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Mr. Robert Parisi, Chairman
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Dear Mr. Parisi,

This letter is being written as a formal request of the Planning and Zoning Commission to meet with the Town Council at its January 14, 1997 regular meeting to address the issue of traffic in the Town of Wallingford. The Plan of Development, developed and approved by this Commission in 1993, stated as a top priority in the Public Facilities section the need to address the long term issue of traffic and its effects on the Town.

During the year-long discussions and debates on Route 5, the issue of traffic and control repeatedly became the top issue facing this Commission. The idea of a full time traffic engineer, or equivalent position, was discussed. While a solution as to how to approach the long term issue of traffic was never resolved, it was decided that the Town Council be approached with some ideas on the subject.

As you are aware, we recently amended our regulations to include a peer review, paid for by the applicant, when a traffic study is required. However, a peer review only addresses that specific application pending before the Commission, not the long term effects the project might have on the Town's traffic situation.

To insure the Town grows in an orderly fashion with regards to its infrastructure, the Planning and Zoning Commission has decided to be proactive in this area and has determined that we need to address this issue in more depth. The need to look at the total picture, how each individual application affects the overall traffic situation in the Town, is extremely critical. The time for forward planning and having the ability to take control of the Town's own destiny, as it pertains to traffic control, is now at hand.

At the present time, we are not suggesting a specific course of action be taken. We have discussed some options that we would like to present, in more detail, for discussion with the Council. These include:

1. Create a full time Traffic Engineer position within the Town.

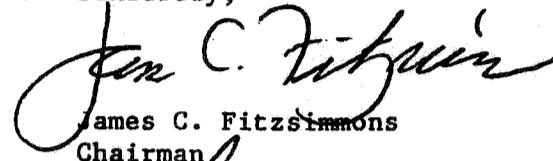
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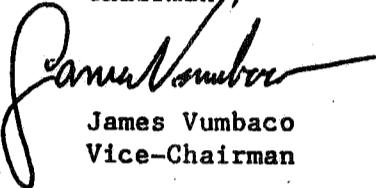
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2. Provide funding to hire a Consultant to be on retainer to the Town as a traffic planner and advisor to the Commission.
3. Remain status quo.

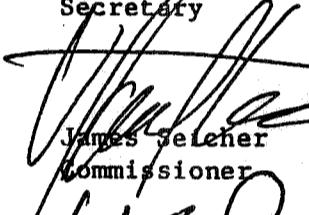
We look forward to a future meeting with the Council to discuss these very important issues. Thank you for your time concerning this issue.

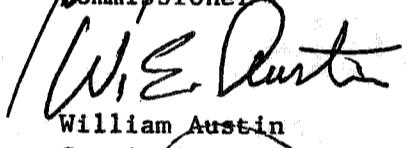
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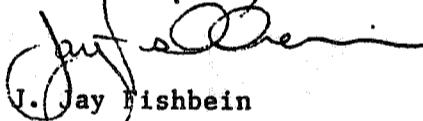

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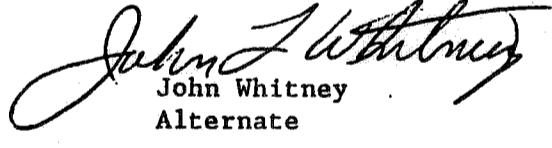

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