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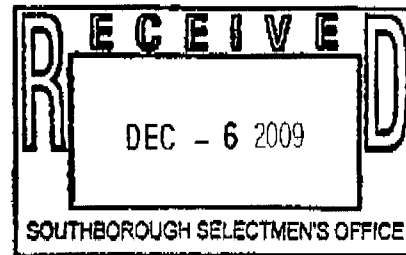
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Salvatore Giorlandino, Chairman

Board of Selectmen

17 Common St

Southborough, MA 01772



December 8, 2009

Dear Mr. Giorlandino,

On December 1, 2009 I was invited to a meeting at the DPW to inform and update me about the Main Street Rd project. Present was Karen Galligan, Jean Kitchen, John Woodsmall, John Mauro and myself.

The main area of concern seems to be Main Street in front of the Town Common. Karen explained to me that the BOS approved "Alternative 3" for a number of reasons including maintaining the rural character of the Town, etc.

This plan, as it was described would add a curbed sidewalk on the south side of Main. With two, 11' travel lanes and a 4' painted line on the north side.

The plan does not allow for any parking along Main Street, with the exception of possibly one or two "limited parking- 15 minutes" signs. If cars were allowed to park, as they do now, it would force the passing vehicles to cross over the double solid line and into the line of oncoming traffic.

People who wish to attend a wake or funeral will be forced to park on Middle Road, Common Street or seek permission from the Town Hall, Library, or Pilgrim Church. Middle Road already has no parking on one side of the road, and reoccurring, or regular parking from the Funeral Home would be a problem for this road that already endures heavy traffic from Fay School patrons.

The other alternative would be for the Funeral Home to put up the detour sign as they do now and direct the west bound traffic up Common Street; however this is only done now for large wakes and funerals, not for each occasion.

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It could prove to be a problem in inclement weather and could further create increased risks for pedestrians crossing the street and trying to negotiate the hill during winter months or even after dark.

Civic events would be negatively impacted as well. For example, currently we close Common Street to all vehicles on Heritage Day. This, combined with no parking on Main Street could cause unknown hardships for our citizens.

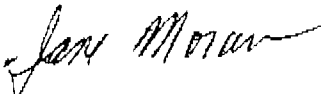
Karen explained that the road needs an additional 5' to allow for legal parking spaces. I support her recommendation to further the engineering plans that would show different options that may require land taking from both sides.

Both Stone Health Center and Morris Funeral Home are long established businesses in Southborough and unique in that they both generate, steady and in the case of the funeral home, heavy traffic, in an area where Main Street is the narrowest. Currently Middle Road is often hazardous when entering Main Street, turning left. From a public safety perspective, we have an obligation to provide legal parking spaces in this area.

In my opinion, with detailed plans, all parties could have a better visual of their choices, then move more comfortably toward an agreement that would be beneficial to the businesses and citizens alike.

Please let me know if I can be of further assistance,

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Jane Moran". The signature is written in a cursive style with a long, sweeping underline.

Jane Moran

Chief of Police