To see if the Town will vote to cease all work by the Town on the St Marks Road Project.

EXPLANATION

This project needs to be te nated because it lacks legitimate public purpose. There are three issues.

(1) INTERSECTION. The original justification put forward (by the former Town DPW Superintendent) was that the existing St Marks road intersection was flooding. But this flooding was merely a short-lived, shallow ponding, during heavy rain storms. It was caused by St Marks School, quite recently, when they built a stone wall (without permits) within the right-of way, which blocked the natural flow of water away from the road. This flooding could easily have been solved by St Marks, by simply removing a section of their wall. However, instead, the Town DPW installed an expensive underground piped drainage system, under Marlborough Rd.

(2) TRAFFIC. The intersection works fine and has an excellent safety record. It has good sight distance, and no history of serious accidents. It was completely rebuilt in 2005 to allow for larger vehicles. The conclusion is that it does not need to

be replaced (which the Project seeks to do).

(3) PARKING LOT. The Town should not be using public funds to build a private parking lot for St Marks School. They can easily build their own parking lot on their own land, just as existed before this Project began. One question is - Will all the funds spent by the Town so far be wasted if we stop now? The answer is NO, because the drainage system has solved the intersection problem, and the gravel can be re-used by St Marks for its own parking lot. Therefore, St Marks has already benefitted substantially from what has been done so far. Now is the time for the Town to STOP. Enough is

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