

Dear Board of Selectmen,

My wife and I purchased 377 Bishop Street in July of 2016. The address is currently designated as Framingham, however, the Natick-Framingham town line runs through our house and property, and we would like to change the address to Natick.

I have spoken with Marylee Watkin, executive assistant for the Natick Chief of Police, who facilitated review of our property at the Safety Committee in May 2017. Unfortunately, I was unable to attend this meeting due to late notice. The committee felt that we would be better served by the town of Framingham, and they recommended that I speak to the Board of Selectmen if I would like to move forward with our request for change. After speaking with Donna in the selectmen's office, she suggested that the best course of action would be to write this letter. Below, I have outlined my case for having my home address changed to Natick instead of Framingham.

Our property currently sits on the town line with 2,128 square feet (16% of the property) in Framingham and 10,890 square feet (84% of the property) in Natick. Despite these measurements, our property address has remained Framingham.

Our single-family home and property border five other properties in Natick, all of which are single-family homes. In Framingham, our property borders one company, two rental multi family properties and one single-family home.

After reviewing the Property Assessment card in Natick, it appears that there is inaccurate information regarding our property. The Property Assessment states that the house contains two bedrooms, but it actually contains three. Furthermore, the aerial plot does not include the addition that was built in 2006. This addition expands the property onto the Natick lot, and to date, 75% of the home sits in Natick. (Please see the attached PDFs.)

Over the last year, we have worked establish ourselves as members of the Natick community. We have joined a Natick religious establishment, and our daughter will begin attending day care in Natick. The superintendent has also communicated that our daughter will be able to attend Brown Elementary when she is old enough.

We have also experienced several incidents in which, despite our property outline and paying town taxes to Natick, we encountered challenging barriers while attempting to receive important services. Before our daughter was born, we sought inspection of the car seat from a Certified Child Passenger Safety individual. Unfortunately, the Framingham police department does not offer this service, and the Natick police department was reluctant to help us as the service "is for Natick residents only." In addition, our neighbors at 22 Bishop Street are planning on doing work to their house, which would affect marshland that involves our property. They were supposed to notify their neighbors of the project so that we could attend the town meeting to learn more and express concerns. However, because of our Framingham address, we were not notified. Finally, the Safety Committee feels we would be better served by Framingham, however, when I called 911 after witnessing a pedestrian hit by a motor vehicle on Bishop Street, emergency services were delayed as the operator spent time trying to find out which town to notify.

As I previously mentioned, my daughter has been approved to attend Natick public schools. However, we were unable to register to vote in Natick last month on the important topic of tax increases to rebuild JFK Middle School. This is a topic that affects us directly as taxpayers and as parents. However, I am pleased to note that after working with the Secretary of Commonwealth Elections Division, we will soon be able to vote in Natick in the future.

In addition, because our primary residence is listed as Framingham, although 84% of our property resides in Natick, the excise tax on our vehicle goes to Framingham. If granted Natick residency, we could change our driver's licenses and car registration to appropriately pay the excise tax to Natick.

If you have any questions I would appreciate the opportunity to speak to you further on this matter.

Regards,

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