Public Path - Cottage Street

Good afternoon Maria,

We appreciate you bringing this to our attention, and acknowledge the frustration these experiences can bring.

An update since you & I last corresponded -- colleagues and I remain in coordination with other City departments such as Public Works on the intersection conditions you described. We discussed visibility, vegetation & signage along the Watertown-Cambridge Greenway with DCR (Dept of Conservation & Recreation). For any issue that happens along the Greenway itself, they are the go-to agency as it's under their jurisdiction/ownership. That includes the graffiti & litter you reported on the Greenway. Please feel free to reach out to DCR directly at mass.parks@mass.gov about any of this.

We have a system ran through our Constituent Services Department (Cc'ed here as the "311" email address) called SeeClickFix, in which you can report/create an online ticket for various requests. You might find it insightful for future instances, as it's a great way to track progress:

https://seeclickfix.com/web_portal/YCskLrDFZKqQQ9MYyJLVZ6n2/report/category

I see & acknowledge your note at the end of your last email about solutions. For the rights of way/roadways within City control, we are coordinating and discussing potential mitigations as needed.

Best regards,
Zeke

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In responding, note that the MA Secretary of State determined most email is public record and cannot be kept confidential.

From: stanizzi28@comcast.net <stanizzi28@comcast.net>

Sent: Friday, March 14, 2025 6:20 AM

To: Mermell, Zeke <zmermell@watertown-ma.gov>

Cc: citymgr <citymgr@watertown-ma.gov>; Sideris, Mark <msideris@watertown-ma.gov>; Hanrahan, Justin <jhanrahan@police.watertown-ma.gov>; McCarthy, Brendan <bmccarthy@watertown-ma.gov>; Jerram, Erika <ejerram@watertown-ma.gov>; Schreiber, Gideon <gschreiber@watertown-ma.gov>; Magoon, Steve <smagoon@watertown-ma.gov>

Subject: RE: Citizen Concern | Public Path - Cottage Street

Good morning,

I am writing to refresh and readdress concerns that I raised a few months ago regarding the public walking/bike path that crosses Cottage Street. With the recent warm temperatures, there has been an uptick in the use of this path and the bicyclists who use this path have picked up where they left off last year in totally ignoring the stop signs while vehicles are driving up/down Cottage Street. While I was deferential in bringing this matter to the attention of the City of Watertown last July, I can assure you that I will not tolerate spending another season of dealing with rude and disrespectful bikers who clearly believe that this path belongs to only them. While walking my son's dog just yesterday, a biker nearly hit me and our dog because he felt we were in his way. Just the day before, while driving home from work, 3 bikers blew threw the stops signs as I was driving. In addition, I have attached photographs of the "art work" that has been painted on a wall located along the pathway. I have also attached a photograph of a shopping basket where individuals decided to consume alcohol and then leave their garbage by one of the stop signs on the path. To say that I'm aggravated and frustrated is an understatement.

I want and expect a proposed solution to this matter as it now becomes a serious safety issue for not only those of us who are driving in/out of Cottage Street but also for those who are using the path and choosing to ignore the stop signs in both directions crossing Cottage Street. I will continue to be vocal and will take my concerns as far as necessary in order to get one of you or any of who to take action. While the emails I receive acknowledging the concerns I present to you are appreciated, they are not a solution. Action needs to be taken before someone gets hurt. I don't believe that any of you want that to happen nor want to put the City in a position of having to address such a situation.

Thank you.

Maria

From: Mermell, Zeke

Sent: Thursday, August 15, 2024 2:27 PM

To: stanizzi28@comcast.net

Cc: citymgr citymgr@watertown-ma.gov; Sideris, Mark msideris@watertown-ma.gov; Hanrahan, Justin jhanrahan@police.watertown-ma.gov; McCarthy, Brendan bmccarthy@watertown-ma.gov

Subject: RE: Citizen Concern | Public Path - Cottage Street

Good afternoon Maria,

Thank you again for your continued attention to this crossing. We have indeed discussed with DCR, to cut back the vegetation to improve visibility at the intersection of the travel way and signage, notably for cyclists as they approach the area along the Greenway.

Your input & offer to help is valued, and we will continue to have visibility and reducing potential conflicts in mind for future paths.

Best,
Zeke

H. Zeke Mermell, AICP, LEED AP

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From: stanizzi28@comcast.net <stanizzi28@comcast.net>
Sent: Monday, August 12, 2024 7:26 PM
To: Mermell, Zeke <zmermell@watertown-ma.gov>
Cc: citymgr <citymgr@watertown-ma.gov>; Sideris, Mark <msideris@watertown-ma.gov>; Hanrahan, Justin <jhanrahan@police.watertown-ma.gov>; McCarthy, Brendan <bmccarthy@watertown-ma.gov>
Subject: RE: Citizen Concern | Public Path - Cottage Street

Hello Zeke,

I appreciate the response and your time. While I know that the issue of alternative modes of transportation are important to all our surrounding communities, the safety of all those who use our streets, roads and paths, in whatever manner we choose, should be addressed and considered as we develop these alternatives. I hope that there are steps that could be taken to address the concerns I raised with the bike path that crosses Cottage Street and with any future paths that will be developed in the City. I'm happy to help in any manner that might be beneficial.

Thank you.

Maria

From: Mermell, Zeke <zmermell@watertown-ma.gov>
Sent: Monday, August 12, 2024 2:03 PM
To: stanizzi28@comcast.net
Cc: citymgr <citymgr@watertown-ma.gov>; Sideris, Mark <msideris@watertown-ma.gov>; Hanrahan, Justin <jhanrahan@police.watertown-ma.gov>; McCarthy, Brendan <bmccarthy@watertown-ma.gov>
Subject: RE: Citizen Concern | Public Path - Cottage Street

Hello Ms. Stanizzi,

Thank you for bringing this issue to our attention. Apologies for the delayed reply. It is helpful for future planning to have your comments, which we will take into account during future discussions/planning. As you might know, the Greenway is under the jurisdiction of DCR (Dept of Conservation & Recreation), though we do work this them on a number of initiatives. Periodically we coordinate about the Greenway with DCR, so I will add this to my list.

As Watertown's Transportation Planner, your observations on potential conflicts between cyclists & motorists are insightful (esp. to have them quantified as you wrote) for future planning efforts and communicating that all users of our streets follow safety protocol.

Best,
Zeke

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From: stanizzi28@comcast.net <stanizzi28@comcast.net>

Sent: Thursday, July 25, 2024 4:43 AM

To: Mermell, Zeke <zmermell@watertown-ma.gov>

Cc: citymgr@watertown-ma.gov; Sideris, Mark <msideris@watertown-ma.gov>; Hanrahan, Justin <jhanrahan@police.watertown-ma.gov>; McCarthy, Brendan <bmccarthy@watertown-ma.gov>

Subject: Citizen Concern | Public Path - Cottage Street

Good morning,

I am writing to bring to your attention an alarming pattern that I have been experiencing as result of the public walking/bike path that crosses Cottage Street in the East end of our city. I am a resident of Cottage Street and have lived on this street for most of my life. While I appreciate the improvements that were made to remove the railroad tracks in order to develop and extend the public walking/bike path, I am experiencing numerous instances whereby bikers are riding across Cottage Street without even making an attempt to stop at the stop signs. I assume that those stop signs were placed on both sides of the path in an effort to have those who use the path proceed with caution when crossing Cottage Street. I can tell you that in many instances, those stop signs are being ignored, mainly by those who are riding bikes.

In just the last two days as result of driving to/from work, I encountered 3 instances where bikers sped across the bike path without even stopping or looking to determine if there was an oncoming vehicle. This pattern of behavior has been occurring consistently and frequently for quite some time. As a long-time resident of Cottage Street and a taxpayer, I abide by the rules of the road and take my responsibilities as a driver very seriously, particularly where this bike path is concerned since it crosses the street that I live on and drive on quite frequently. I am quickly becoming very frustrated with the fact that bicyclists, many of whom likely don't even live in the City of Watertown, completely ignore their responsibility for stopping and proceeding slowly across an active street where there are many residents who drive in/out of the street. It is unacceptable in my opinion for me to bear the brunt of the responsibility for ensuring the safety of those who are using this public path. This on-going issue needs to be addressed before an accident or injury occurs. I look to you as leaders of our community to make an attempt to remedy this issue whether it means adding speed bumps on the path or some type of signal light for those who are actively using the path. I accept my responsibility for driving safely and cautiously and I expect the same in return from those who are using the path.

Please bear in mind that if there is an incident where an accident or injury occurs, I will point to this note as an attempt to alert the City of Watertown that this concern was brought to your attention.

Thank you.

Maria Stanizzi
Cottage Street
Watertown, MA

Cottage Street – Southbound View



Cottage Street – Northbound View



Cottage Street – Northbound – Looking West



Cottage Street – Northbound – Looking East



Cottage Street – Northbound at Crosswalk – Looking East



Irving Street at North Beacon Street



Google Maps