

Selectmen's Meeting – May 9, 2005

Mr. Silvia, Mr. Eckenreiter and Mr. Manzone were present.

Also in attendance was Jeffrey Osuch.

Mr. Silvia called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.

Mr. Eckenreiter motioned to approve the minutes of May 2, 2005. Mr. Manzone seconded. Vote was unanimous.

Mr. Eckenreiter motioned to approve the minutes of the May 2, 2005 executive session. Mr. Manzone seconded. Vote was unanimous.

LIQUOR LICENSE HEARING

Liquor License Hearing was scheduled for 7:00 p.m. to act on the application submitted by Uno of Massachusetts, Inc. d/b/a Pizzeria Uno Chicago Bar & Grill, 214 Huttleston Avenue, for a transfer of stock and a change in officers and directors. Mr. Eckenreiter motioned to approve the application. Mr. Manzone seconded. Vote was unanimous. Application will be forwarded to the Alcoholic Beverage Control Commission for approval.

HOPPY'S LANDING

Robert Hobson and Gary Golas were in attendance. Maintenance of Hoppy's Landing was discussed. Mr. Hobson believes the Town is neglecting the property and not maintaining the boat ramp, pier or the docks. Discussion ensued. A meeting of the Hoppy's Landing Advisory Committee will be scheduled within the next week. A sub-committee will be formed to address these issues and report back to the Selectmen.

WEST ISLAND FIRE LANES

The Chief discussed West Island fire lanes and their use by the public for access to the beach. Mr. Osuch will look into the matter to determine which lanes are owned by the Town. The West Island Improvement Association will also be contacted regarding the matter and if needed, the Board of Selectmen will meet with the Association. The Chief suggested placing "No Parking" signs on lanes owned by the Town.

Mr. Eckenreiter congratulated the Fire Department on the recent incident near the Pasta House. There was a fire and an explosion on an electric pole. The Fire Department took control of the situation and prevented serious injury to people in the area.

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EXECUTIVE SECRETARY'S REPORT

The Director of Finance/Treasurer will meet with department heads on May 10th at 8:30 a.m. to discuss budget closeouts for FY 05.

Meeting with DEP to discuss the West Island Treatment Plant is scheduled for May 10th at 9:30 a.m. at the Board of Public Works.

Jeffrey Osuch will meet with Town Counsel on May 10th at 3:00 p.m. to discuss the Tam-N-Trace, Inc. hearing at the Alcoholic Beverage Control Commission on Wednesday, May 11th.

Mattapoissett Water District will meet at 4:00 p.m. on May 10th at the Board of Public Works.

Mr. Eckenreiter motioned to have Town Counsel review the proposed contract with VADAR Systems, Inc. (new computer system). Mr. Manzone seconded. Vote was unanimous.

Deadline to submit an application for appointment to the Community Preservation Committee is May 23rd.

An NSTAR representative will schedule a meeting with the Board of Selectmen to discuss double utility poles.

Meeting with the Police Chief, owner of Honey Dew Donuts and abutters of the Honey Dew property is scheduled for May 23rd.

Mr. Manzone motioned to send a notice to the Town Clerk to schedule a special election for June 13th for an override for School Operating Expense and to send the proposed proposition 2 ½ referendum question to Town Counsel for review. Mr. Eckenreiter seconded. Vote was unanimous.

Selectmen signed the Street Acceptance Plans for Forestview Drive and Pequod Street. Town Meeting voted the acceptance of both streets.

BOARD OF PUBLIC WORKS

Mr. Manzone motioned to have the contractor for the Sconticut Neck Sewer Project place a sewer stub on an empty lot (Map 29, Lot 21) owned by the Town. Mr. Silvia seconded. It was so voted. Mr. Eckenreiter was opposed.

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Mr. Eckenreiter motioned to appoint Robert "Ace" Roderiques to fill the vacancy on the Board of Public Works. Mr. Manzone seconded. It was so voted. Mr. Silvia was opposed. Term will expire April 3, 2006.

BUILDING DEPARTMENT

Construction Report for April 2005 will be placed on file.

COUNCIL ON AGING

Selectmen received an invitation to "Volunteer Recognition Day" at the Senior Center on Tuesday, May 17 at 12:15 p.m.

A letter of resignation, effective May 10th, was received from Ann Cochran. Anyone interested in an appointment to the Council on Aging, should submit a letter to the Board of Selectmen.

POLICE DEPARTMENT

Mr. Eckenreiter motioned to sign the "Memorandum of Agreement for Lockup Facility at the Bristol County Ash Street Jail". Mr. Manzone seconded. Vote was unanimous.

Mr. Silvia read the letter from the Police Chief requesting a four way stop at the intersection of Washington Street and Pleasant Street. (See attached.) Mr. Manzone motioned to approve the request. Mr. Eckenreiter seconded. Vote was unanimous.

NSTAR GAS

Mr. Eckenreiter motioned to approve the petition to install a gas main and services on Bridge Street at the intersection of Main Street. Mr. Manzone seconded. Vote was unanimous. (Approved by the Board of Public Works.)

NORWAY INDEPENDENCE DAY

Mr. Silvia read the letter from Barbara Medhaug requesting the Norwegian Flag be flown on May 17th, Norway's Independence Day. (See attached.) Mr. Manzone motioned to approve the request. Mr. Eckenreiter seconded. Vote was unanimous.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

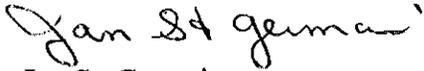
At 7:20 p.m., Mr. Eckenreiter motioned to go into executive session to discuss a letter from M.O. L.I.F.E., Inc., the lease with Taylor Seafood, Inc. and to reconvene in open session. Mr. Manzone seconded. Vote was unanimous. Roll call vote 3-0. Open meeting reconvened at 7:40 p.m.

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STEAMSHIP AUTHORITY

Mr. Eckenreiter motioned to appoint Ronald Manzone to the Woods Hole, Martha's Vineyard and Nantucket Steamship Authority. Mr. Silvia seconded. Vote was unanimous.

At 8:20 p.m., Mr. Eckenreiter motioned to adjourn. Mr. Manzone seconded. Vote was unanimous.



Jan St. Germain
Secretary



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GARY F. SOUZA
CHIEF OF POLICE

DONALD A. JOSEPH
LIEUTENANT

April 27, 2005

Board of Selectmen
40 Center St.
Fairhaven, MA 02719

Gentlemen:

I respectfully request the Board vote to erect stop signs on Washington St at Pleasant St. making this a 4 way stop intersection.

There have been 4 motor vehicle crashes at that intersection over the past year as well as several serious crashes over the past several years.

It seems clear that most crashes are occurring as a result of vehicles on Pleasant Street not yielding right of way at the stop sign at Washington Street as well as the excessive speed of many vehicles traveling on Washington Street.

I envision a 4 way stop at the intersection will lessen the likelihood of crashes when someone does not stop as required on Pleasant Street as well as have the effect of slowing speeds on Washington Street. I expect the 4 way stop at Pleasant Street may also have the effect of lowering speeds on Washington Street at the intersections of Laurel, Chestnut and Adams Streets.

Approximately one month ago, I mailed a letter to residents of that area asking for their opinion on this matter. I attach the e mails I received from residents all of which were positive. I also received several telephone calls in support of a 4 way stop intersection.

I had safety officer Macy Joseph evaluate the intersection and his approval for the 4 way stop intersection at this location is also attached.

APPROVED BY THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN - MAY 9, 2005

Sincerely

Gary F. Souza
Chief of Police

cc: Police Chief 5/11/05
Highway Superintendent
Town Clerk

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2005 APR 29 P 12:37

BOARD OF SELECTMEN
FAIRHAVEN MASS

FAIRHAVEN POLICE DEPARTMENT

REQUEST FOR TRAFFIC OR PARKING CONTROL

OFFICIAL USE ONLY

Location: Washington St. Intersection of: Pleasant St.
Control: 4 Way Stop Approval Date: _____

*****TO BE FILLED IN BY REQUESTING PARTY*****

Requested By: Chief G. Souza Location: Washington St
Address: _____ Intersection of: Pleasant St.
Tel. #: F-P-D

Type of Control Requested: 4 Way Stop + Stop Line

Reason For Request: _____
Continual high accident Rate.

OFFICIAL USE ONLY

Approved: Denied: _____ Investigated By: Det Joseph Safety Officer

Investigation: _____
Continual high collision Rate
+ restricted visibility to east
+ west from Pleasant St.

Suggest Oversize Stop Signs on
all corners

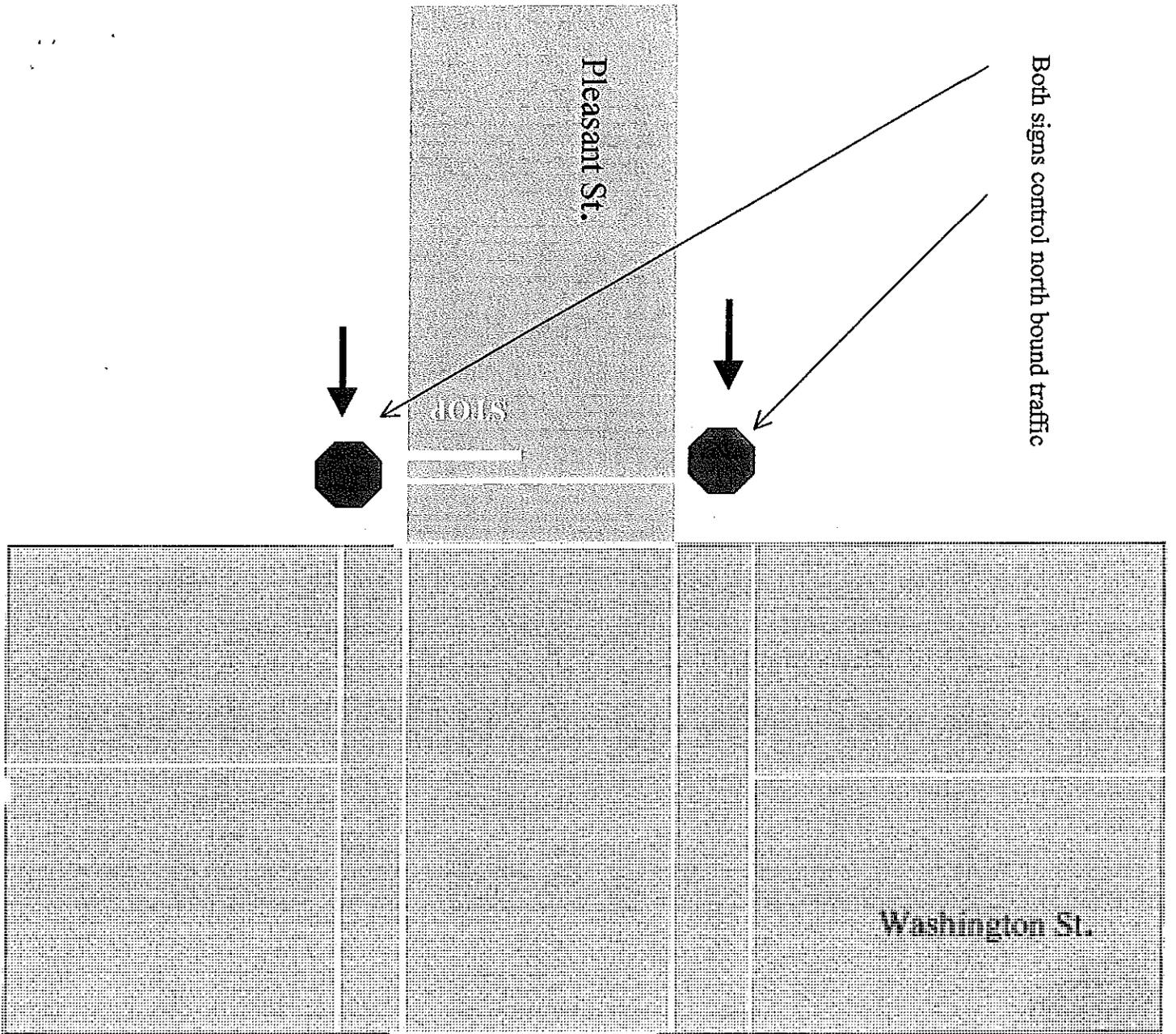
James [Signature]
Police Chief

Board of Selectmen

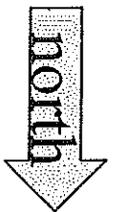
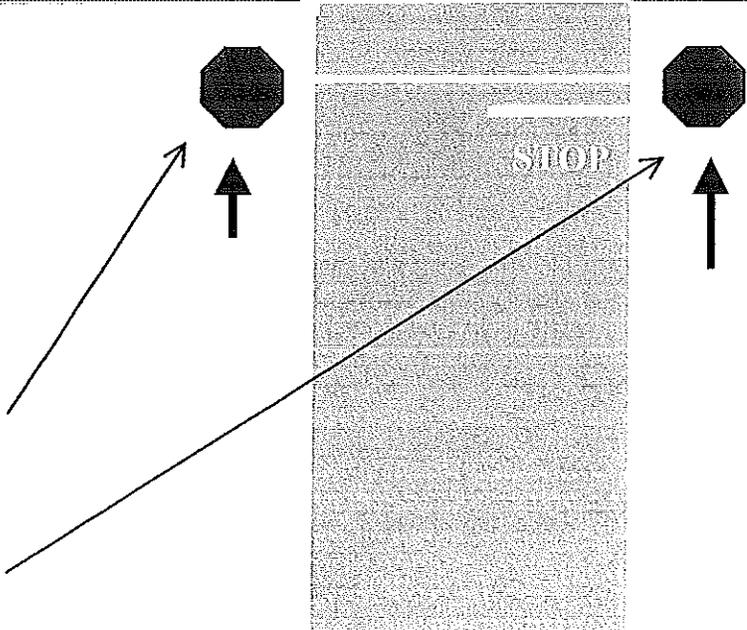
Approval Date

Compliance Date

Both signs control north bound traffic



Both signs control south bound traffic



Chief Gary Souza

From: "Mike" <mikedy7@yahoo.com>
To: <chief@fairhavenpolice.org>
Sent: Sunday, March 27, 2005 9:25 PM
Subject: 4 way stop @ corner of pleasant and wash.

Chief Souza,

My name is Mike Souza and I live with my family at 78 Washington St.. I received the letter that you have sent to the residents in my neighborhood regarding the intersection of Washington St. and Pleasant St.. I am happy to hear that you are looking to add a 4 way stop to that corner. This corner has been a problem for myself, and my neighbors on a regular basis since I have moved in 4 years ago. In these 4 years I have witnessed many incidents on this corner, several of them very serious. The corner, as you well know, is one of the main routes for children heading to Roger's school from north of Washington St. and I have always been nervous watching these children cross the street with the way cars speed down Washington.

Needless to say, I am strongly supporting your efforts to add this stop sign, and I offer my service to you on this matter if ever needed.

Sincerely, Mike Souza

Do you Yahoo!?
Make Yahoo! your home page
<http://www.yahoo.com/r/hs>

*also, voice mail from Conastra, 121 Pleasant St
very supportive.*

3/28/2005

Chief Gary Souza

From: "Anne Cotton-Andrews" <onewomanseye@att.net>
To: <chief@fairhavenpolice.org>
Sent: Monday, March 28, 2005 2:39 PM
Subject: Washington and Pleasant Streets

Dear Chief Souza:

God bless you! We have wanted stop signs there for years. I've been here only 4 years but I have heard so many crashes I can't believe there have been only 4. One of the neighbors said they sit on their porch during warm weather waiting for a crash.

One of the problems is that Pleasant south of Washington has so much traffic. When the building started East of Pleasant up near and beyond the Atlas building, Pleasant Street became the first outlet to Washington Street and the stores and greatly increased our traffic.

Even though there is a stop sign on Center, the cars, bikes squeal around either corner on Washington, forcing their right of way. Then they roar up Pleasant and come to a screeching halt at the next stop sign.

A stop would cut down on that. They may wait until Center before they drove above over the speed limit, which isn't good either.

Another problem we have at that corner is that it is very dark on the south side of the street. I keep my lights on even though I am so poor that I get some government assistance and too sick to maintain the house. But my lights are not enough. There is a utility pole between the first two house on the east side of the street. I don't if the utilities would allow you to use it; but a light there would let the northbound drivers see the stop sign.

Thanks again for making this change. It will make for safer driving around here.

Anne Cotton-Andrews (I use just Cotton)
126 Pleasant Street
onewomanseye@att.net

3/30/2005

Chief Gary Souza

From: "Phil Stoeckle" <stoecklefamily@comcast.net>
To: <chief@fairhavenpolice.org>
Sent: Tuesday, March 29, 2005 9:14 PM
Subject: Stop sign at Pleasant and Washington

Chief Souza,

I was so glad to receive your letter about putting a 4-way stop sign at the corner of Pleasant and Washington Street. As a homeowner at 88 Washington Street since 1995 (next to KP Electric), I have witnessed many accidents at this intersection. I have been the first on the scene at numerous accidents, as well as calling 911 to report them. Most notable was the accident involving a fellow police officer and a near fatal accident where several people had to be life-flighted to area hospitals. There has also been several crashes into the KP Electric building as well as the porch of the house across from it.

I feel this 4-way stop sign will prevent alot of crashes in the future as well cut down on the speed of cars traveling toward the center of town. I have been on my front porch and have seen cars and motorcycles speeding way over the speed limit. I have also witnessed in the morning during school hours, cars speeding down the street with total disregard of the school crossing and the poor lady that has to attempt to stop traffic to help kids cross the street on their way to Rogers School.

I sincerely hope this can be accomplished very soon. Thank you for your attention to this very serious matter.

Phillip G. Stoeckle
Lisa A. Stoeckle
88 Washington Street

3/30/2005

Chief Gary Souza

From: <Bajrfhvn@aol.com>
To: <chief@fairhavenpolice.org>
Sent: Monday, March 28, 2005 4:34 PM
Subject: Washington & Pleasant St. Intersection

Dear Chief Souza,

I am a Pleasant Street resident and I don't know if a 4-way stop sign at the Washington and Pleasant St. intersection will stop the accidents.

I don't think it's the cars travelling Washington as much as the cars that speed on Pleasant. They speed from the Center St stop sign to the Washington St. stop sign.

New families have moved in and now there are more children on this block than we've had in a few years, about 10 . I guess if there's a stop sign and the cars on Washington St. stop for the cars going thru the Pleasant St stop sign, it will stop some accidents from happening. I wish there was a way to stop the speeding on Pleasant St. If you think a 4-way stop sign will help, I certainly support you.

I hope my comments help.

3/30/2005

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49 Adams St
Fairhaven, MA 02719
May 4, 2005

Dear Sir:

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I am requesting you to please fly the Norwegian flag, underneath the American flag, on the 17th of May.

For many years New Bedford city has granted this request for which we are grateful.

The 17 of May is Norway's Independence Day and this year is their 100th Jubilee. As you know we have a colony of Norwegians in our area who have also helped our beautiful town financially through the fishing industry. Yet, if this request is granted, it'll be a "first" any Norwegian Holiday is represented.

Thank you for your cooperation in advance.

Sincerely,

Barbara Medhauy

cc: Ernie 5/11/05
Mrs. Medhauy will provide flag.