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To: Planning Board

From: Chief Daniel M. Dorgan

RE: Police Impact of 40R Proposal

The Fairhaven Police Department supports the 40R Smart Growth Overlay project as a way to grow the town economically while providing individuals and families with housing options. This project will help to keep existing families and individuals living in our town where they might have had to look elsewhere based on the availability of non-single-family home options in town. I do not foresee an adverse impact on our staffing or services as a result of this project being approved.

As a police department we would welcome new citizens to the town as well as the business owners as part of our community oriented policing model. These proposed projects will occupy areas that have been dormant for some time and have been neglected, opening up the opportunity for crimes such as vandalism, loitering, breaking and entering into cars parked overnight, and illegal dumping. By bringing in new and vibrant business and housing projects these spaces will be occupied by residents and business operators with an interest in keeping the area clean, monitored, and peaceful.

I believe that the Fairhaven Police Department will not be adversely impacted by the 40R proposal. As a department we hope to grow our staffing in order to provide the residents and visitors of Fairhaven with the highest level of police services. This department hopes to grow in order to expand the scope of our services to the residents which align with how policing has progressed over the years, increasing proactivity and community engagement while addressing neighborhood issues and public safety concerns. To do this the town will need to explore new revenue generating options such as 40R Smart Growth Overlay to support public safety services moving forward and to weather the storm of these tough economic times.

Respectfully Submitted,

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