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June 19, 2002

Chief William Mason
Harwich Police Department
183 Sisson Road
Harwich, MA 02645

Dear Chief Mason:

At a Public Meeting of the Board of Selectmen held on Monday, June 17, 2002, the Board voted to install three stop signs at the following locations:

1. Pine Street at Atlantic Avenue with the sign on Central Avenue.
2. Central Avenue at Atlantic Avenue with the sign on Central Avenue.
3. Atlantic Avenue at Ocean Avenue with the sign on Atlantic Avenue.

Per your request, the signs will be stalled by the Division of Highways and Maintenance at the earliest possible convenience.

Thank you for bringing the matter to our attention.

Sincerely,

Board of Selectmen

PSH/sr

cc: Joe Letteri, Director Highways and Maintenance

Harwich Police Department

Memorandum

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TO: ***Board of Selectmen***

Wayne Melville
Town Administrator

FROM: Bill Mason
Chief of Police

DATE: June 12, 2002

SUBJECT: **Proposed Stop Sign Installation for Traffic Mitigation**

Background

Over the past two years, the Police Department has received complaints from summer residents and renters of houses located in what is commonly known as the "campground area" of Harwich Port requesting traffic mitigation at several locations. Issues relate to speeding vehicles and right-of-way confusion at key non-controlled intersections that have heavy bicycle and pedestrian utilization. The Police Department has addressed these issues with increased bicycle and foot patrol assignments as well as looking at other options that would correct the current safety issues.

Recommendation

After reviewing the stop sign proposal developed by Sergeant Sayers, it is my opinion that this plan should be approved and implemented on a trial bases to determine if the problems being experienced in the area regarding traffic and pedestrian safety have been improved. Officers will continue to patrol the area and monitor the issues attempting to be resolved. If the signs prove to be ineffective, they should be removed after the evaluation period. Other options that were considered included speed humps. The stop signs appear to be a less intrusive and more cost efficient as an initial intervention.

Your consideration of this matter is appreciated. If you have any questions or need further information, feel free to contact me at your earliest convenience.

Attachment

CC: Sergeant Richard Sayers

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5-29-02

TO: Board of Selectmen

FROM: Sgt. Richard R Sayers/Traffic Division

SUBJECT: Approval for installation of stop signs

As we all know the volume of traffic in the Campground area of Harwichport during the summer months is very heavy. The roads are narrow and many of the intersections have a sight line issue. Last year neighbors in the Atlantic Ave. area had concerns about speed and the roads that intersect with Atlantic Ave., which are Pine St., Central Ave., and Ocean Ave.. The concerns centered around the intersections and who was suppose to have the right of way when cars were turning. We addressed the concerns last year by painting stop bars at the following intersections: Pine St.(stop bar) @ Atlantic Ave., Central Ave.(stop bar) @ Atlantic Ave., Ocean Ave. @ Atlantic Ave.(stop bar). Doing this helped but in this heavily congested area during the summer, STOP SIGNS are really needed to effectively stop the traffic at these intersections.

There are not only cars but many pedestrians in this area and the addition of these stop signs should slow traffic down and give notice to who has the right of way at these intersections. It will go a long way in improving the public safety in this area.

At this time I would respectfully request that 3 STOP SIGNS be installed at the following intersections: Pine St. @ Atlantic Ave.—sign on Pine St.

Central Ave. @ Atlantic Ave.—sign on Central Ave.

Atlantic Ave. @ Ocean Ave.—sign on Atlantic Ave.

If approved I would request these signs be installed immediately before our season gets into high gear.

Respectfully,

Sgt. R Sayers

Chief FYI

I HAVE SUBMITTED THIS TO SELECTMEN FOR THEIR APPROVAL AT THEIR NEXT MEETING - ANY QUESTIONS SEE ME THANKS