



**GRAFTON TRAFFIC SAFETY  
ADVISORY COMMITTEE**

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Meeting date: May 10, 2022

Location: Municipal Center Conference Room A or via Zoom

Members present: Chief Normand Crepeau – Chair, Daniel Pogorzelski, Scott Rossiter – Secretary, John Reil, Brian Szczurko (Zoom), Paul Cournoyer (Zoom).

Meeting called to order 7:00 PM

Special note: Meeting was a joint meeting with the Select Board at their request

First topic of discussion was regarding concerns about increased truck traffic due to the proposed warehouse project at the Wyman Gordon facility. Discussion included:

- The town's inability to place signs and restrictions on numbered routes
- How MA General Law allows exclusions on local roads and the role of adjacent communities
- Trucking apps and GPS guidance including crowd sourced information
- The use of traffic studies including detriment to pavement and range of truck traffic (5-8%)
- Exclusions for local delivery
- Being reactive versus proactive (not understanding the issues until the project is completed)

After considerable discussion no action was taken.

Second topic of discussion was regarding the use of truck engine brakes (aka "Jake brakes) and the resultant noise. Discussion included:

- The need for a comprehensive community noise by-law to address the issue
- Why truck drivers use engine brakes and how they make noise
- Having the Chief call companies identified as flagrant noise makers
- That the Town of Bridgewater has "No Jake Brake" signs that are probably unenforceable

After some discussion no action was taken.

Third topic of discussion was regarding heavy truck traffic on Soap Hill Road. Discussion included:

- How GPS systems are directing drivers to avoid traffic in Upton by using backroads into Grafton
- The frequent damage large trucks are causing as they attempt to turn off Soap Hill Road to George Hill Road.
- The inability to convince Upton DPW to post signage
- The possibility of having the Grafton Select Board write a letter to Upton

After some discussion the Town Administrator offered to contact his Upton counterpart.

**Adjourn:**

Meeting was adjourned at 7:55PM when members left the Conference room.