

**Bruce Evans** <bevans.fincom@natickma.org>

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**Article 23: from a Natick resident**

3 messages

**Rachel Schmitt** <rcoschmitt@gmail.com>

Thu, Mar 18, 2021 at 1:07 PM

To: bevans.fincom@natickma.org

Cc: Brandon Schmitt &lt;brandonschmitt@yahoo.com&gt;

Dear Mr. Evans,

I hope this email finds you well. Thank you for your service to our town.

I am writing in support of Article 23, to reduce the speed limit to 25.

We love living on Rockland Street and have incredible neighbors. In my family we have 2 adults, 2 young children and a dog and love to go walking, jogging and biking on our street. However, we have been concerned about the speed limit for many years. There are no sidewalks and it is used as a cut-through. I have spoken with local police officers to brainstorm ideas over the years. I have also placed calls to the bus depot, with concerns that a bus was going over the speed limit and narrowly missed a car/child/dog. There have been many times when I have asked people to slow down and some instances where I have been yelled at, in front of my two young children. Sadly, there has been no improvement.

There is significant growth in our town and specifically in our neighborhood, but with no measures in place to counteract this growth for safety or to calm increased traffic.

Not only would I like to see our town pass Article 23 to aid in keeping our pedestrians and bikers safer, but I would like to see speed limit signs in addition to 1-2 radar signs to alert drivers to their speed, as shown here:

<https://trafficlogix.com/radar-signs-overview/>

Thank you for your time and your service,

Rachel Schmitt

24 Rockland St

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**Bruce Evans** <bevans.fincom@natickma.org>

Thu, Mar 18, 2021 at 2:55 PM

To: Linda Wollschlager &lt;lwollschlager.fincom@natickma.org&gt;

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**Linda Wollschlager** <lwollschlager.fincom@natickma.org>

Thu, Mar 18, 2021 at 3:01 PM

To: Bruce Evans &lt;bevans.fincom@natickma.org&gt;

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Bruce Evans &lt;bevans.fincom@natickma.org&gt;

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**Debbie Jarvis** <deborah.j.jarvis@gmail.com>

Thu, Mar 18, 2021 at 3:09 PM

To: bevans.fincom@natickma.org

To Whom It May Concern:

I am writing because neighbors advised me of a town meeting happening tonight that I can not attend but I would still like to voice my opinion.

Apparently, Article 23 involves lowering the default speed limit on municipal roads to 25 mph.

I live at 52 Farwell Street, an unlined "scenic way" with zero sidewalks. After living at 59 West Central Street for 11 years, my husband and I moved our two young boys (now 3 and 6) and two dogs from the main drag to this quiet but active neighborhood. We love that our children can ride their scooters down the street while we teach them about watching for cars and staying by the side of the road. Farwell St. is a gem for many reasons.

That said, I worry because cars FLY by on a daily basis. As a dog walker and jogger, I am extremely cautious, yet I have been nearly hit on several occasions. I have yelled at cars that have sped by our group of children waiting at the bus stop. I once even had to actually JUMP out of the way of a speeding car once it became clear that he wasn't going to swerve to avoid me as he rapidly approached. In fact, many cars leave a little room, but not much.

The road also has a few hills and curves - cars can't see the kids, joggers, and dogs until they are close. It's a tragedy waiting to happen.

Please put our safety first and protect our community's most valuable residents - our children.

Thank you for your consideration,  
Deborah Jarvis

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**Bruce Evans** <bevans.fincom@natickma.org>

Thu, Mar 18, 2021 at 4:15 PM

To: Debbie Jarvis &lt;deborah.j.jarvis@gmail.com&gt;, Finance Committee &lt;fincom@natickma.org&gt;

Hi Debbie,

Did you want this to be sent to all of the Finance Committee and to be included in the public record?  
If yes, please REPLY TO ALL, saying that you would like it to be included.

Best regards,

Bruce Evans

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**Bruce Evans** <bevans.fincom@natickma.org>  
To: Debbie Jarvis <deborah.j.jarvis@gmail.com>

Thu, Mar 18, 2021 at 4:15 PM

BTW - you should consider bringing this up to the Town Safety Committee by sending this information to them. That committee includes police and private citizens and (pardon the pun) gets it on their radar.

The Police contacts are Lieut. Brian Lauzon [blauzon@natickma.org](mailto:blauzon@natickma.org) and Chief James Hicks ([jhicks@natickma.org](mailto:jhicks@natickma.org)).

Best regards,

Bruce

On Thu, Mar 18, 2021 at 3:09 PM Debbie Jarvis <[deborah.j.jarvis@gmail.com](mailto:deborah.j.jarvis@gmail.com)> wrote:

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Bruce Evans &lt;bevans.fincom@natickma.org&gt;

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**Acceptance of MGL Chapter 90 § 17C under Article 23: From a Natick Resident**

6 messages

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**Bridgid Mulrooney** <bridgids@gmail.com>

Thu, Mar 18, 2021 at 4:19 PM

To: bevans.fincom@natickma.org

Cc: Shane Mulrooney &lt;mulrooneys05@gmail.com&gt;

Mr. Evans,

I am writing to express my support of the acceptance of article 23 in Natick. To see the speed limit decreased to 25 mph on many of our roads would greatly benefit our community.

I previously attended a Safety Meeting to request that our speed limit be lowered as well as signed on our street. I was surprised to find out that our town had not previously adopted this Mass General Law and understand that accepting this as part of our town bylaws would be the first step in addressing the overly fast and dangerous driving in our neighborhood.

I live on Rockland Street with my family consisting of 2 adults, 2 children ages 7 and 1, and our dog. We spend quite a bit of time outdoors, including bicycle riding, running & walking on our road and surrounding roads. My husband also commutes via bicycle to our office on West Central Street for work.

As you may know, Rockland Street is relatively narrow and sometimes winding. There is no sidewalk. There are no speed limit signs, nor are there 'thickly settled' or warning signs. We house a bus depot that serves several towns (I also question how this land use was approved in a residential neighborhood with a street the size of ours). There are new developments which are increasing the traffic on our street. When these physical attributes of our road are added to the fact that our street serves as a cut through from Everett Street, with proximity to Route 16, to Route 27, with proximity to the Natick High School, we are faced with some very dangerous situations. There is barely enough room for cars to pass buses. Buses need to stop to let other buses pass. It can be difficult for drivers to see cyclists and pedestrians, and many people are driving way too fast to safely pass them even when they are seen. Sometimes there is no room for cyclists and pedestrians with the traffic and they need to jump into a neighbor's yard. It is not safe. I sincerely hope that the town of Natick addresses these issues by starting with more appropriate speed limits throughout town.

Not only would I like to see our town pass Article 23 to aid in keeping our cyclists and pedestrians safer, but I would like to see speed limit signs in addition to 1-2 radar signs to alert drivers to their speed, as shown here:

<https://trafficlogix.com/radar-signs-overview/>

Thank you for your time and service,  
Bridgid Mulrooney  
44 Rockland Street

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**Bruce Evans** <bevans.fincom@natickma.org>

Thu, Mar 18, 2021 at 4:48 PM

To: Bridgid Mulrooney &lt;bridgids@gmail.com&gt;, Finance Committee &lt;fincom@natickma.org&gt;, Bruce Evans &lt;bevans.fincom@natickma.org&gt;

Hi Bridgid,

Do you want this to be included as part of the Finance Committee record? If yes, please REPLY TO ALL & say Yes.

Best Regards,

Bruce Evans  
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**Bridgid Mulrooney** <bridgids@gmail.com>  
To: Bruce Evans <bevans.fincom@natickma.org>

Thu, Mar 18, 2021 at 4:51 PM

If it would be helpful to get this item addressed then of course. But before I address the entire committee, could you briefly tell me what that entails? Thanks.

Best,  
Bridgid Mulrooney  
44 Rockland St  
617.372.0096

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**Bruce Evans** <bevans.fincom@natickma.org>  
To: Bridgid Mulrooney <bridgids@gmail.com>

Thu, Mar 18, 2021 at 4:56 PM

You don't have to do anything. I'm aggregating all the correspondence I've received on this into one document to send to the full committee and have available online. I just needed your permission to include your email to me.

Bruce  
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**Bridgid Mulrooney** <bridgids@gmail.com>  
To: Bruce Evans <bevans.fincom@natickma.org>  
Cc: Finance Committee <fincom@natickma.org>

Thu, Mar 18, 2021 at 4:57 PM

Yes, Thank you.

Best,  
Bridgid Mulrooney  
44 Rockland Street

On Thu, Mar 18, 2021 at 4:49 PM Bruce Evans <bevans.fincom@natickma.org> wrote:  
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**Bridgid Mulrooney** <bridgids@gmail.com>  
To: Bruce Evans <bevans.fincom@natickma.org>

Thu, Mar 18, 2021 at 4:57 PM

Thanks for the clarification. I've responded to all to your previous email. Thanks.

Best,  
Bridgid  
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Bruce Evans &lt;bevans.fincom@natickma.org&gt;

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**Support of Article #23**

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**John & Mindy Tracy** <minjohntracy@verizon.net>

Thu, Mar 18, 2021 at 4:40 PM

To: bevans.fincom@natickma.org

Finance Committee,

I would like to express my support for Article #23 to allow the lowering of speed limits on thickly settled town roads to 25 mph. Due to heavy traffic on Natick's main arteries, many of our residential streets have become cut-through streets. I was shocked to learn how high the speed limits are on many of these roads. While I consistently use many cut-throughs in our town, I always keep my speed to what seems safe and reasonable to me, which I have noticed is usually around 25 mph on residential streets. Many of these streets are used by school students walking/biking to and from school and joggers/bikers (often at the same time as commuter traffic in a rush to get to work/school). While some people do respectfully drive at slower speeds on these streets already, I have also witnessed road rage where drivers illegally pass and speed around these people driving under the currently posted speed limits. I hear vehicles drastically increasing speed on the straight, slightly elevated stretch of road in front of my home. I hope that lowering speed limits could reduce this aggressive driving, encouraging all drivers to slow down and keep our residents, especially children and pedestrians, safe.

Thank you for hearing my input and support for this measure currently being considered.

Mindy Tracy

Natick Resident

Woodland St

Virus-free. [www.avg.com](http://www.avg.com)





Bruce Evans &lt;bevans.fincom@natickma.org&gt;

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**Support for article 23**

4 messages

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**Karen Greene** <kpatters16@gmail.com>

Thu, Mar 18, 2021 at 4:04 PM

To: bevans.fincom@natickma.org

Hi Bruce

Wanted to reach out and let you know I very much support any efforts to reduce speed limits on Natick roads. I'd also advocate for more signage. I live on Union St where the speed limit is 35 (Way too fast given curves and the significant grade heading down into S. Natick) but I think there is only one posting on each end of the street (if that). So lowering it to 30 and posting a couple more times, especially at the curve near the 2 churches and where it starts to go downhill would be a helpful start.

The other issue of great concern are the large number of very large trucks that use Union St. Like 18 wheelers. It's just mind blowing that 18 wheelers can be barreling down this street. Beyond unsafe and of course destructive to the road surfaces which I am sure are not highway grade construction.

Thanks in advance for taking this into consideration.

Best regards,

Karen

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*Karen Patterson Greene*  
508.717.1172

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**Bruce Evans** <bevans.fincom@natickma.org>

Thu, Mar 18, 2021 at 4:13 PM

To: Karen Greene &lt;kpatters16@gmail.com&gt;, Finance Committee &lt;fincom@natickma.org&gt;

Thanks for your email Karen.

Did you want this to be sent to all of the Finance Committee and to be included in the public record?  
If yes, please REPLY TO ALL, saying that you would like it to be included.

Best regards,

Bruce Evans  
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**Bruce Evans** <bevans.fincom@natickma.org>  
To: Karen Greene <kpatters16@gmail.com>

Thu, Mar 18, 2021 at 4:13 PM

Also - you should consider bringing this up to the Town Safety Committee by sending this information to them. That committee includes police and private citizens and (pardon the pun) gets it on their radar.  
The Police contacts are Lieut. Brian Lauzon [blauzon@natickma.org](mailto:blauzon@natickma.org) and Chief James Hicks ([jhicks@natickma.org](mailto:jhicks@natickma.org)).

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**Karen Greene** <kpatters16@gmail.com>  
To: Bruce Evans <bevans.fincom@natickma.org>  
Cc: Finance Committee <fincom@natickma.org>

Thu, Mar 18, 2021 at 4:36 PM

Hi Bruce  
I would like the following to be included in the public record.

Thank you  
Karen Greene  
[124 union street](#)  
[Natick](#)

Sent from my iPhone

On Mar 18, 2021, at 4:13 PM, Bruce Evans <[bevans.fincom@natickma.org](mailto:bevans.fincom@natickma.org)> wrote:

Thanks for your email Karen.

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Best regards,

Bruce Evans

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**Bruce Evans** <[bevans.fincom@natickma.org](mailto:bevans.fincom@natickma.org)>

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**Barbara Rovinelli** <[brovinelli@gmail.com](mailto:brovinelli@gmail.com)>

Thu, Mar 18, 2021 at 5:33 PM

To: [bevans.fincom@natickma.org](mailto:bevans.fincom@natickma.org)

Vote for speed limit changes

Hello I am a resident of speedway Union st Natick mass I am in favor of article that's being proposed regarding speed limits the whole how is a speedway and needs attention maybe some of those solar signs that flash the speed your going and what you should be doing will help wake up some folks better policing of these mammoth trucks that are flying up and down our residential streets would help all I know is we are out of control with the need to hurry and there are some very bad accidents waiting to happen. Thank you for your time. Barbara Rovinelli 82 Union st Nstick

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