

TOWN OF NATICK MASSACHUSETTS

Memorandum

To: Board of Selectmen

From: M.Malone

cc: B. Chenard, J. Townsend, Chief Hicks, Lt. Lauzon, D. Gusmini, J.Marsette

Date: August 17, 2019

Re: Fire Debris & Encroachment of public sidewalk – 1 South Main Street

Immediately after the fire (July 22, 2019) the BOS approved the encroachment of a construction fence in the area adjacent to the fire site to ensure the safety of the public.

DPW, Police, and our Building Commissioner have been in close contact with the building owner and working to ensure the public area around the site remains safe and as clear as possible for pedestrians. On August 21, 2019 (in the evening), the current fence is scheduled to be removed and capping of utilities will be completed. Then on Thursday, August 22, 2019, a new fence will be installed and there will be at least a five-foot wide sidewalk around the perimeter. The fence may need to be anchored to the sidewalk, however, a 5 feet wide distance will be provided. Additionally, the owner is aware he may place a scrim on the fence to minimize the visual impact to the area.

At this time, the Commonwealth's fire investigation remains open but the site has been released to the owner. Numerous insurance companies are working to complete their investigations and we do not have a firm date when the actual debris will be removed from the site. I will apprise you as further information becomes available.