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Mayor April Capone Almon Addresses Local Traffic Concerns in Two Neighborhoods

Mayor April Capone Almon, in conjunction with Police Chief Leonard Gallo, initiated several complaints to the State Department of Transportation regarding Route 142 (Short Beach Road) at Mansfield Grove Road.

The DOT conducted a traffic study at the intersection July 13, 2009 and removed July 28, 2009. It was determined that the traffic volumes satisfy the warranting criteria to consider signalization. The Traffic study reports the safety at the intersection could be improved with the installation of a traffic signal. The Town is moving forward with the recommendations and will work with the DOT in the installation of a traffic light there.

In addition, the complaints resulted in the re-grading of the earth embankment and removal of vegetation on the south side of Route 142 has improved the intersection sight distance (ISD) looking west from Mansfield Grove Road.

The second traffic concern the Mayor hopes to address is the traffic flow on Charter Oak Avenue. As a result of the concerns that have been raised by many of the residents of Charter Oak Avenue, Mayor April Capone Almon has asked the Town Engineer, James Staunton to assess and come up with a possible solution to alleviate the traffic problems.

James Staunton has crafted two (2) suggestions.

The first suggestion would require the Town to acquire land from a couple of private property owners so it could widen the road to accommodate two-way traffic. This would

involve relocating a handful of utility poles, as well as the installation of retaining walls and guideline rails.

The second suggestion would completely eliminate thru traffic in both directions. This could be accomplished by simply placing jersey barriers at the intersection of Burr Street and Charter Oak Avenue.

James Staunton, Town Engineer, will be unveiling his two (2) suggestions with the entire Town Council at its next regularly scheduled meeting on Tuesday October 6, 2009 at the East Haven Senior Center beginning at 7:30 pm. The Office of the Mayor and Town Engineer strongly encourage residents to attend the meeting so you can hear firsthand his recommendations. In the interim, please do not hesitate to call the office at (203) 468-3204 or the Town Engineer (203) 468-3290 with any questions or concerns.