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**From:** Steve Ledoux  
**Sent:** Wednesday, September 30, 2009 3:57 PM  
**To:** Christine Joyce  
**Subject:** FW: Spruce St

For 8/5 agenda

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**From:** Bruce Stamski  
**Sent:** Tuesday, September 29, 2009 3:10 PM  
**To:** Steve Ledoux; Robert Craig; Frank Widmayer  
**Subject:** RE: Spruce St

Having Spruce Street be one way would route Post Office and Resident Traffic through the Gates School Property. When asked at a meeting with Paulina a couple of weeks ago, the New Superintendent and Principal of Gates were very much against this idea for safety reasons. I believe we would have create a roadway layout through the School property back to Arlington Street, using the School's Driveways. Steve Anderson would need to confirm this. With this loop road created the entire length would have to be one way unless a permit for a mid block one way exception is granted by MassHighway. I doubt MassHighway would grant such a permit when other alternatives are available. This would force all of the buses either in the morning or in the evening to exit the School via Spruce Street. The one way traffic would be very inconvenient to say the least for the residents of Spruce Street and the patrons of the Post Office. Forcing traffic through the school property would decrease safety for the children.

Bruce

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**From:** Steve Ledoux  
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**From:** Robert Craig  
**Sent:** Tuesday, September 29, 2009 3:02 PM  
**To:** Frank Widmayer; Steve Ledoux; Bruce Stamski  
**Cc:** Robert Cowan  
**Subject:** RE: Spruce St

I would agree with Chief Widmayer on all points. In particular, as he mentioned I would be especially concerned in reducing a road width which needs to be maintained for full access to the residential homes, a multi-family dwelling unit and a school. Road widths and corners in West Acton are already tight, especially in the winter months and I would recommend against narrowing the street and making it one-way.

Robert C. Craig  
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**From:** Frank Widmayer  
**Sent:** Tuesday, September 29, 2009 1:29 PM  
**To:** Steve Ledoux; Robert Craig; Bruce Stamski  
**Cc:** Robert Cowan  
**Subject:** RE: Spruce St

Making Spruce Street one-way in either direction would definitely make it safer in some respects, just as it would on any street in town. The issue becomes the traffic that is dislocated and how it affects safety at other locations. Obviously the only way in or out in that case is the driveway to Arlington Street. I expect this will be a concern for the Fire Department in particular.

Also, the closer the new sidewalk is to the Post Office parking lot the more danger I see for the children walking to and from school. Vehicles are backing out of that lot frequently during the school week.

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I understand that residents have strong feelings about the Tulip tree but I must recommend that the street remain two way as it is today and I also recommend removal of the tree. There is almost no sidewalk left as the tree has overgrown and lifted it and anyone attempting to walk on the sidewalk is forced out into the street.

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