

Correspondence received by the Concord Select Board
Week Ending – May 27, 2025

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From: [Mary Hartman](#)
To: [Shannon McAndrew](#)
Subject: Fw: Lowell Rd/Barretts Mill Rd
Date: Tuesday, May 20, 2025 8:20:41 PM

From: peter gifford <plgiff53@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, May 20, 2025 12:04:12 PM
To: Ron Holsinger <rholsinger@concordma.gov>; Mary Hartman <mhartman@concordma.gov>
Subject: Lowell Rd/Barretts Mill Rd

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Dear Officer Holsinger and select board chair Mary Hartman and members of the selectboard,
Over the years since the blinker/stop signs were installed at the intersection of Lowell and Barrett's Mill roads it has been clear that quite often drivers go right through the intersection, totally unaware of the signage and blinker.

In the last three weeks this situation has hit home- my wife, on two arrivals at the intersection in order to cross Lowell Rd from the Barrett's Mill direction, has nearly been hit by a Lowell Rd. driver that never saw the signs/blinker. She always "creeps" out into the intersection so as to afford a complete view both directions. Thank goodness she does as otherwise she would have been or could be broadsided.

The yellow alert/warning signs that are currently placed ahead of the intersection are just not enough to catch one's attention. You get all the way to the intersection and then there is a regular stop sign- too late.

As a suggestion, would the town be interested in implementing stop signs in the proper location for ample fair warning of the intersection- signs that would be the same as the ones that are in the town Lincoln at the intersection of the firehouse/Codman Farm. These are red stop signs with a border of blinking lights. They certainly catch your attention more so than the current signs here.

It seems that this may lessen the opportunity for drivers to speed through the intersection.

I just hope we don't wait for a fatality to occur before something is addressed at this dangerous intersection.

Thankyou for your consideration of this thought,

Sincerely,

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From: [Mary Hartman](#)
To: [Shannon McAndrew](#)
Subject: Fw: Amicus briefs in support of the Town and the landowners
Date: Wednesday, May 21, 2025 5:41:27 AM

From: Brooks Read <brooksola@yahoo.com>
Sent: Monday, May 5, 2025 10:33:25 PM
To: Mary Hartman <mhartman@concordma.gov>; Mark Howell <markhowell@concordma.gov>; Terri Ackerman <tackerman@concordma.gov>; Cameron McKennitt <cmckennitt@concordma.gov>; Wendy Rovelli <wrovelli@concordma.gov>
Subject: Amicus briefs in support of the Town and the landowners









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I wanted to be certain that members of the Select Board have access to the amicus briefs filed with the Massachusetts Supreme Judicial Court in support of the Town and in support of the landowners for *Town of Concord v. Neil E. Rasmussen et al.*

The amicus briefs can be downloaded directly from the SJC website docket. Click below to access the docket:

<https://www.ma-appellatecourts.org/docket/SJC-13721>

The amicus briefs are the items beginning with "Amicus" in the below screenshot of the docket. Click them to download the respective amicus briefs.

DOCUMENTS	
Appellant Rasmussen Et Al Brief 	Amicus Trust for Public Land Brief 
Appellee Town of Concord Brief 	Amicus Salemy and Others Brief 
Appellant Rasmussen Et Al Reply Brief 	Amicus North Andover Et Al Brief 
Amicus Ames Letter Brief 	Amicus Real Estate Bar Association for Massachusetts Brief 

Brooks Read
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From: [Mary Hartman](#)
To: [Shannon McAndrew](#)
Subject: Fw: Past Minutes
Date: Thursday, May 22, 2025 4:18:45 PM
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From: Paul <mac.one@comcast.net>
Sent: Thursday, May 22, 2025 3:51:00 PM
To: Mary Hartman <mhartman@concordma.gov>; Terri Ackerman <tackerman@concordma.gov>; Mark Howell <markhowell@concordma.gov>; Cameron McKennitt <cmckennitt@concordma.gov>; Wendy Rovelli <wrovelli@concordma.gov>
Subject: Past Minutes

Hi Mary,
Last week I inquired where multiple past Select-Board meeting minutes were as they were unavailable on the website. I see that 10 SB Meeting Minutes are on the agenda for approval for the May 27th meeting. The oldest one is from April 16th of 2024 when Henry Dane was the Chair. 5 of the 10 minutes up for approval are from 2024. It is May of 2025.

[Open Session Meeting Records](#)

The Open Meeting Law requires public bodies to create and approve minutes in a timely manner. A "timely manner" is considered to be within the next three public body meetings or 30 days from the date of the meeting, whichever is later, unless the public body can show good cause for further delay. The Attorney General encourages minutes to be approved at a public body's next meeting whenever possible. The law requires that existing minutes be made available to the public within ten calendar days of a request, whether they have been approved or remain in draft form. Materials or other exhibits used by the public body in an open meeting are public records and must be provided in their entirety in response to a public records request.

Since the Law requires the public body to show good cause for delay, could you please provide me with the "good cause" for delay in these cases.

Thank you,
Paul Macone