

**OFFICE OF THE SELECTMEN**

732 Main Street, Harwich, MA 02645

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September 22, 1995

Alice Norgeot, Director  
Division of Highways & Maintenance

Dear Mrs. Norgeot:

At a Public Meeting of the Selectmen held on September 19, 1995, the Board voted to approve the recommendations of Chief William F. Greenwood relative to concerns of traffic safety expressed by a local resident of the Earle Road/Earle Terrace area of West Harwich.

After investigation and survey of the area had been accomplished, a report of the Police Dept. findings were submitted to the Chief. Based on this report, the Chief recommended that a "Thickly Settled" sign be installed and that some bushes be brushed back and a trim limbed.

We have enclosed a copy of Chief Greenwood's letter and the traffic survey report. Please take whatever steps are necessary to implement this corrective action.

Thank you for your continued cooperation.

Sincerely,

  
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William F. Greenwood  
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D. G. Elletts  
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D. L. Rye  
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D. J. Lussier  
Board of Selectmen

*sign installed  
9/28/95 to be  
brushed  
week of 11/95*

WAD/pg  
enclosures

cc: Judge Marilyn Sullivan

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# HARWICH POLICE DEPARTMENT

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HARWICH, MA 02645



WILLIAM F. GREENWOOD  
CHIEF OF POLICE

September 19, 1995

Mr. William A. Doherty Jr. (Chairman)  
Board of Selectmen  
Town of Harwich

Re: Earl Road and Earl Terrace "Traffic Survey"

Dear Mr. Doherty:

I'm in receipt of your letter dated August 10, 1995, that refers to a letter received by the Board of Selectmen from Judge Marilyn Sullivan of 75 Earle Road West Harwich. Based on this request, I assigned a trained Highway Safety Officer to investigate the matter.

A survey and viewing of this location has been accomplished by Officer Earl LeGeyt and he has submitted his findings and recommendations in the attached report. I've highlighted the recommendations made and would further suggest that perhaps one sign should be installed at this time "thickly settled".

If I may be of any further assistance on this matter, please don't hesitate to advise me.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "William F. Greenwood".

William F. Greenwood  
Chief of Police

cc: file





75 Earle Road  
W. Harvard MA  
July 28, 1985

Dear Board -

Unfortunately a prior commitment prevents me from attending the now resident Taxpayers' meeting on August 1. If I were able to be there I would request an occasional police surveillance on Lower County Road and the end of Earle Terrace as the speeding this year on Earle Road and Lower County Road is worse than ever. Passenger vehicles, large commercial trucks such as those delivering Kraft and Budweiser products, and even the school bus in season blatantly violate the speed limits. Fortunately, so far, children and dogs have escaped the speed cowboy.

I am amused by the charges that the trolley goes too fast. It stands still compared to most of the drivers.

Sincerely,  
Judge Marilyn Sullivan



POLICE OFFICER'S FORMAL REPORT  
HARWICH POLICE DEPARTMENT

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Case#: 85007  
rpt date: 08/27/95 15:02 reported: SUNDAY 08/27/95 12:50  
ucr: 952 HIGHWAY SAFETY

location: TOWN OF HARWICH  
follow up by: None needed  
officer:  
case status: OPEN  
rpt status: Complete  
review officer: 504 B MURPHY  
sup review officer:  
comp/vict notify: No  
cir/involve type:

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complaint: TRAFFIC SURVEY

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reporting officer: 15 E LEGEYT assignment: B car: G04  
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THIS REPORT IS SUBMITTED BY OFFICER EARL LEGEYT REGARDING THE RECEIPT OF SEVERAL LETTERS THAT WERE GENERATED AND SENT BY CONCERNED CITIZENS OVER TRAFFIC SAFETY IN FOUR SPECIFIC AREAS OF TOWN.

THE FIRST AREA OF CONCERN WAS FOR THE AREA OF DOANE ROAD AND GILBERT LANE IN HARWICH PORT.

AFTER DRIVING THROUGH THE AREA I FOUND THAT IT DID NEED A LITTLE ATTENTION. I WOULD LIKE TO SUGGEST THAT A THICKLEY SETTLED SIGN BE PLACED ON DOANE ROAD, FOR THE SOUTHBOUND TRAFFIC AS IT ENTERS ONTO DOANE FROM SOUTH STREET. A SECOND SIGN MAY BE PLACED ON THE SLOW CHILDREN SIGN THAT IS ALREADY IN PLACE FOR THE NORTHBOUND TRAFFIC NEAR ROUTE 28. NEXT, THE INTERSECTION OF DOANE ROAD AND GILBERT LANE NEEDS TO BE BRUSHED BACK. THE NORMAL GROWTH OF VEGETATION IS STARTING TO OBSCURE VISION THERE. IN RESPONSE TO THE THOUGHT OF MAKING A FOUR WAY STOP THERE I SUBMIT THAT WE DO NOT HAVE A HISTORY OF PROBLEMS THERE AND MAY MAKE ONE BY CHANGING THE TRAFFIC FLOW. A COUPLE OF 'SIDE STREET' SIGNS MAY HELP TO ALEVIATE SOME FEARS. BUT, ANYTHING MORE THAN THAT, IN MY OPINION, WOULD ONLY CREATE A PROBLEM.

THE SECOND AREA OF CONCERN IS FOR THE EARLE ROAD AND EARLE TERRACE AREA. HISTORICALLY WE HAVE NOT HAD ANY PROBLEMS THERE. WHEN I DROVE THROUGH THAT AREA I DID FIND THAT SOME BUSHES NEEDED BRUSHING BACK AND ONE TREE NEEDED TO BE LIMBED UP. THERE ARE NO SIGNS IN THAT AREA DENOTING THICKLEY SETTLED OR INTERSECTION AHEAD OR ANYTHING ELSE OTHER THAN A STOP SIGN AT THE LOWER COUNTY ROAD INTERSECTION. ONE OR TWO SIGNS MAY BE APPROPRIATE FOR THAT AREA WHEN THEY BECOME AVAILABLE.

THE THIRD AREA OF CONCERN IS FOR THE CONTINUED ILLEGAL PARKING ON SEA STREET. SEA STREET HAS ADEQUATE SIGNAGE MARKING THE AREA AS A NO PARKING ZONE. UNFORTUNATELY, SOME BUSINESSES AND THE PILGRIM CHURCH THERE DRAW A LARGE CROWD WHO CONTINUALLY IGNORE THOSE SIGNS. THE SUMMER FOOT PATROLPERSONS HAVE BEEN ASSIGNED THE TASK OF KEEPING AN EYE ON THE AREA. BUT, DUE TO A SHORTAGE IN THEIR RANKS, COUPLED WITH AN INJURY TO ONE OF THEM, ALONG WITH A VERY BUSY SUMMER HAS RESULTED IN A LACK OF OVERALL ENFORCEMENT. THEY HAVE BEEN REMINDED OF THE NEED TO KEEP AN EYE ON THE AREA.

THE LAST NOTED AREA OF CONCERN IS FOR DEPOT ROAD WEST. THAT



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ROAD HAS BEEN, AND STILL IS, A SPEEDWAY. I WOULD LIKE TO SUGGEST THAT A THICKLEY SETTLED SIGN BE ERECTED FOR THE SOUTHBOUND TRAFFIC AS IT ENTERS HARWICH BY TELEGRAPH ROAD AT THE DENNIS TOWN LINE AND FOR THE NORTHBOUND TRAFFIC AFTER IT PASSES THE BELL'S NECK ROAD INTERSECTION.

WITH THE EXCEPTION OF THE ILLEGAL PARKING COMPLAINT, ALL THE OTHERS COMPLAIN OF SPEEDING MOTOR VEHICLES. I AGREE AND KNOW FROM EXPERIENCE THAT SPEEDING IS SOMETHING THAT IS RAMPANT THROUGHOUT THE TOWN. UNFORTUNATELY, DUE TO THE HEAVY SUMMER WORK LOAD OVERALL ENFORCEMENT IS LACKING. ALSO, WHEN TIME DOES ALLOW AND CITATIONS ARE ISSUED THEY USUALLY ARE SUCCESSFULLY CONTESTED IN COURT. THE REGULARS THAT RECEIVE CITATIONS FROM TIME TO TIME ALL KNOW THAT THE LOCAL COURT IS VERY WEAK WHEN IT COMES TO MINOR TRAFFIC ENFORCEMENT. SO, THEY MAINTAIN THEIR POOR DRIVING HABITS.

OVERALL I FEEL THAT A LITTLE MORE ENFORCEMENT, COUPLED WITH SUPPORT FROM THE COURT WOULD EVENTUALLY MAKE A DIFFERENCE.

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I recommend this case be forwarded to:

- ( ) CHIEF
- ( ) CAPTAIN
- ( ) DETECTIVE
- ( ) COURT RECORDS

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I recommend this case be declared:

Unfounded ( ) Not Cleared ( ) Court Action ( ) Cleared by Arrest ( )  
Active ( ) Complete ( ) Domestic Violence ( )

Det. R. W. Lee  
Reporting Off's Sig. Date/Time

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SGT/OIC Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date/Time.

Transferred to: \_\_\_\_\_

SGT/OIC Signature

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Date/Time