



Town of Westford
Pedestrian Safety Committee

April 7, 2022

Mrs. Andrea Peraner-Sweet, Chairwoman
Town of Westford Select Board
55 Main Street
Westford, MA 01886

RE: M.G.L. c.90 §17C recommendation

Dear Mrs. Peraner-Sweet:

Following the December 14, 2021 Select Board meeting the Pedestrian Safety Committee (PSC) continued discussion and research on M.G.L. c.90 §17C. Along with support from the Westford Police Department the PSC investigated implementing M.G.L. c.90 §17C on a street-by-street approach. The PSC developed a short list of streets which satisfied one or more of the following criteria:

- 1) Must be thickly settled
- 2) Have high pedestrian/bicycle activity
- 3) Proximity to neighborhood parks and playgrounds, schools, or other municipal buildings.

Four roads were selected (Main St, West Prescott, Pleasant, Patten) and residents of those roads were invited by mail to the Pedestrian Safety Committee meeting on March 30, 2022.

Of the residents who attended the meeting the majority spoke in favor of lowering speed limits with many attendees commenting on traffic speeds on Main St. At the conclusion of the public comment period the PSC voted unanimously to recommend to the Select Board that they support an article for annual town meeting asking voters to consider opting-in to M.G.L. c.90 §17C for the following sections of roads:

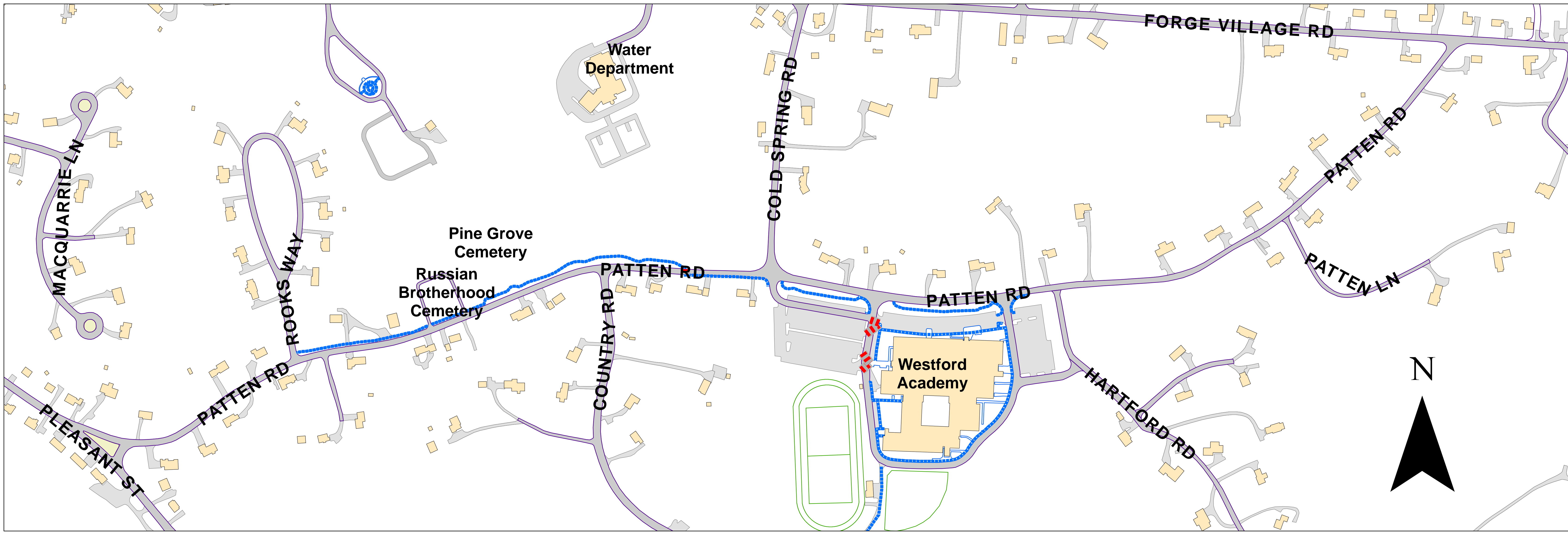
33 Main St to approx. 117 Main St
30 West Prescott to approx. 25 Pleasant Street
All of Patten Rd

Requested Motion:

“I move that the Board support adding an article to the annual town meeting warrant for voters to consider opting-in to M.G.L. c.90 §17C: Establish a 25-mph speed limit on sections of West Prescott Street, Pleasant Street, Patten Road, and Main Street.”



Sincerely,

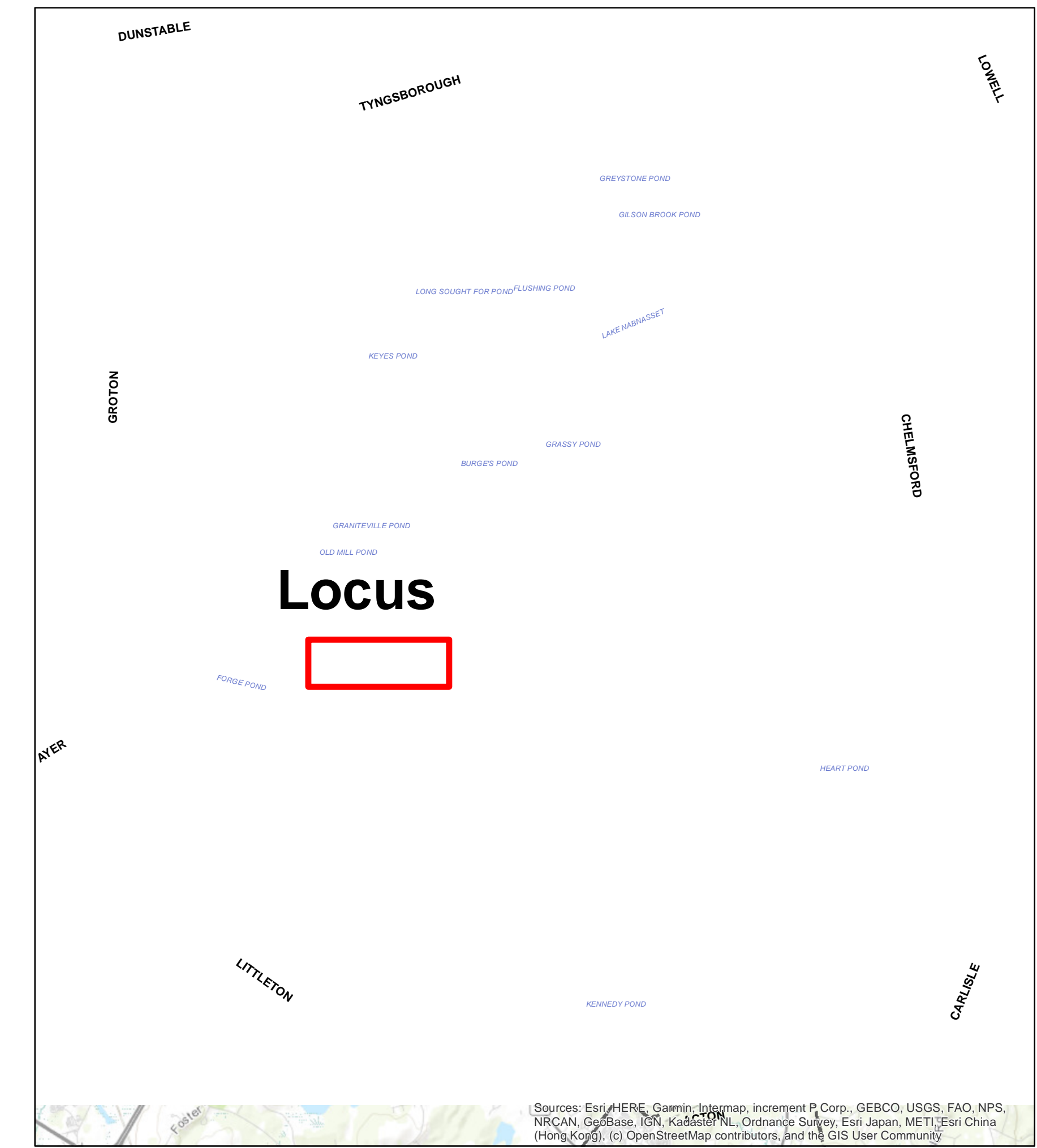
Chris Barrett
Chair
Pedestrian Safety Committee



Patten Road

Legend

-  Crosswalk
-  Sidewalk Center Line



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