

TOWN OF EAST LYME
POLICE COMMISSION
REGULAR MEETING OF SEPTEMBER 14, 2017
MINUTES

MEMBERS PRESENT: Mark Nickerson, Daniel Price, Thomas Gardner, Joseph Perkins and Giancarlo D'Angelo

EXCUSED: Mark Powers and Tony Buglione

Also in Attendance: Sgt. Michael Macek and Joe Bragaw Director of Public Works

Mr. Price called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

3. Delegations

Mr. Chris Karg, 20 Hill Road, East Lyme, spoke on the matter regarding making a portion of Calkins Road a one-way street. Mr. Karg is in favor of doing this, and asked that the Town consider putting up two (2) no outlet signs; one at River Road and one at Calkins Road.

Ms. Wanda Czelusniak, 41 Bayview Avenue, Niantic, spoke on the matter of no parking signs on Crescent Avenue. Ms. Czelusniak is in favor of the no parking signs, but is concerned about enforcement.

Ms. Nancy Kerensky, 6 Crescent Avenue, Niantic, spoke in favor of putting in no parking signs as proposed.

Mr. Sal Kerensky, 6 Crescent Avenue, Niantic, spoke in favor of putting in no parking signs, but would like to see that go all the way up to Columbus Avenue.

Mr. Mike Nebelung, Niantic Fire Department, spoke on the matter of speed limit signs in Pine Grove, and recommended that we also look into no parking on Broadway as it is difficult for emergency vehicles to navigate.

MOTION (1)

Moved by Mr. Nickerson to move the Executive Session to after New Business on the agenda.
Seconded by Mr. Gardner. Motion passed 5-0.

4. Approval of Minutes - Regular Meeting of August 10, 2017

MOTION (2)

Motion by Mr. Gardner to approve the regular meeting minutes of August 10, 2017.
Seconded by Mr. Perkins. Motion passed 4-0.
(vote was taken after Mr. Nickerson left the meeting at 7:05pm)

4. Old Business

There was no Old Business.

5. Executive Session (moved to after New Business)

6. New Business

a. Review and possible action regarding No Parking signs on Crescent Avenue

MOTION (3)

DISCUSSION: Mr. Bragaw stated that the President of the Crescent Beach Association reached out to him with this issue. Upon review it is recommended that a no parking from here to corner sign be posted on the north side of Crescent Avenue from Bayview up to Columbus Avenue. Mr. Bragaw stated that he sent out the proper notice to all of the residents in that area, and he received no negative comments or resistance in putting up this sign. Mr. Nickerson noted that bringing back a parking ticket program should be addressed at a future Police Commission meeting. Mr. Nickerson stated that there has been an increase in people parking on the street this summer because of the new restaurateur that has moved into the little hamburger and hot dog stand; this new endeavor has been successful and has brought in a lot of people who are parking there just for the restaurant. He noted that another solution to cut back on the over parking in that area is for them to go back to their small hamburger and hot dog eatery that catered to the beach crowd only.

Motion by Mr. Gardner to approve a "No Parking Here to the Corner" sign on the north side of Crescent Avenue as detailed in the attached documents, attached hereto as Exhibit 1.

Seconded by Mr. Nickerson. Motion passed 5-0.

b. Review and possible action regarding making a portion of Calkins Road a one-way street.

MOTION (4)

DISCUSSION: Mr. Bragaw stated that there is a very big sightline problem when people exit Calkins Road onto Route 1, where the sightline is very obscured and the vehicles traveling on Route 1 are going fast. He indicated that he sent proper notice to all of the residents involved, and that no one was opposed to this plan. Mr. Nickerson noted that instead of using a large No Outlet sign, it should only be necessary to use the smaller signs that attach onto an existing signpost so as not to add additional signage into this small area.

Motion by Mr. Nickerson to approve the One Way Plan for Calkins Road, as detailed in the attached documents, attached hereto as Exhibit 2; and to possibly add one additional no outlet sign, to be determined by the Public Works Director.

Seconded by Mr. Gardner. Motion passed 5-0.

c. Review and possible action regarding speed limit recommendations for Pine Grove

MOTION (5)

DISCUSSION: Mr. Bragaw stated that the Town does not set any speed limits, and that it is the responsibility of the State of Connecticut Office of the State Traffic Administration (hereinafter referred to as OSTA). The standard speed limit on residential roads in Connecticut is 25 MPH unless otherwise posted with an approved state sign. It was agreed that a meeting would be set up between the Police Commission, Public Works and OSTA to discuss all of this further. Mr. Bragaw stated that in the meantime he would get the proper 20 MPH speed limit sign posted on Broadway, and the 15

MPH speed limit sign on Cherry Street. He asked Mr. Allen Steiger, President of the Pine Grove Niantic Association, to take down the 15 MPH speed limit signs that are not approved (Cherry Street is the only road approved at 15 MPH), as well as the sign that states "no on street parking as per the Board of Governors", as the Board of Governors has no jurisdiction over these matters. Mr. Price noted that the Police Commission will support Pine Grove in its initial appeal to OSTA, but that the Commission will honor the State's decision and will not pursue the matter further. It was agreed to take this matter up at the next meeting of the Police Commission to allow time for the conference call to be arranged with OSTA.

Motion by Mr. Gardner to table this matter to the next scheduled meeting of the Police Commission. Seconded by Mr. Nickerson. Motion passed 5-0.

d. Review State of Connecticut reimbursement program for body cameras.

MOTION (6)

DISCUSSION: Mr. Nickerson stated that this is a great program being offered by the State Office & Policy Management (OPM), but noted that the State has not yet finalized a budget, and there are quite a few towns that have participated in this program that have yet to be reimbursed. Mr. Gardner stated that OPM has taken the position that they are committed to following through with this program, and that the funds will be released once the State budget is finalized. It was agreed that this matter should be postponed to a future meeting to give the Commission and Sgt. Macek more time to review the policy.

Motion by Mr. Gardner to postpone this matter to a future meeting.

Seconded by Mr. Nickerson. Motion passed 5-0.

Mr. Nickerson left the meeting at 7:05 p.m.

e. Review "Tip411" software

DISCUSSION: Mr. Nickerson agrees that this is a great tool, but just does not think that it is a good time to be asking for additional funds, and we should let the Police Commission and the new independent police force settle in before adding resources. It was agreed that further research into this matter would be done and brought back before the Commission at a future time if feasible.

f. Discussion regarding roles, responsibilities and scope of the following subcommittees; Administration, Finance and Operations.

DISCUSSION: Mr. Gardner stated that he would put together a summary of responsibilities for each of the aforementioned subcommittees and bring that to a future meeting to review.

Executive Session:

Motion by Mr. Gardner to enter into executive session for the purpose of discussing personnel issues. Seconded by Mr. D'Angelo. Motion passed 4-0.

The Police Commission members entered into executive session at 7:35 p.m. They returned at 7:48 p.m. and Mr. Price stated that no formal votes were taken in executive session.

7. Chief's Report

Sgt Macek reviewed the August Monthly Report, which is attached hereto as Exhibit 3.

9. Chairman's Report
There was none.

10. Subcommittee Reports
There was none.

11. Communications
There was none.

12. Public Comment
Mr. Jim Levandoski, Police Officer, ELPD, inquired about the status of the Police pickup truck and stated that he would like to begin using that truck again for his patrol shifts.

13. Commission Response
There was none.

14. Adjournment
MOTION (7)
Mr. Perkins moved to adjourn the September 14, 2017, regular meeting of the Police Commission at 7:53 p.m.
Seconded by Mr. Gardner. Motion passed 4-0.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Sandra Anderson", written in dark ink.

Sandra Anderson
Recording Secretary

Police Commission
Agenda Item
#7a

Request for Board of Police Commissioner's Action

TO: Board of Police Commissioners

~~FROM: Joe Bragaw - Director of Public Works~~CC: Mark Nickerson - First Selectman
Mike Finkelstein - Police Chief

DATE: August 30, 2017

SUBJECT: Request for a No Parking Area on Crescent Avenue in Crescent Beach

Summary of Agenda Item:

I had a request from the President of Crescent Beach to have a No Parking area on north side of Crescent Avenue from the common driveway to the intersection. This area is approximately 80 feet from the catch basin at the corner. I took a look and witnessed the cars parked in this location (see the attached pictures). When cars are parked there, it makes it impossible for someone coming around the corner to stay in their designated lane. I would recommend installing a "No Parking from Here to the Corner" sign. There is a 20 MPH speed limit in the approximate same location as the proposed sign so I would also recommend removing the speed limit sign as there is another 20 MPH sign about 200 ft to the west on Crescent Ave just past the intersection with Columbus Ave.

Action Needed:

Move to approve a "No Parking Here to the Corner" sign on the north side of Crescent Avenue as detailed in the attached documents

Attachments:

- Aerial Photo of the Area
- 3 Pictures
- Email from Mr. Beachy

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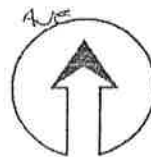
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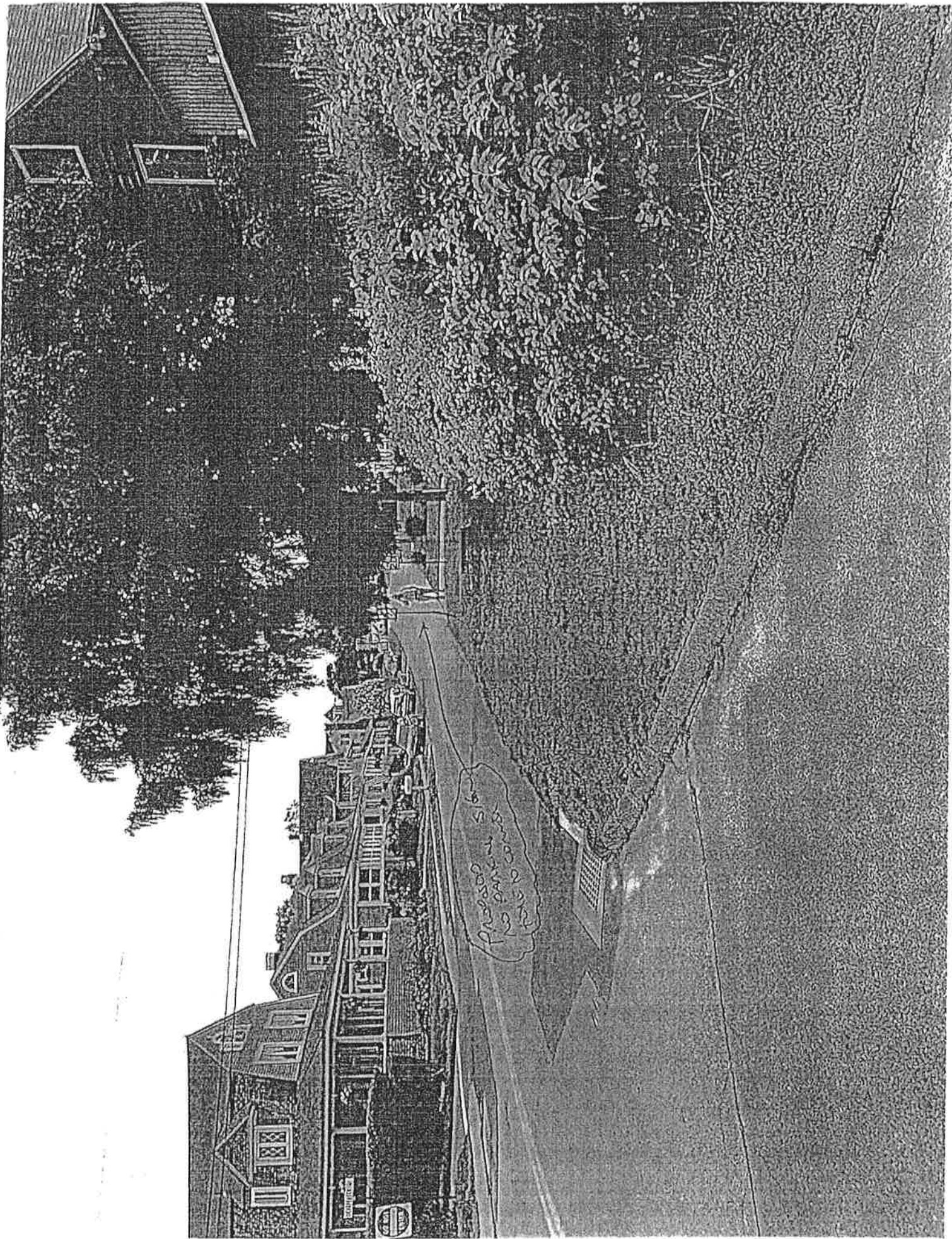
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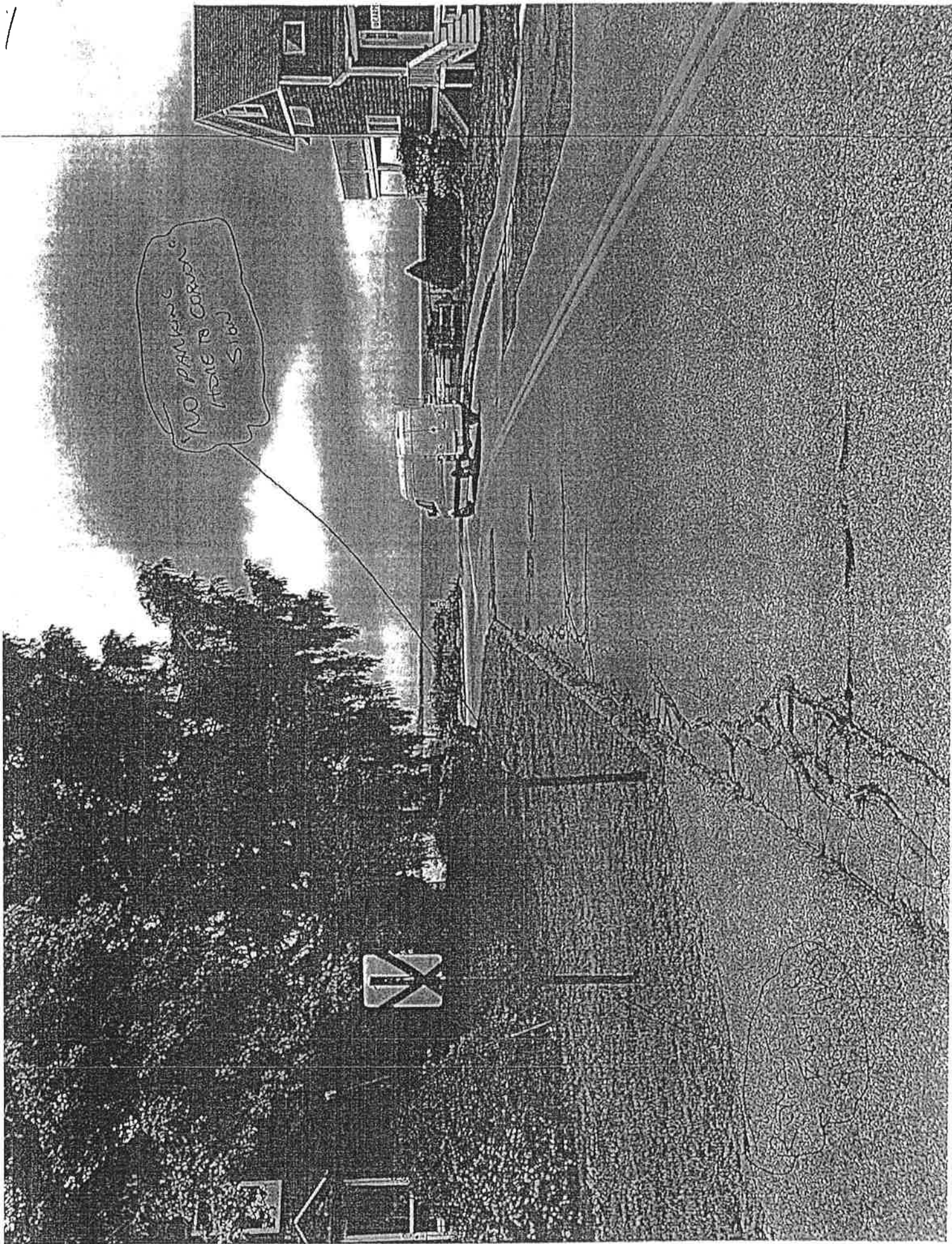
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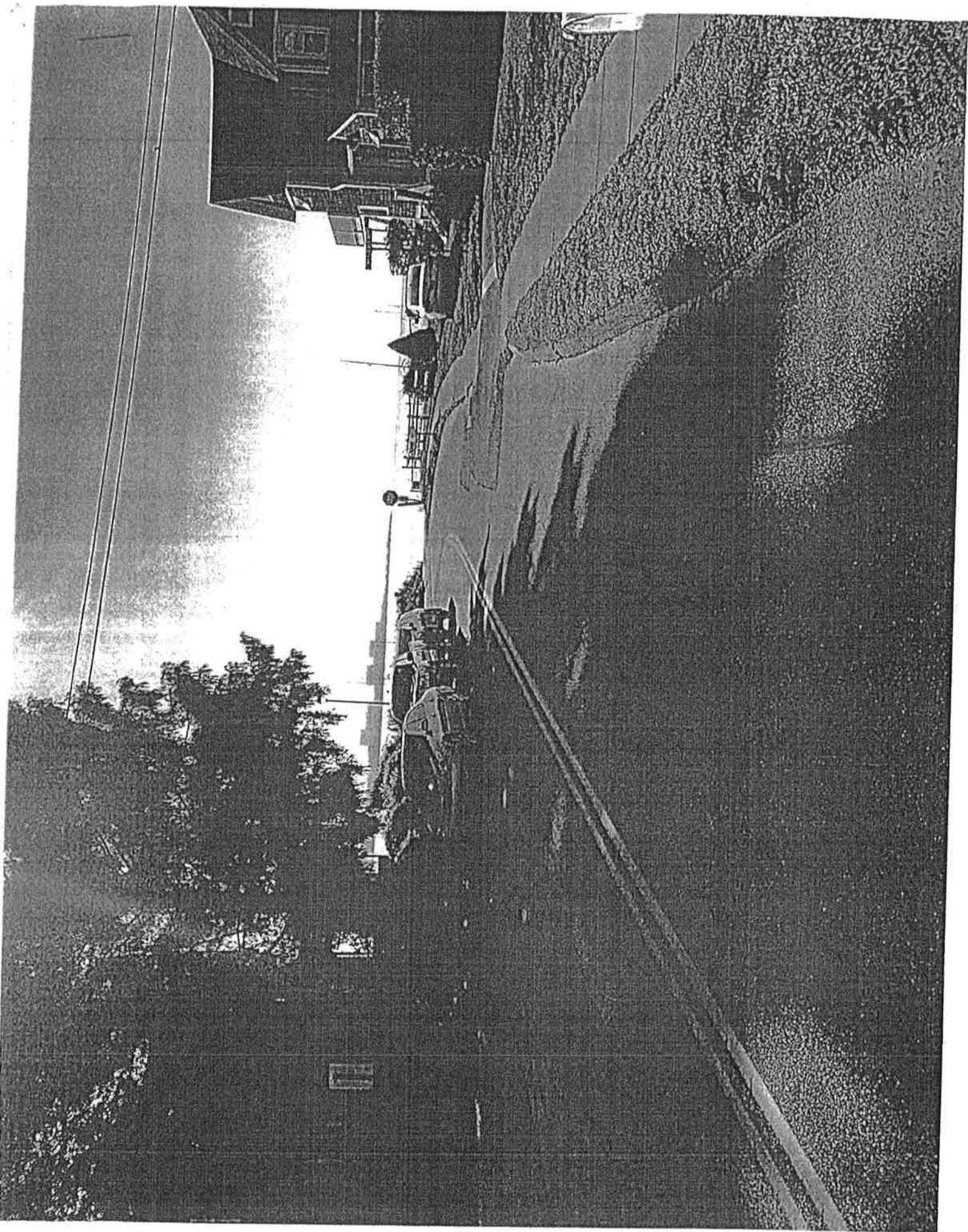
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Request for Board of Police Commissioner's Action

TO: Board of Police Commissioners
FROM: Joe Bragaw – Director of Public Works
CC: Mark Nickerson – First Selectman
Mike Finkelstein – Police Chief
DATE: August 31, 2017
SUBJECT: Request for One Way on Calkins Rd

Police Commission
Agenda Item
17b
8/31/17

Summary of Agenda Item:

Presently, vehicles are allowed to exit on Calkins Road onto Boston Post Rd in the Golden spur area of Town. The sight line as you come out of Calkins Road looking west is extremely limited due to a large stone wall so it is very difficult for cars to pull out knowing that vehicles on Boston Post Rd could come up on them quickly going up to 45-50 MPH. Because of this, I sent a letter to the residents of Calkins, Hill and River Roads back in March of 2017 telling them that we have come up with a draft plan to make a portion of Calkins Rd one way to eliminate this safety issue. I received some responses from residents. The letter that I sent in March 2017 and the attachments along with the response letters are attached with this memo. I would like to bring this issue before the Board of Police Commissioners as the Legal Traffic Authority to move this issue forward. I will be sending a letter to all of the residents of this neighborhood letting them know that it will be on the BOPC agenda for your September 14, 2017 meeting. I will be in attendance at your meeting to discuss this issue at this time.

Action Needed:

Move to approve the One Way Plan for Calkins Rd as detailed in the attached documents

Attachments:

- Letter sent to residents dated 3/2/17 w/attachments
- Responses from residents regarding the 3/2/17 letter
- Guidelines from OSTA for One Way Roads
- Letter to residents dated 8/31/17

BOPC's Agenda
Item No. _____
Date: _____

Town of

P.O. Drawer 519
Director of Public Works
Joe Bragaw, P.E.



East Lyme

108 Pennsylvania Ave
Niantic, Connecticut 06357
Phone: 860- 691-4101
Fax: 860-860-691-0351

March 2, 2017

Dear Calkins, Hill & River Rd Residents:

I have received complaints with regards to the lack of sight line exiting Calkins Road as you look left onto Boston Post Road. Because of this, the EL Public Works Department has put together a draft plan that would make a portion of Calkins Rd one way going in from Boston Post Rd. I am attaching pictures along with a draft plan for your information. Because that would impact the way that you get to and from your homes, we wanted to send a draft of our plan to the neighborhood to get any comments that you might have. Once we receive the comments and if the plans are favorable to the neighborhood, we would plan on putting this subject on a future Board of Selectman meeting so that the Board could vote to approve of this action. Therefore, if you have any questions or would like to discuss this issue in more detail, please give me a call at 860-691-4102 or you can email me at jbragaw@eltownhall.com.

Sincerely,

Joseph J. Bragaw, PE
Director of Public Works

Enclosures: 6 Pages of Pictures and Draft Layout

cc: Victor Benni – Town Engineer

**SITE
LOCATION**

RT. 1

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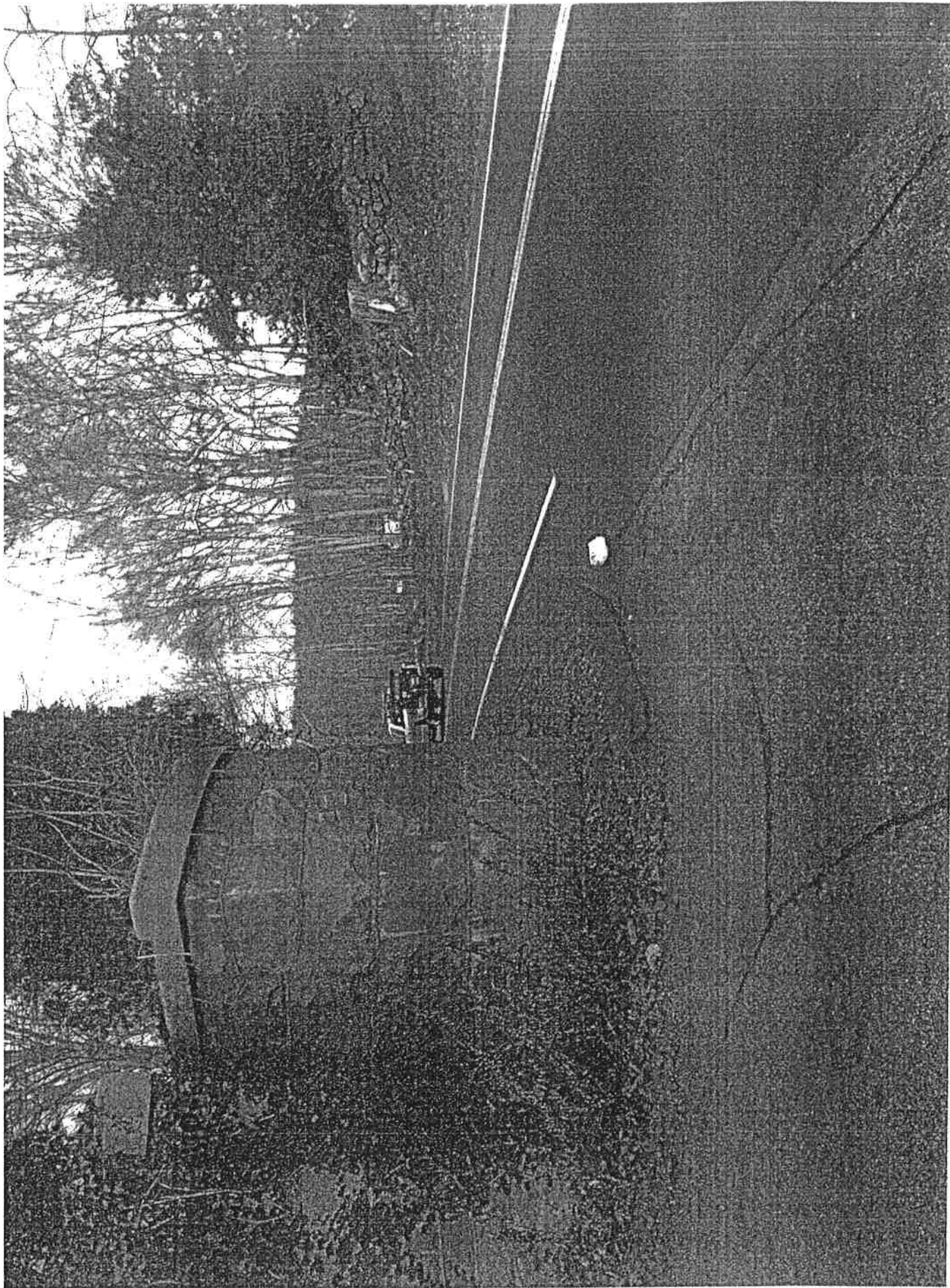
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CALKINS RD SIGHTLINE LOOKING WEST ONTO STATE RT. 1



**PROPOSED PLAN TO DESIGNATE CALKINS RD AS A ONE WAY IN
FROM RT 1 TO THE DRIVEWAY FOR 16 BOSTON POST RD**