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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

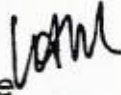
Harwich Police Department

Memorandum

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



HARWICH Police

DEPARTMENT

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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 THANK
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OBEDIENCE TO ISOLATED STOP SIGNS. Every driver of a vehicle, railway car or other conveyance, approaching an intersection of ways where there exists facing him an official sign, bearing the word "stop" and authorized by this section, said sign having apart from this regulation, the written approval of the Department of Public Works, Commonwealth of Massachusetts, and such approval being in effect, shall before proceeding through the intersection, bring such vehicle, railway car or other conveyance to a complete stop at such point as may be clearly marked by a sign or line, or if a point is not so marked, then at a place between the said "stop" sign and the nearer line of the street intersection. In the case of a line of two or more vehicles approaching such "stop" sign, the drivers of the second and third vehicles in line in any group shall not be required to stop more than once before proceeding through the intersection. This section shall not apply when the traffic is otherwise directed by an officer or by a lawful traffic regulating sign, signal or device.

In accordance with the foregoing the erection and maintenance of an official "stop" sign or signs are authorized so as to face:

- ✓ ✓ Northbound drivers on Pine St. at Lower County Road
- ✓ ✓ North and southbound drivers on Brooks Road at Lower County Rd.
- ✓ ✓ North and southbound drivers on Earl Road at Lower County Rd.
- ✓ ✓ North and southbound drivers on Grey Neck Rd. at Lower County Rd.
- ✓ ✓ North and southbound drivers on Pleasant Rd. at Lower County Rd.
- ✓ ✓ Southbound drivers on Chase St. at Lower County Road
- ✓ ✓ Northbound drivers on Riverside Drive at Lower County Road
- ✓ ✓ North and southbound drivers on Belmont Road at Lower County Rd.
- ✓ ✓ East and westbound drivers on Willow St. at Belmont Road

PENALTY. Except as otherwise provided, any person convicted of a violation of any provision of these rules shall be punished by a fine of not more than two dollars (\$2.00) for the first offense and not more than twenty dollars (\$20.) for each subsequent offense of a like nature committed during any period of one year.

A true copy attest:

Henry H. Beane
Clerk

Passed by the

Date

Selection
Aug 12/36
Jabz W. Crowell
Charles T. Holmes
Gershon S. Hall

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts
DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS
STATE HOUSE, BOSTON



City or town.....HARWICH.....
Date Aug. 25, 19 36 Permit No. 785

TRAFFIC REGULATION PERMIT

Under authority of Chapter ^{85, Sec. 2} 357, Acts of 1928, as amended, the Department of Public Works hereby approves the ordinance, by-law rule or regulation made by the.....Selectmen..... of.....Harwich..... on.....August 12, 1936....., with such exceptions, if any, as are noted herein.

In addition to the foregoing, approval is also necessary as to location, size, shape, color and text of any signs, signals, markings or devices used in connection with the ordinance, by-law, rule or regulation approved herewith.

This regulation covers isolated stop signs erected under permits #752, 753, 754, 755, 756, 757, 758, 759 and 760.

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS

ByWm. F. Callahan.....
Commissioner.

Richard K Hale
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Associate Commissioners.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts
DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS

100 NASHUA ST. - BOSTON.



City or Town HARWICH
Location Lower County Road
Pine Street
Date Aug. 25, 1936 Permit No. 752

ISOLATED STOP

TRAFFIC SIGN PERMIT

89, Sec. 8

Under authority of Chapter 357, Acts of 1928, as amended, the Department of Public Works hereby approves the following described traffic signs for the above location, provided that a permit for the opening of the road and the placing of structures thereon shall be received from the board or officer in charge of the road.

I LOCATION

Signs shall be located in strict accordance with Traffic Bulletin No. 3 and the attached drawing.

II DESCRIPTION

- (a) Design
- (1) Identical with Figure Traffic Bulletin No. 3.
 - (2) Identical with Figure 12 (a) Traffic Bulletin No. 3 except that wording shall be as follows. STOP
 - (3) Identical with Figure Traffic Bulletin No. 3. except that the wording shall be omitted
 - (4) Different from any sign described in Bulletin No. 3 and in accordance with specifications shown on attached drawing.

Traffic regulation permit #785
covers the sign erected under
this permit.

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS

By Wm F Callahan
Commissioner.

Richard K Hale

Associate Commissioners.

SKETCH TO ACCOMPANY PERMIT FOR ISOLATED STOP SIGN

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS
DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS
100 Nashua Street, Boston

Town HARWICH
Location Lower County Road
Pine Street

Date 8/25/36

Permit 752

8/25/36

752

ROUTE

1 Story
House

Picket Fence

28

St Light

LOWER COUNTY

ROAD
B.C.A

1' Grave S.W.

conc. curb

Picket Fence

1 Story Store
Walter Emery

STOP

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STOP
SIGN

Pump

Pump

Garage

Harwich
Motor
Co.