



**Board of Selectmen  
Ware Town Hall, Meeting Room, 126 Main Street  
Regular Meeting Notice Agenda – Tuesday, February 4, 2020 at 7:00 p.m.**

**Meeting Opened**

**Opening Remarks, Announcements, and Agenda review by Chair**

**Consent Agenda**

- **Approval of January 21, 2020 Minutes**

**Scheduled Appearances**

- **7:15 p.m. Public Hearing for Safety Study Recommendations: High, Cottage, Prospect, School, Walnut and Pulaski Streets**

**Old Business**

- **Regional School Discussion Follow-Up**

**New Business**

- **Appointment to Council on Aging – Irene Eskett, Term to Expire June 30, 2023**
- **Appointment to Community Development Authority – James Baird, Term to Expire June 30, 2023**
- **Approval of Warrant for Presidential Primary March 3, 2020**
- **Board of Selectmen Budget FY2021**
- **Budget Update/Priorities**

**Comments and Concerns of Citizens**

**Town Manager Report**

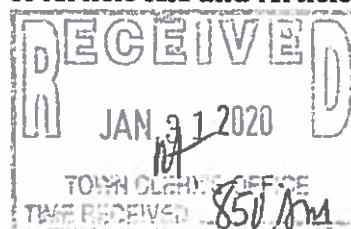
**Adjournment**

**Executive Session: M.G.L. Chapter 30A, Section 21(a)**

**#1 Discussion of Complaint Regarding Public Employee: Town Manager**

**#2 To conduct strategy sessions in preparation for negotiations with nonunion personnel or to conduct collective bargaining sessions or contract negotiations with nonunion personnel, specifically to consider two (2) grievances under the collective bargaining agreement between IAFF, Local 1851 and the Town of Ware that allege violations of Article XX and Article VIII of the applicable collective bargaining agreement.**

**#3 Litigation: Former Fire Chief**





**Board of Selectmen**

**Ware Town Hall, Meeting Room, 126 Main Street**

**Regular Meeting Minutes – Tuesday, January 21, 2020 at 7:00 p.m.**

**Present: Selectman Alan G. Whitney, Selectman John E. Carroll, Selectman Keith J. Kruckas, Selectman Tracy R. Opalinski, Town Manager Stuart B. Beckley, Clerk Mary L. Midura, Treasurer/Collector Erica Brunell**

**Absent: Selectman Nancy J. Talbot**

**Meeting Opened by Chairman Whitney**

**Opening Remarks, Announcements, and Agenda review by Chair**

Selectman Opalinski noted the January 23, 2020 Public Forum on Complete Streets and the February 4, 2020 Public Hearing RE: High, Cottage, Prospect, School Walnut and Pulaski Streets. Selectman Opalinski requested police accident data for the February 4 Public Hearing. Selectman Kruckas noted that the DPW and Highway supervisors should be part of any decisions. Selectman Kruckas noted the new Wood Policy, and no one should take wood without proper permission; he thanked Mr. Beckley for handling this issue.

**Consent Agenda**

- **Approval of January 7, 2020 Minutes**
- **Application One-Day Liquor License: St. Mary's Church Polish Plate Dinner, Saturday, February 22, 2020**

Selectman Opalinski made the motion to approve the Consent Agenda. Selectman Carroll seconded the motion. The motion passed on a vote of 4 Yes, 0 No, 1 Absent (Selectman Talbot).

**Scheduled Appearances**

- **Cynthia Henshaw – Tree Grant Program**

Cynthia Henshaw noted the highlights of the program:

**Planting Trees for Community Health in Ware, MA**

*A partnership of East Quabbin Land Trust, Opacum Land Trust, the MassConn Sustainable Forest Partnership, The U.S. Forest Service, the Massachusetts Dept. of Conservation and Recreation and the Town of Ware*

East Quabbin Land Trust, a non-profit land conservation organization based in Hardwick, Massachusetts, with our partner organizations in the MassConn Sustainable Forest Partnership is part of a \$252,000 grant from the U.S. Forest Service State and Private Forestry Landscape Scale Restoration program to plant 2,000 trees in Southbridge and Ware. East Quabbin Land Trust will work with the Ware community to plant 1,000 trees the urban areas of Ware and the Opacum Land Trust will do the same with the Town of Southbridge. Planning for this effort will begin in the fall of 2019 with work continuing for a three-year period into 2022.

Modeled on the Commonwealth of Massachusetts's *Greening the Gateway Cities Program* of urban tree planting, the goal of this project is to improve community health through the many benefits that urban tree planting provides (see below for more information) in underserved neighborhoods of Southbridge and Ware. The 2,000 trees to be planted are being donated by the Massachusetts Department of Conservation and Recreation.

Staff from East Quabbin Land Trust will coordinate with Ware community service organizations such as Baystate Mary Lane Outpatient Center, Community Health Network Association 3 members, and others, along with departments and staff of the Town of Ware, the school district and other community members, to determine the best locations for tree planting. The goal of the project is to plant as many of the trees on residential, school, playground and park locations as possible, along with other venues that provide overall community benefits.

East Quabbin Land Trust and its community partners will work closely with the Town of Ware and the appropriate departments and personnel to ensure that the Town and the community are best served by this effort and that the broadest possible stake-holder input can be drawn upon for decisions about where trees will be planted, and which species are most appropriate to each location. The costs for planting the trees and professional forestry guidance are included in the grant, as are the cost of the trees (1 to 2-inch diameter), valued at \$140,000. **The planting of 1,000 trees in Ware will add approximately 10 acres of tree canopy to the Town once the trees mature.**

Clark University will provide environmental monitoring equipment and related technology to measure the environmental conditions (temperature and air quality) of the areas where trees are being planted and for approximately the first 10 years of their growth.

East Quabbin Land Trust (EQLT.org) cares for 1,000 acres of conserved land in the region, including 200 acres on three properties in Ware. East Quabbin Land Trust will provide educational opportunities to the Ware community through its properties in conjunction with the work on this project.

#### **The Needs & Benefits of Tree Planting in Ware:**

Ware is ranked #1 in the "Asthma Capitals" of Massachusetts by the Asthma and Allergy Foundation of America and the town is considered an "Environmental Justice Area" by State agencies. Ware is among the highest priority areas in the Massachusetts Forest Action Plan for urban forestry.

The 2016 Baystate Mary Lane Outpatient Center Community Health Needs Assessment Final Report identified the high rates of chronic health conditions, including obesity, diabetes, cardiovascular disease, asthma and associated morbidities. Also, chronic obstructive pulmonary disease (COPD) was identified as a health priority in this assessment. Vulnerable populations include children and youth, older adults, some communities of color, particularly Latinos, individuals with low income levels, those living in poverty, and those who are homeless. *These health conditions are directly impacted by environmental conditions such as air quality, pollution, heat stress, lack of physical exercise and general quality of life issues.*

- *Trees directly remove pollutants from the air around them, absorbing gases and pollutants through their respiration and by catching particulate matter on their leaves and branches.*
- *Several studies show a strong correlation between increased tree cover, reduced surface temperature and improved respiratory health outcomes.*

On average in this part of Massachusetts we experience 6 days per year with temperatures over 90 degrees. Scientists predict that by the middle of this century, about 30 years from now, this area will experience 33 days a year over 90 degrees, 9 of which will be over 100 degrees. By the end of this century this part of Massachusetts will average 90 days over 90 degrees, 24 days of which will be over 100 degrees. Heat related deaths already kill more Americans

every year than the combined impacts of hurricanes, tornados, floods, lightning and snow storms. During the heatwave that struck Europe in 2003 at least 20,000 people died as a result of the prolonged high temperatures.

- *Tree shaded areas can be 20 to 45 degrees cooler* than adjacent areas in direct sunlight and urban trees can *cool an urban environment up to 10%* overall through the shade effect and cooling created by their natural transpiration of water. An economic analysis for the Greening the Gateways Cities program showed that the investment in the program was paid back in energy bill savings in about 12 years and was paid back three times 22 years after planting.
- **A USDA study found that local tree planting had a 2:1 economic multiplier in the community – an economic benefit of over \$500,000 for this project.**

**Other direct benefits of urban trees include:**

- Absorption of urban noise.
- Reduction of the velocity of rain run-off impact through leaf-retention of rain and root absorption of storm-water, reducing street flooding and run-off of storm-water into natural water bodies.
- Improved quality of life, including mental health, for neighbors of trees.
- Attracts wildlife, primarily birds.
- In addition, this project will create 3 seasonal tree planting jobs and provide experience and references for landscaping, municipal and other jobs for participants.

For more information on this project, please contact Cynthia Henshaw,  
Executive Director of East Quabbin Land Trust:  
By email at [chenshaw@eqtl.org](mailto:chenshaw@eqtl.org) or by phone at 413-477-8229.



Ms. Henshaw noted that 22 trees have been planted in Grenville Park. She has worked in cooperation with the Tree Warden and Director of Planning and Community Development. There may be an Arbor Day event. Ms. Henshaw has appeared on the cable show to let residents know of this program. The program will hire two people to coordinate the plantings. The only requirement is to commit to watering the trees for two years; approximately 15 gallons of water per week. Trees are in 10 gallon pots and are 6 feet tall; there is a variety of trees available, and an arborist will work with MDCR and Forest Service to determine the best trees per area. Residents may call 477-8229 to be placed on a list and have appointments with the arborist. Mr. Beckley questioned if trees would be available outside the designated area; Ms. Henshaw noted that some are street trees, and there will be a review in year 2 to discuss planting outside the target area.

## Old Business - none

## New Business

- **Treasurer's Policy**

Erica Brunell, Treasurer/Collector, presented the new policy to streamline departmental procedures. She consulted other towns and noted safety issues, timely deposits done weekly, locked vaults, and the importance of consistency.

Selectman Kruckas questioned that water department deposits should also be made in Town Hall; Mr. Beckley noted that plan is still in process. Selectman Opalinski questioned reconciliations and checks and balances; Ms. Brunell noted she consulted with the Town of Amherst, and will be consulting with Newburyport. Selectman Carroll questioned use of money orders; Ms. Brunell noted this policy addresses intake of money only. The Board requested that Ms. Brunell confirm the policy with the auditors; the Board will then approve the policy. Selectman Opalinski praised Ms. Brunell for her research and contact with other communities.

- **MMA Resolutions**

The Board discussed the proposed MMA resolutions. Selectman Opalinski and Town Manager Beckley will attend the MMA Annual conference on January 24-25, 2020.

Selectman Kruckas questioned a proposed gas tax. Mr. Beckley noted language related to regular school transportation. Chairman Whitney noted this year's receipts over state budget. Selectman Carroll noted that the resolutions throw in good points and bad.

**Selectman Opalinski made the motion to support the MMA resolutions at the annual MMA conference. Selectman Kruckas seconded the motion. The vote passed on a vote of 3 Yes, 1 No (Selectman Carroll), 1 Absent (Selectman Talbot).**

## Comments and Concerns of Citizens

Selectman Kruckas noted that the Cannabis Committee met on January 16, and a suggestion was discussed to change the committee name to Cannabis Advisory Board. The committee would like to request a letter be sent to the State regarding the long delay in license approval; the Board noted the committee should draft the letter and bring to the Board of Selectmen for review. Selectman Opalinski noted that applicants who are non-profits would want to apply for funding; Mr. Beckley noted that the Board of Selectmen determines how 3% is spent and who receives funds. Mr. Beckley also noted an estimated \$2million in sales, 3% would go to the General Fund and 3% to impact the community.

## Town Manager Report

January 23 – Public Forum, Complete Streets, Plan and Priorities

February 20 – Invitation Curaleaf tour with Cannabis advisory committee

Mr. Beckley noted the governor's budget will be announced on January 22, 2020 with an increased 2.8% possibly for education.

*Personnel:* The DPW assistant position will be filled by Kayleigh Goodrow, formerly the assistant in the Assessors Department.

The Town is accepting Christmas trees at Robbins Road until this Saturday, January 25. The Town has received a small grant from the MA Department of Environmental Protection to establish a mattress recycling program.

Main Street reconstruction – The Business and Civic Association met last week. There are continued concerns with timing for the project. A mitigation committee was established to work with the Town and the MassDOT personnel. A contract with the construction contractor has not been finalized yet, so the start of the project will be delayed. The anticipated full project term is expected to be approximately 500 days, so completion will carry over until 2021.

Members of the Board expressed frustration with the expectation of 500 days for completion of the Main Street project. There is no project engineer or point person until a contractor is chosen.

School Building – The town received bids for the Middle School window and door project from sub-contractors that were within the cost estimates. Final bids from the General Contractors are due Thursday. A School Building Committee meeting will be held on January 28<sup>th</sup> to recommend an award. The project is anticipated to commence in early June and be completed by mid-September.

The design of the Animal Control shelter in Warren is finalized and that project is headed out to bid. The four towns are reviewing the Inter-municipal agreement for operations as the facility moves from Palmer to Warren.

Water Treatment. The deed work and title search for the Barnes property were completed. Attorney Wojcik signed the appropriate documents for USDA. We are working with bond counsel on the remaining authorization. The DPW director and I are reviewing the current enterprise revenue numbers this week and meeting with the design engineers later in the week to review options for cost increases.

Mr. Beckley noted that USDA will work with the Town to modify the cost estimated at \$6-7million and help the Town apply for additional grants. He also noted that consumption of water has declined.

Chairman Whitney noted there will be no executive session this evening.

~~Executive Session: M.G.L. Chapter 30A, Section 21(a) #1 Discussion of Complaints Regarding Public Employee: Town Manager~~

Selectman Kruckas made the motion to Adjourn Regular Session at 7:48 p.m.  
Selectman Opalinski seconded the motion. The motion passed on a vote of 3 Yes, 1 No (Selectman Whitney), 1 Absent (Selectman Talbot).

Attest: \_\_\_\_\_  
Mary L. Midura, Executive Assistant to  
Town Manager

Board of Selectmen: *Alan G. Whitney, John E. Carroll, Keith J. Kruckas, Tracy R. Opalinski, Nancy J. Talbot*  
Town Manager: *Stuart Beckley*  
sbeckley@townofware.com



# TOWN OF WARE

Town Hall, 126 Main Street  
Ware, Massachusetts 01082

## Notice of Public Hearing

The Board of Selectmen has scheduled a public hearing at 7:15 p.m. on Tuesday, February 4, 2020 in the Selectmen's Meeting Room, 126 Main Street, Ware.

The purpose of this hearing is discussion of parking issues on High Street, Cottage Street, Prospect Street, School Street, Walnut Street, and Pulaski Street. Based on citizen comments, the Board of Selectmen will consider limiting parking on one side only or other changes.

All interested residents are invited to attend and give comment. Comments may also be submitted in writing to: Town Manager's Office, 126 Main Street, Ware, MA 01082 or by email to [mmidura@townofware.com](mailto:mmidura@townofware.com).

**This notice shall also be posted on the Massachusetts Newspaper Publishers Association's (MNPA) website (<http://masspublicnotices.org>).**

Alan G. Whitney  
Chairman  
Board of Selectmen  
January 9, 2020

Board of Selectmen  
126 Main St  
Ware, Ma 01082

Dear Board Members,

The parking situation on High Street has been a consistent problem for many residents on the street for a number of years. Some of the concerns include difficulty turning onto the street from North or Church Streets, exiting driveways due to parked cars blocking or obstructing the end of driveways, and travel down the street in larger passenger vehicles when cars are parked on both sides of the road.

Although a winter parking ban does alleviate some of the issues in the evening, during the day when the ban is not in place and plow berms are present it is often impossible to exit driveways near the corners if a car is parked on the side of the road.

As a resident of High Street and with these concerns in mind, I am requesting that a safety survey be conducted by the Safety Officer to look into the dangerous parking conditions on High Street. These same conditions exist on many of the residential streets between North Street and Church Street, and can lead to unnecessary accidents with parked cars.

Sincerely,



Andrew Choquette  
73 North Street  
Ware, Ma 01082



## Midura, Mary

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**From:** Crevier, Shawn  
**Sent:** Thursday, January 2, 2020 1:05 PM  
**To:** Midura, Mary  
**Subject:** RE: Safety Survey Requests

Officer Talbot will get his report to you by end of day tomorrow. But basically he will recommend parking on one side of the street to help rectify the problem.

**From:** Midura, Mary <mmidura@townofware.com>  
**Sent:** Thursday, December 26, 2019 1:55 PM  
**To:** Crevier, Shawn <CrsH@townofware.com>; Czapla, Lu-Ann <Czal@townofware.com>; John Cacela <jcacela@townofware.com>  
**Subject:** Safety Survey Requests

At the December 23, 2019 Board of Selectmen meeting, the attached safety survey request was discussed. Also, a resident requested a safety survey of Pulaski Street. The Board of Selectmen voted to request these safety surveys of High Street and Pulaski Street. Please submit your report by January 2, 2020 for the Board of Selectmen meeting agenda of January 7, 2020. If possible, please ask the safety officer to attend the meeting on January 7, 2020. Thanks very much!

Mary L. Midura  
Executive Assistant to  
Ware Town Manager  
413-967-9648 ext. 101

Office Hours: 8:00 am – 4:00 pm  
Monday – Friday

*Live Simply...Give generously*

To: Chief Crevier

From: Safety Officer Christopher Talbot

In regards to the parking situation on High St. After careful review of the matter I believe these problems can be relieved and or minimized by mandating parking on one side of the street only. I would recommend parking on the North side of High, Cottage, Prospect, School, and Walnut Streets.

Respectfully Submitted,

  
Safety Officer Christopher Talbot

## Midura, Mary

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**From:** Crevier, Shawn  
**Sent:** Friday, January 3, 2020 1:01 PM  
**To:** Midura, Mary  
**Subject:** RE: parking issues

Copy, don't see any issues with Pulaski St., I have seen large trash trucks and oil trucks turning down Webb and Buckley court. I know in the winter it get tight, but I Can't remember any company calling and reporting that they can not get access to those streets.

-----Original Message-----

**From:** Midura, Mary <mmidura@townofware.com>  
**Sent:** Friday, January 3, 2020 12:45 PM  
**To:** Crevier, Shawn <CrSH@townofware.com>  
**Subject:** RE: parking issues

Kim Mongeau spoke up during the agenda item about High Street, and she stated that the same kind of problems occur on Pulaski Street as noted in the letter about High Street. The Selectmen then asked for a safety survey for High and for Pulaski.

-----Original Message-----

**From:** Crevier, Shawn <CrSH@townofware.com>  
**Sent:** Friday, January 3, 2020 12:39 PM  
**To:** Midura, Mary <mmidura@townofware.com>  
**Subject:** RE: parking issues

Sorry we didn't see in the attachment letter but did see in your email,, do you know what exactly the issue is on Pulaski St.

-----Original Message-----

**From:** Midura, Mary <mmidura@townofware.com>  
**Sent:** Friday, January 3, 2020 12:32 PM  
**To:** Crevier, Shawn <CrSH@townofware.com>  
**Subject:** RE: parking issues

My email from 12/26 also noted a request for a safety survey for Pulaski Street.

-----Original Message-----

**From:** Crevier, Shawn <CrSH@townofware.com>  
**Sent:** Friday, January 3, 2020 12:29 PM  
**To:** Midura, Mary <mmidura@townofware.com>  
**Subject:** parking issues

-----Original Message-----

**From:** warepolice@townofware.com <warepolice@townofware.com>  
**Sent:** Friday, January 3, 2020 10:36 AM  
**To:** Crevier, Shawn <CrSH@townofware.com>

## Midura, Mary

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**From:** Jeff Allard <manomed@aol.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, January 13, 2020 6:17 PM  
**To:** Midura, Mary  
**Subject:** Pulaski parking

CAUTION: This email originated from outside of the Town of Ware organization. Do not click links or open attachments unless you recognize the sender and know the content is safe.

I object to any decrease of street parking as the off street parking is limited due to the dense development and commercial establishments. I am aware of 15 cars owned by residents of 5 Buckley ct, 37 Pulaski, and 74 Pulaski. All regularly park on Pulaski. One side would be insufficient to serve the needs of residents. Jeff Allard, ware housing coop and manomednet llc

Sent from my iPhone

Kelly Grout  
21 Prospect St, Ware, MA 01082  
(413)967-9491  
kcgrou@yahoo.com

January 14, 2020

**Town of Ware**  
126 Main St. Ware, MA 01082

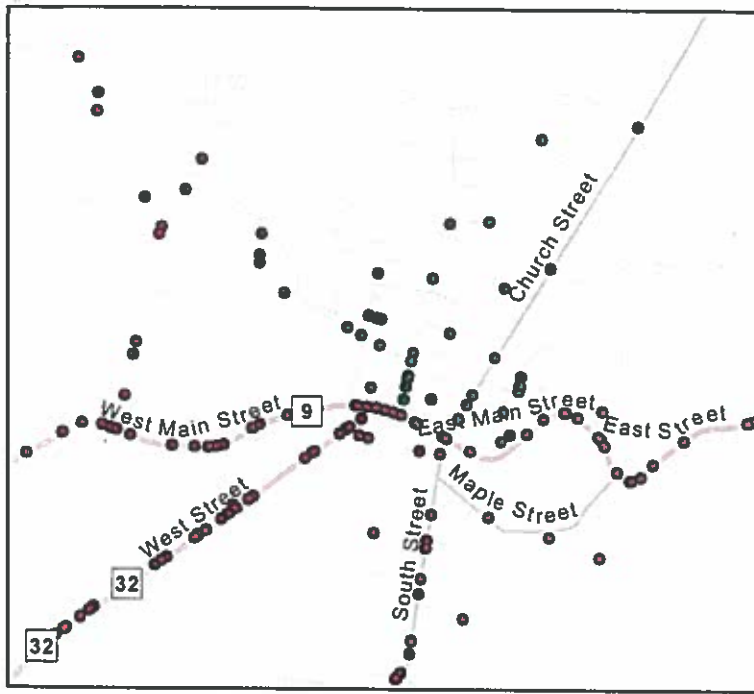
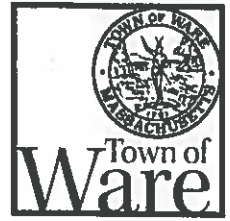
To Whom It May Concern:

I am writing to you today about the upcoming public hearing on February 4, 2020 pertaining to the parking issues on High St, Cottage St, Prospect St, School St, Walnut St & Pulaski St. Unfortunately, I will not be able to attend the meeting, but I would still like my voice to be heard. I am all for on street parking on one side of the road during the winter. As a homeowner and taxpayer, it would be greatly appreciated if I was able to park all of my vehicles at my home. As of now I have one vehicle that I can't park at my house. I understand not having on street parking during a snowstorm because of the snow removal, but for the other time I see no reason why parking on one side shouldn't be allowed. Thank you for your time.

Sincerely,

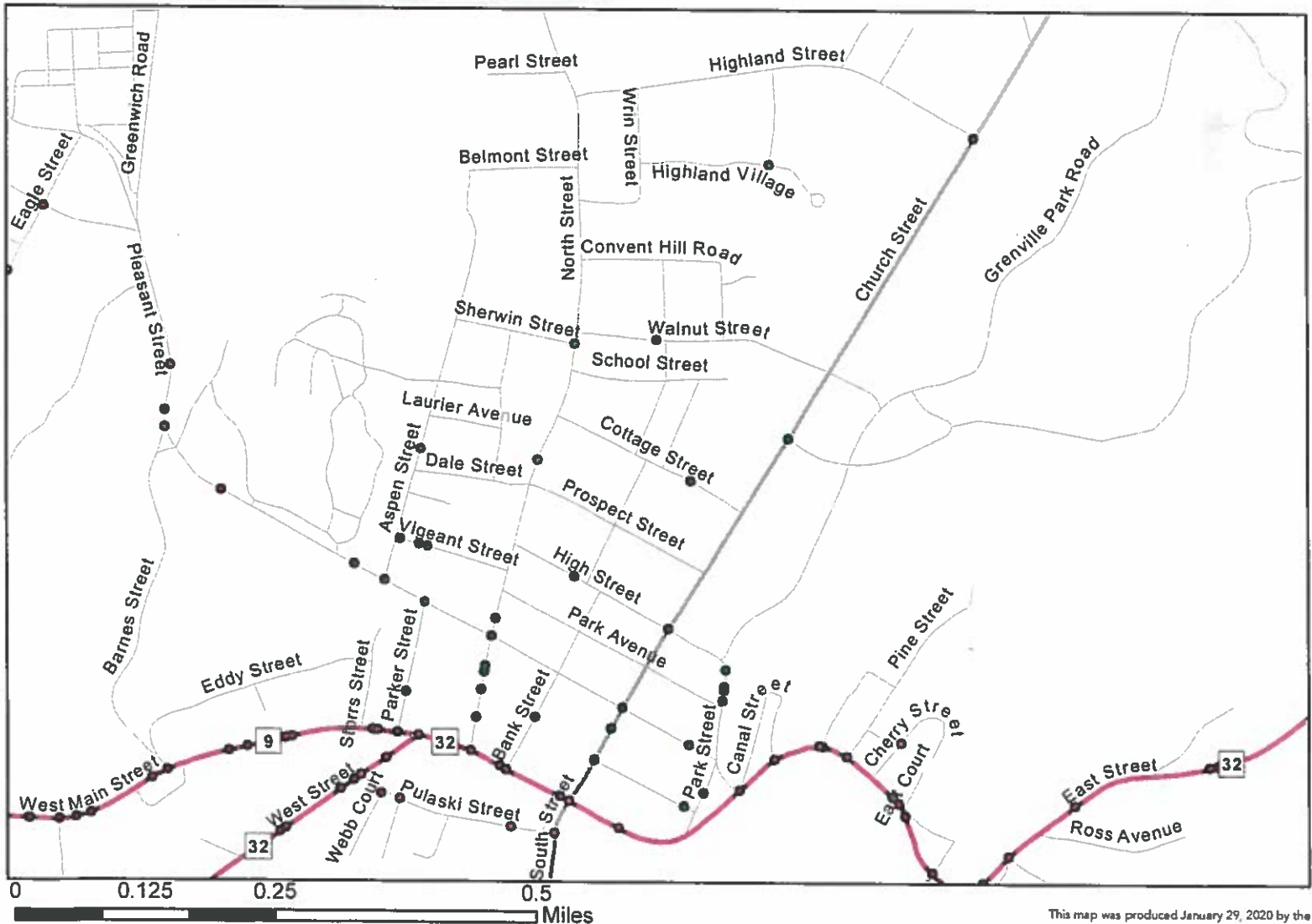


**Kelly Grout**



Crash data reflect the time period of 2012 - 2014. The findings were published by Pioneer Valley Planning Commission in March 2018 in a report titled "Safety Compass". It used data from MassDOT. Full report available here: <http://www.pvpc.org/content/safety-compass>

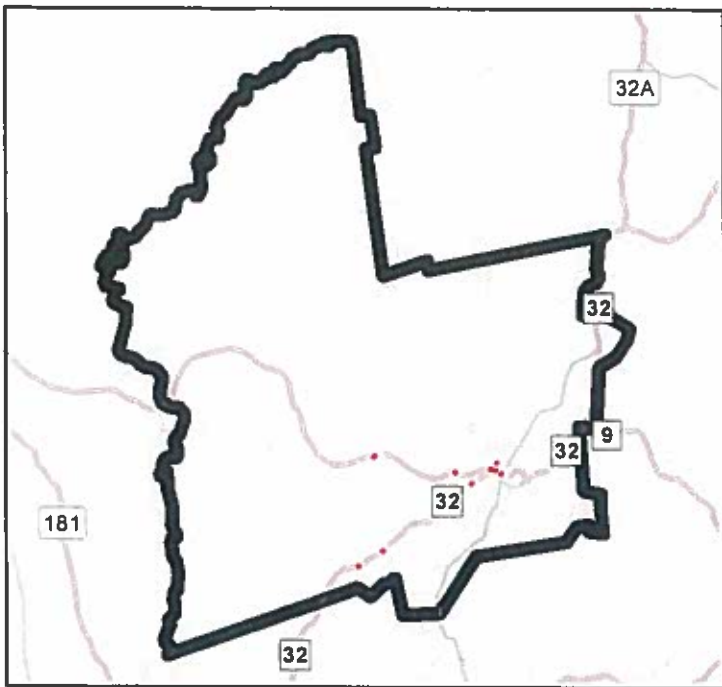
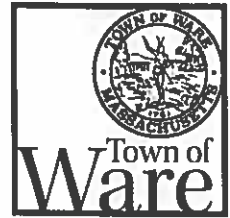
In the Northside Neighborhood (shown in green dots), roughly 30% involved a parked vehicle. This is compared to 13% of crashes involving a parked vehicle when examining the data throughout the entire town for years 2012-2014.



NORTHSIDE NEIGHBORHOOD CRASH DATA 2012-2014

Crash Date	Time	Manner of Crash	Vehicle_Ac	Vehicle_T	Road_Surf	Asphalt_Li	Weather	Location
03-Jan-2014	4:12 PM	Angle			Snow	Drylight	Clear	CHURCH STREET / PLEASANT STREET
25-Jan-2014	6:30 PM	Rear-end	V1: Stopping or stopped in traffic / V2: Slowing or stopped in traffic	V1: Westbound / V2: Westbound	Snow	Dark: lighted roadway	Snow	PLEASANT ST / NORTH ST
25-Feb-2014	7:11 PM	Sideswipe, same direction	V1: Traveling straight ahead / V2: Parked	V1: Northbound / V2: Northbound	Dry	Dark: lighted roadway	Clear	300 feet S CHURCH STREET / 13 PLEASANT STREET
09-May-2014	6:55 PM	Angle	V1: Traveling straight ahead	V1: Westbound	Dry	Dark: lighted roadway	Clear	PLEASANT ST / CHURCH ST
27-May-2014	7:09 PM	Sideswipe, same direction	V1: Traveling straight ahead / V2: Traveling straight ahead	V1: Southbound / V2: Eastbound	Dry	Drylight	Clear	NORTH ST / PLEASANT STREET
10-Jul-2014	8:54 PM	Angle	V1: Backing / V2: Parked	V1: Northbound / V2: Not reported	Dry	Drylight	Clear	PLEASANT ST / CHURCH ST
20-Aug-2014	12:26 PM	Angle	V1: Traveling straight ahead / V2: Slowing or stopped in traffic	V1: Southbound / V2: Southbound	Dry	Dark: lighted roadway	Clear	NORTH ST / PLEASANT ST
30-Aug-2014	4:40 PM	Angle	V1: Traveling straight ahead / V2: Traveling straight ahead	V1: Westbound / V2: Southbound	Dry	Drylight	Clear	NORTH ST / PLEASANT ST
03-Sep-2014	11:05 AM	Angle	V1: Traveling straight ahead / V2: Slowing or stopped in traffic	V1: Southbound / V2: Southbound	Dry	Drylight	Clear	NORTH ST / PLEASANT ST
06-Sep-2014	3:19 PM	Angle	V1: Turning right / V2: Traveling straight ahead	V1: Eastbound / V2: Southbound	Dry	Dark: lighted roadway	Clear	28 NORTH STREET
13-Sep-2014	11:13 PM	Single vehicle crash	V1: Backing	V1: Not reported / V2: Southbound	Dry	Dark: lighted roadway	Clear	ASPEN ST / PLEASANT ST
07-Oct-2014	6:38 AM	Sideswipe, same direction	V1: Parked / V2: Backing	V1: Not reported	Dry	Drylight	Clear	WGBEANT STREET
22-Oct-2014	2:22 PM	Angle	V1: Traveling straight ahead / V2: Entering traffic lane	V1: Northbound / V2: Northbound	Dry	Dark: lighted roadway	Clear	NORTH ST
25-Oct-2014	3:08 PM	Unknown	V1: Backing / V2: Parked	V1: Westbound / V2: Not reported	Dry	Drylight	Rain	PARK ST
02-Nov-2014	6:34 PM	Single vehicle crash	V1: Leaving traffic lane	V1: Southbound	Wet	Dark: lighted roadway	Clear	OTIS AVENUE
17-Nov-2014	9:59 PM	Sideswipe, opposite direction	V1: Turning right / V2: Slowing or stopped in traffic	V1: Northbound / V2: Southbound	Dry	Dark: lighted roadway	Clear	VETERANS PARK ENTRANCE
19-Nov-2014	6:42 AM	Angle	V1: Traveling straight ahead / V2: Traveling straight ahead	V1: Southbound / V2: Westbound	Wet	Drylight	Clear	CHURCH STREET / ASPEN STREET
03-Dec-2013	8:57 AM	Single vehicle crash	V1: Traveling straight ahead	V1: Eastbound	Snow	Drylight	Clear	COTTAGE ST
18-Dec-2013	8:04 AM	Single vehicle crash	V1: Traveling straight ahead	V1: Westbound	Snow	Dark: roadway not lighted	Clear	WALWART ST
13-Jan-2013	8:23 PM	Sideswipe, same direction	V1: Traveling straight ahead / V2: Parked	V1: Southbound / V2: Southbound	Dry	Drylight	Clear	PARK STREET
26-Jan-2013	12:41 PM	Head-on	V1: Turning left / V2: Slowing or stopped in traffic	V1: Eastbound / V2: Westbound	Dry	Dark: lighted roadway	Cloudy	NORTH ST / PLEASANT ST
18-Feb-2013	8:45 PM	Rear-end	V1: Traveling straight ahead / V2: Parked	V1: Eastbound / V2: Not reported	Dry	Dark: lighted roadway	Cloudy	HIGHLAND VALLEGE
27-Feb-2013	1:04 PM	Single vehicle crash	V1: Backing	V1: Eastbound / V2: Not reported	Dry	Drylight	Clear	NORTH ST
21-Mar-2013	6:33 PM	Angle	V1: Backing / V2: Parked	V1: Northbound / V2: Westbound	Wet	Dark: lighted roadway	Clear	WGBEANT ST
05-May-2013	12:38 PM	Rear-end	V1: Slowing or stopped in traffic / V2: Traveling straight ahead	V1: Northbound / V2: Northbound	Dry	Drylight	Clear	CHURCH ST / OTIS AVE
13-May-2013	2:13 PM	Angle	V1: Traveling straight ahead / V2: Traveling straight ahead	V1: Northbound / V2: Eastbound	Dry	Drylight	Clear	PLEASANT STREET / NORTH STREET
20-May-2013	3:30 PM	Sideswipe, same direction	V1: Traveling straight ahead / V2: Entering traffic lane	V1: Eastbound / V2: Northbound	Dry	Drylight	Clear	NORTH ST / PLEASANT ST
21-May-2013	8:02 AM	Angle	V1: Traveling straight ahead / V2: Entering traffic lane	V1: Southbound / V2: Eastbound	Wet	Drylight	Rain/Cloudy	NORTH ST / PLEASANT ST
24-May-2013	9:37 AM	Angle	V1: Traveling straight ahead / V2: Entering traffic lane	V1: Southbound / V2: Eastbound	Dry	Drylight	Clear	CHURCH ST / PLEASANT ST
28-May-2013	8:31 AM	Angle	V1: Traveling straight ahead / V2: Traveling straight ahead	V1: Southbound / V2: Westbound	Dry	Drylight	Clear	CHURCH ST / PLEASANT ST
01-Jun-2013	11:50 AM	Angle	V1: Traveling straight ahead / V2: Traveling straight ahead	V1: Southbound / V2: Eastbound	Dry	Drylight	Clear	PLEASANT ST / NORTH ST
08-Jun-2013	8:21 PM	Angle	V1: Traveling straight ahead / V2: Traveling straight ahead	V1: Eastbound / V2: Northbound	Dry	Drylight	Clear	NORTH ST
22-Jun-2013	5:05 PM	Rear-to-rear	V1: Backing / V2: Parked	V1: Westbound / V2: Not reported	Dry	Drylight	Clear	NORTH STREET
29-Jul-2013	4:01 PM	Rear-end	V1: Slowing or stopped in traffic / V2: Traveling straight ahead	V1: Northbound / V2: Northbound	Dry	Drylight	Clear	NORTH STREET
22-Aug-2013	12:00 PM	Single vehicle crash	V1: Traveling straight ahead / V2: Backing	V1: Southbound / V2: Northbound	Dry	Drylight	Clear	20 PARK STREET
06-Oct-2013	9:36 AM	Angle	V1: Traveling straight ahead / V2: Traveling straight ahead	V1: Eastbound / V2: Southbound	Wet	Drylight	Rain/Cloudy	NORTH ST / PLEASANT ST
19-Oct-2013	10:44 AM	Angle	V1: Traveling straight ahead / V2: Entering traffic lane	V1: Northbound / V2: Eastbound	Dry	Drylight	Clear	NORTH ST / PLEASANT ST
20-Oct-2013	10:20 AM	Angle	V1: Traveling straight ahead / V2: Parked	V1: Eastbound / V2: Northbound	Dry	Drylight	Clear	CHURCH ST / HIGHLAND ST
22-Oct-2013	9:04 AM	Sideswipe, same direction	V1: Parked / V2: Entering traffic lane	V1: Not reported	Dry	Drylight	Clear	NORTH ST / 54 PLEASANT STREET
13-Nov-2013	6:54 PM	Rear-end	V1: Traveling straight ahead / V2: Parked / V3: Parked	V1: Northbound / V2: Not reported / V3: Not reported	Dry	Dark: lighted roadway	Clear	CHURCH ST
28-Nov-2013	6:05 PM	Rear-end	V1: Slowing or stopped in traffic / V2: Slowing or stopped in traffic	V1: Westbound / V2: Westbound	Dry	Dark: lighted roadway	Clear	PLEASANT ST / CHURCH ST
29-Nov-2013	4:22 AM	Rear-end	V1: Parked / V2: Parked	V1: Not reported / V2: Not reported	Dry	Dark: lighted roadway	Clear	PARK STREET - 50 feet S from GREENWILLE PARK GATE
07-Aug-2012	11:48 AM	Angle	V1: Traveling straight ahead / V2: Turning left	V1: Northbound / V2: Northbound	Dry	Drylight	Clear	NORTH STREET
06-Feb-2012	00:00 AM	Angle	V1: Traveling straight ahead / V2: Traveling straight ahead	V1: Westbound / V2: Northbound	Dry	Dark: lighted roadway	Clear	PARK STREET / CHURCH STREET / HIGH STREET
06-Feb-2012	4:11 PM	Angle	V1: Slowing or stopped in traffic / V2: Traveling straight ahead	V1: Eastbound / V2: Northbound	Dry	Drylight	Clear	NORTH STREET / PLEASANT STREET
18-Feb-2012	3:08 AM	Sideswipe, same direction	V1: Traveling straight ahead / V2: Parked / V3: Parked	V1: Northbound / V2: Not reported / V3: Not reported	Dry	Dark: lighted roadway	Clear	48 PARK STREET
23-Mar-2012	6:10 PM	Sideswipe, same direction	V1: Parked / V2: Traveling straight ahead	V1: Northbound / V2: Northbound	Dry	Drylight	Clear	BANK ST - 50 feet E from ALL SAINTS CHURCH
05-May-2012	11:13 AM	Sideswipe, same direction	V1: Traveling straight ahead / V2: Parked	V1: Eastbound / V2: Eastbound	Dry	Drylight	Cloudy	CHURCH STREET - GREENWILLE PARK RD
18-May-2012	5:00 PM	Angle	V1: Backing	V1: Eastbound / V2: Eastbound	Unknown	Drylight	Cloudy	ASPEN ST
04-Jun-2012	1:15 PM	Single vehicle crash	V1: Traveling straight ahead / V2: Entering traffic lane	V1: Southbound / V2: Eastbound	Wet	Drylight	Cloudy/Fog	NORTH ST / PLEASANT ST
30-Jun-2012	11:03 PM	Single vehicle crash	V1: Traveling straight ahead / V2: Traveling straight ahead	V1: Southbound	Dry	Dark: lighted roadway	Clear	CHURCH ST / HIGHLAND ST
08-Sep-2012	11:03 AM	Angle	V1: Traveling straight ahead / V2: Traveling straight ahead	V1: Eastbound / V2: Northbound	Dry	Drylight	Clear	HIGHLAND ST / CHURCH ST
13-Sep-2012	5:45 PM	Single vehicle crash	V1: Turning right	V1: Eastbound	Dry	Drylight	Clear	PARKER STREET / PLEASANT STREET
05-Oct-2012	11:35 AM	Single vehicle crash	V1: Traveling straight ahead	V1: Southbound / V2: Eastbound	Dry	Drylight	Clear	NORTH ST / PLEASANT ST
14-Oct-2012	10:45 AM	Angle	V1: Traveling straight ahead / V2: Entering traffic lane	V1: Not reported	Wet	Drylight	Cloudy/Fog	PARKER ST
04-Nov-2012	8:38 PM	Sideswipe, same direction	V1: Parked	V1: Not reported	Dry	Unknown	Cloudy	NORTH ST / PLEASANT ST
11-Nov-2012	7:30 PM	Head-on	V1: Traveling straight ahead / V2: Slowing or stopped in traffic	V1: Eastbound / V2: Westbound	Dry	Dark: lighted roadway	Cloudy	WAGGANT STREET / ASPEN STREET
06-Dec-2012	5:29 PM	Angle	V1: Backing / V2: Parked	V1: Southbound / V2: Not reported	Dry	Dark: roadway not lighted	Clear	HIGH ST
14-Dec-2012	9:47 AM	Angle	V1: Turning right / V2: Traveling straight ahead	V1: Eastbound / V2: Southbound	Dry	Drylight	Clear	NORTH ST / SHERMANN ST





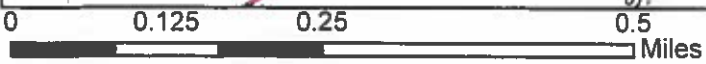
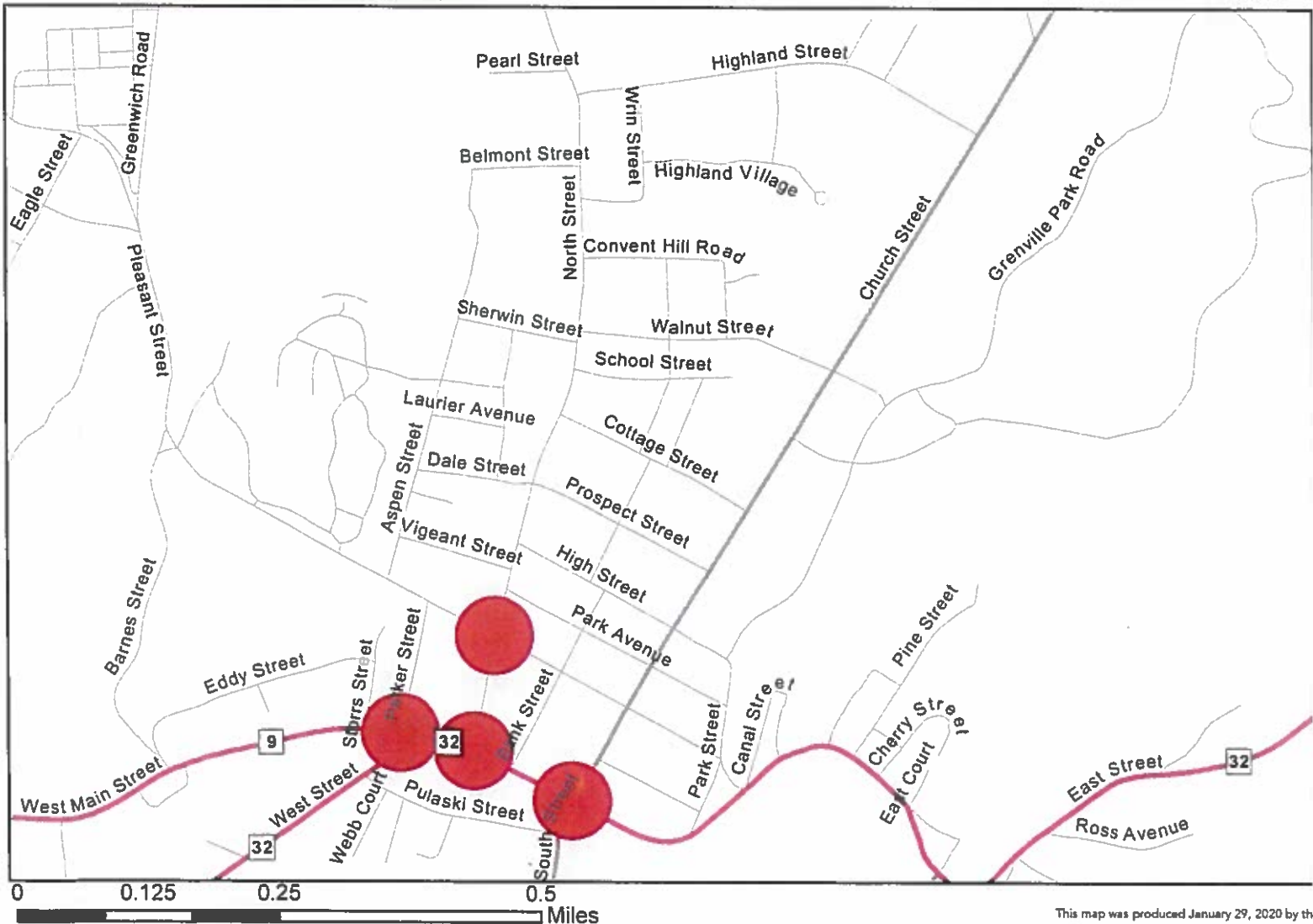
Red dots indicate the ten worst crash intersections in town. One is located in the Northside neighborhood. Tree are on Main Street.

Crash data reflect the time period of 2012 - 2014. The findings were published by Pioneer Valley Planning Commission in March 2018 in a report titled "Safety Compass". It used data from MassDOT. Full report available here: <http://www.pvpc.org/content/safety-compass>



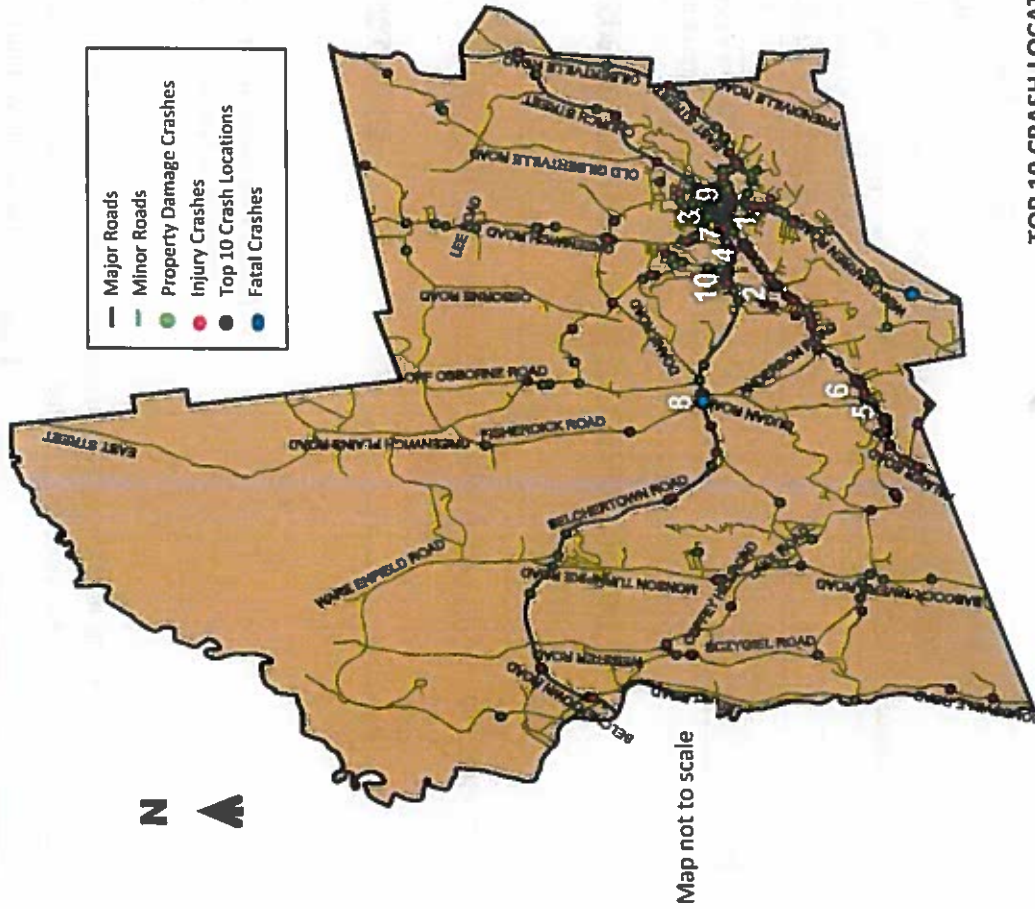
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Top 10 Crash Locations





# Pioneer Valley SafetyCompass WARE (2012 - 2014)



## TOWN CRASH PROFILE

Year	Total	Manner of Collision		Severity		Roadway	
		Angle	Head On	Fatal	No injury	Dry	Ice
2012	196	Head On	6	No injury	118	Ice	2
		Rear End	46	Non-fatal injury - I <sup>s</sup>	3	Snow	7
		Side Swipe	25	Non-fatal injury - NC <sup>A</sup>	20	Wet	35
		Single Vehicle	66	Non-fatal injury - P <sup>e</sup>	35	Sand	1
		Not Reported	3	Not reported	20	Other	1
2013	188	Angle	42	Fatal	1	Dry	135
		Head On	7	No injury	122	Ice	2
		Rear End	45	Non-fatal injury - I <sup>s</sup>	6	Snow	12
		Side Swipe	21	Non-fatal injury - NC <sup>A</sup>	18	Wet	32
		Single Vehicle	71	Non-fatal injury - P <sup>e</sup>	35	Sand	3
2014	197	Angle	38	Fatal	1	Dry	140
		Head On	5	No injury	142	Ice	6
		Rear End	52	Non-fatal injury - I <sup>s</sup>	3	Snow	23
		Side Swipe	32	Non-fatal injury - NC <sup>A</sup>	18	Wet	26
		Single Vehicle	65	Non-fatal injury - P <sup>e</sup>	20	Sand	0
Total	581						

## TOP 10 CRASH LOCATIONS IN THE TOWN

Rank	Intersection/Location	Crashes	EPDO*	Rank	Intersection/Location	Crashes	EPDO*
1	Main Street and North Street	20	48	6	Palmer Road and Longview Avenue	10	26
2	West Street and Robbins Road	15	43	7	West Main Street and Parker Street	11	23
3	North Street and Pleasant Street	23	35	8	Belchertown Road and Anderson Road	7	23
4	West Street and Vernon Street	14	34	9	Main Street, East Main Street, South Street, and Church Street	14	22
5	Palmer Road (Between Juniper Hill Road and Dugan Road)	8	28	10	Belchertown Road and Eagle Street	7	19

\*EPDO - Equivalent Property Damage Only (Fatal Crash = 10, Injury Crash = 5, Property Damage Crash = 1)

**KEY FINDINGS:**

- There were a total of 581 crashes in the Town of Ware within the calendar years of 2012 to 2014.
- Approximately 34% of the total crashes were single vehicle type, followed by rear end (25%), and angle (22%) type crashes.
- A total of 10 crashes reported during the analysis period involved non-motorists and one of those crashes in the year 2013 resulted in an incapacitating injury to the pedestrian.
- There were a total of 2 fatal crashes within the 3 years.
- More than 64% of the crashes in the Town occurred at locations other than intersections.
- More crashes (18%) occurred at 3-way intersections compared to 4-way intersections (10%).
- Approximately 10% of the single vehicle crashes involved a distracted driver.

**LOCATION OF CRASHES**

Not at junction	373
T-intersection	109
Four-way intersection	60
Driveway	20
Y-intersection	13
Unknown	4
Five-point or more	1
Traffic circle	1
<b>Total</b>	<b>581</b>

**TOTAL NON-MOTORIZED CRASHES**

Pedestrian	6
Pedalcyclist*	4
<b>Total</b>	<b>10</b>

\*Pedalcyclist – Anyone riding a unicycle, bicycle, tricycle, or a pedal car.

**ROADWAY CLASSIFICATION**

Unknown	137
Rural minor arterial or urban principal arterial	132
Rural or urban principal arterial	106
Urban collector or rural minor collector	82
Local	79
Urban minor arterial or rural major collector	45
<b>Total</b>	<b>581</b>

**DRIVER CONTRIBUTION CODES FOR SINGLE VEHICLE CRASHES**

No improper driving	75
Distracted or inattention	28
Unknown	22
Driving too fast for conditions or speeding	19
Fatigue, illness or Physical Impairment	19
Operating vehicle in erratic, reckless, careless, negligent or aggressive manner	12
Swerving or avoiding due to wind, slippery surface, vehicle, object, etc	8
Other improper action	5
Over correcting or over steering	5
Failure to keep in proper lane or running off road	4
Operating defective equipment	2
Glare or obstructed visibility	2
Failed to yield the right of way	1
<b>Total</b>	<b>202</b>



Accidents By Street Name And Intersecting Street

<u>Street / Location Names</u>	<u>JAN</u>	<u>FEB</u>	<u>MAR</u>	<u>APR</u>	<u>MAY</u>	<u>JUN</u>	<u>JUL</u>	<u>AUG</u>	<u>SEP</u>	<u>OCT</u>	<u>NOV</u>	<u>DEC</u>	<u>TOTAL:</u>
HIGH ST intersecting with: NORTH ST	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	1
TOTALS: HIGH ST	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	1
NORTH ST intersecting with: HIGH ST	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	1
TOTALS: NORTH ST	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	1
<u>GRAND TOTALS:</u>	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	1



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HIGH ST	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1
NORTH ST	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	1
PROSPECT ST	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
<b>TOTALS</b>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>3</u>







1 Robbins Road  
Ware, MA 01082  
413-967-9645

Ware Council on Aging

January 21, 2020

Janet Clejka  
Chairperson

Julianne Cappe  
Vice-Chairperson

Carol Brundige  
Secretary

Cheryl Haigh

Carl Waal

Board of Selectmen  
Town of Ware  
126 Main Street  
Ware MA, 01082

To the Honorable Board of Selectmen:

John L. Zienowicz  
Executive Director

At the January 21, 2020 meeting, the Ware Council on Aging voted unanimously to endorse and support the appointment of Irene Eskett, 135 Fisherdick Rd., to the Ware Council on Aging. It is our hope that you will look favorably upon her appointment.

Thank you for your consideration on this matter.

Sincerely,

John L. Zienowicz  
Executive Director



January 14, 2020

Board of Selectmen  
126 Main St.  
Ware, MA 01082

Dear Board Members:

I am submitting my name for consideration as a member of the Council on Aging. I understand there are several vacancies on this committee.

I have been a lifelong resident of Ware and am willing to serve on this committee to bring new and different ideas to the Senior Center.

I can be reached by phone if necessary at 413-967-5440.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Irene Eskett", written in black ink.

Irene Eskett  
135 Fisherdick Rd.  
Ware, MA 01082





## TOWN OF WARE

Planning & Community Development  
126 Main Street, Ware, Massachusetts 01082  
t. 413.967.9648 ext. 118 f. 413.967.9642  
rdecourcey@townofware.com

To: Board of Selectmen  
From: Rebekah L. DeCoursey, *Director of Planning and Community Development*  
Date: January 21, 2020  
RE: Recommendation for CDA Appointment

RLD

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At the meeting of January 13, 2020 the CDA voted to recommend to the Board of Selectmen the appointment of James Baird to the Community Development Authority.

Mr. Baird is a resident of Ware and currently acts as Town Counsel for the town of Barre. In his career he has also worked for other municipalities in the area, including the Ware and West Brookfield. Mr. Baird was able to attend the January.

I write this memo on behalf of the Community Development Authority.

Thank you for your time and consideration.



**Town of Ware**  
**Application for Appointment to**  
**Boards and Committees**

Name: JAMES F. BAIRD  
 Address: 7 WALTER DRIVE, Ware, MA  
 Email: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Home Phone: 413-967-8780 Work: cell → Cell: 508-867-2441  
 Occupation: Lawyer Years lived in Ware: 10+  
 Ware Resident:  Yes  No

Please indicate the Committee(s) you have interest in serving on: *(Appointment subject to vacancies)*

Ware Agricultural Commission	Ware Cultural Council
ADA Commission	Finance Committee
Board of Registrars	Historical Commission
Capital Planning Committee	Open Space Committee
Community Development Authority <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Tax Increment Financing (TIF) Committee
Conservation Commission	Zoning Board of Appeals
Council on Aging	Other:

What skills and experience will you bring to this Board/Committee:  
*(attach additional sheet or resume if desired)*

Town Council for Town of Ware

Are you currently serving or have you served on any Town committee: \_\_\_ Yes\*  No  
*(if yes, please state what committee)* \_\_\_\_\_

**Required:** Please read the following. By signing below, you state that you understand and agree: The filing of this form does not guarantee my appointment. An application is kept on file for two (2) years. Being appointed to a committee, board or commission means that I am considered a Municipal Employee under MGL Chapter 268A and thereby subject to Conflict of Interest Law MGL Chapter 268A, Financial Disclosure Law MGL Chapter 268B, as well as Open Meeting Law. I understand that I will take the conflict of interest test after being appointed and that I also must be sworn in by the Town Clerk. **IMPORTANT:** Once this form is submitted, it becomes a public document. If there is information you do not want open to the public, please do not include it on this form!

Signature James F. Baird Date Dec 17, 2019

Please return this form to Stuart Beckley, Town Manager, 126 Main Street, Ware, MA 01082 or email to [sbeckley@townofware.com](mailto:sbeckley@townofware.com).



TOWN OF WARE, MASSACHUSETTS  
**OFFICE OF THE TOWN CLERK**

126 MAIN STREET, STE. F, WARE, MASSACHUSETTS 01082

NANCY J. TALBOT  
TOWN CLERK

January 30, 2020

Board of Selectmen  
126 Main St.  
Ware, MA 01082

Dear Board Members:

Please find attached the Warrant for the Presidential Primary of March 3, 2020 which must be approved and signed by the Board of Selectmen.

Once approved and signed the warrant should be returned to me in order for a Constable to post accordingly.

Thank you.

Sincerely,

  
Nancy J. Talbot  
Town Clerk

Attachment – Warrant for Presidential Primary March 3, 2020

cc: March 2020 Presidential Primary Election File

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# TOWN OF WARE

**COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS  
WILLIAM FRANCIS GALVIN  
SECRETARY OF THE COMMONWEALTH**

***Hampshire ss.***

**To any of the Constables of the Town of Ware:**

**GREETINGS:**

**In the name of the Commonwealth, you are hereby required to notify and warn the Inhabitants of said Town who are qualified to vote in Primaries to vote at:**

**(Name of Polling Location)**

**Precincts A, B, and C**

**on Tuesday, the Third Day of March, 2020, from 7 AM to 8 PM for the following purpose:**

**To cast their votes in the Presidential Primaries for the candidates of political parties for the following offices:**

**PRESIDENTIAL PREFERENCE . . . . . for this Commonwealth**

**STATE COMMITTEE MAN . . . . . Worcester, Hampden, Hampshire and Middlesex District**

**STATE COMMITTEE WOMAN . . . . . Worcester, Hampden, Hampshire and Middlesex District**

**TOWN COMMITTEE . . . . . Ware**

**And you are further directed to serve up this warrant by posting attested copies at the Ware Town Hall and at the Post Office and by publishing on the Town of Ware website an attested copy of this warrant at least seven (7) days before such election and make due return of this warrant with doings thereon to the Town Clerk of Ware on or before the time of said election.**

Given under our hands this 4<sup>th</sup> day of February, 2020.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Alan G. Whitney – Chairman

\_\_\_\_\_  
John E. Carroll – Vice Chairman

\_\_\_\_\_  
Tracy R. Opalinski – Clerk

\_\_\_\_\_  
Keith J. Kruckas – Member

\_\_\_\_\_  
Nancy J. Talbot – Member

**Selectmen of Ware**

*Hampshire, ss.*

**By virtue of this warrant, I have posted attested copies at the Ware Town Hall and at the Post Office and have caused to be published one attested copy on the Town of Ware website.**

\_\_\_\_\_  
**Constable of Ware, Massachusetts**

\_\_\_\_\_  
**Date of Posting**

TOWN OF WARE FY2021 BUDGET PREPARATION WORKSHEET

DEPT #	122	BOARD OF SELECTMAN						
SALARIES								
	FY18 ACTUAL	FY19 ACTUAL	FY20 BUDGET	FY21 REQUEST				
5100 Chairman Salary	2,652.00	2,652.00	2,652.00	-				
5110 Member's Salary	8,919.83	8,928.00	8,928.00	-				
<i>Total</i>	<i>11,571.83</i>	<i>11,580.00</i>	<i>11,580.00</i>	<i>-</i>				

TOWN OF WARE FY2021 BUDGET PREPARATION WORKSHEET						
DEPT #	122	BOARD OF SELECTMAN				
OPERATING EXPENSES						
	FY18 ACTUAL	FY19 ACTUAL	FY20 BUDGET	FY21 REQUEST	NOTES	
5200	Purchase of Services					
	Postage	382.91	532.06	475.00	-	
	Advertising-Legal Ads	884.39	302.26	525.00	-	
	Advertising-Employment	408.50	477.50	860.00	-	
	Dues	1,746.00	1,921.00	1,740.00	-	
	Seminars/Employee Trainin	60.00	25.00	-	-	
	GPS Units	950.00	187.50	-	-	
	Other (please detail)	172.40	77.94	-	-	
	Police Chief Assess Ctr	5,050.00	1,500.00	-	-	
	Parking/Violation Tickets	-	952.50	-	-	
	School Regionalization	-	-	15,000.00	-	
	Total Purchase of Services	9,654.20	4,114.14	18,600.00	-	
5400	Supplies					
	Office Supplies	102.63	57.76	400.00	-	
	Total Supplies	102.63	57.76	400.00	-	
5700	Other Charges					
	Dues & Memberships	-	-	-	-	
	Travel	-	180.00	500.00	-	
	Total Other Charges	-	180.00	500.00	-	
	Total	9,756.83	4,351.90	19,500.00	-	