

Jefferson School Principal Urges Westfield School Bond Vote

As principal of Jefferson School (in Westfield), I would like to briefly elaborate on three very good reasons why we should help to support the early childhood learning center. Westfield has always delivered programs that are educationally sound. The early childhood center is a fine example of this.

Through an early childhood center, educators in the district will be able to support a common goal, that of early childhood learning. Additionally, this will help to support related services at one location. Occupational therapy, speech and support counselors will all be on hand for early detection of speech delays, possible learning disabilities and help to provide early intervention strategies in hopes of preventing struggling students.

The shared resources at one location will enable educators to focus on materials targeting this developmental period. It is educationally sound to place our preschool students in age appropriate settings. By placing the kindergarten and pre-school students in a centralized location, more needed space will become available in the elementary schools.

Westfield Board of Education is proactive in its quest to address increasing enrollment issues. If we do not, today's class size will not be the size of the future. Jefferson School is only one of the six schools experiencing "space impossibilities."

The elementary enrollment has increased steadily since 1996 affecting room availability at Jefferson School and other elementary schools. First grade enrollment this year is the highest since 1970. There are no music or art rooms at five of our six elementary schools and no space for additional classrooms.

This spring, very difficult decisions were made by principals in the district — moving incoming kindergartners to locations other than their home school. If our elementary school classrooms continue to be full, we will be forced to continue this process and families will be uncertain as to which school their kindergartners will attend.

Wouldn't it be better to know that all kindergartners would be attending the same school together? Without freeing up space in our elementary schools, we will be faced with crowded schools, instructional overload and families not wanting to call Westfield home.

Westfield residents have supported a strong sense of community. By creating an early childhood learning center, children and their families will begin their educational endeavors district wide. This will support a commitment to "Our Town," not just "Our Side of Town." Children and families will continue their relationships throughout their educational careers.

Please consider supporting the early childhood learning center and the vote to support education on January 23.

Jeannette Munoz, Principal Jefferson Elementary School, Westfield

PUBLIC NOTICE

TOWNSHIP OF SCOTCH PLAINS RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, the Township Council of the Township of Scotch Plains has determined that it is in the best interest of the taxpayers to utilize the services of a consulting professional engineering firm for the re-design and renovations of Jerseyland, and

WHEREAS, the Local Contract Public Law (N.J.S.A. 40A:11 et seq.) requires a resolution authorizing the award of a contract for professional services without competitive bids must be advertised; and

WHEREAS, this contract is awarded without competitive bidding as a "professional service" under the provisions of the Local Contracts Law aforesaid because said services are of such qualitative nature as will not permit the receipt of competitive bids due to the subjective difference in the work product of such persons and the fact that the ethical requirements of such profession will not permit such bidding.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Township Council hereby appoints the firm of Hatch Mott MacDonald, 27 Bleeker Street, Millburn, New Jersey, 07041-1008 to provide these services to the Township.

BE IT STILL FURTHER RESOLVED that copies of this resolution are forwarded to Hatch Mott MacDonald, Construction Official Zoning Officer, Robert LaCosta, Assistant Engineer, Joseph Timko, and Director of Parks and Recreation Ray Porio.

Township of Scotch Plains
Barbara Riepe, Township Clerk
1 T - 1/18/07, The Times Fee: \$34.68

PUBLIC NOTICE

TOWN OF WESTFIELD PLANNING BOARD MEETING DATES FOR 2007

In compliance with N.J.S.A. 10:4-8D (Open Public Meetings Act), the Westfield Planning Board wishes to advise the public of its meeting dates. Meetings at which formal action will be taken are on the first Monday of each month at 8:00 p.m. unless otherwise stipulated, and are held at 7:30 p.m. unless otherwise stipulated, and are held at the Municipal Building, 425 East Broad Street, Westfield, New Jersey in the Council Chambers on the following dates:

January 4, 2007 (see below)	February 5, 2007
March 5, 2007	April 2, 2007
May 7, 2007	June 4, 2007
July 2, 2007	August 6, 2007
September 6, 2007 (see below)	October 1, 2007
November 8, 2007 (see below)	December 3, 2007
January 7, 2008	February 4, 2008

The Board will also meet at 7:30 p.m. on the above meeting dates in the Mayor's Conference Room for a work session in which the public may attend but may not participate.

Please note the regular Planning Board meetings for the months of January, September, and November 2007 will be held on Thursday on the above dates and will start the same time (8:00 p.m.) and place.

Applications and plans to be considered at these meetings will be on file in the office of the Secretary of the Planning Board, 959 North Avenue West, Westfield, New Jersey and may be seen Monday through Friday, 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

Kenneth B. Marsh, Secretary
Westfield Planning Board
1 T - 1/18/07, The Leader Fee: \$39.78

PUBLIC NOTICE

TOWNSHIP OF SCOTCH PLAINS RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, the Township of Scotch Plains has duly established a Municipal Court pursuant to statute to hear matters before it and, as such, Municipal Courts are a critical component of the administration of justice; and

WHEREAS, the Township of Scotch Plains may appoint an alternate Municipal Public Defender to represent the indigent defendants as assigned by the Municipal Court Judge in the defense of all offenses, except zoning violations, within the statutory jurisdiction of the Municipal Court, when the Municipal Public Defender has a conflict or is otherwise unable to attend to his duties; and

WHEREAS, funds have been certified by the Municipal Manager and Finance Department in the 2007 temporary legal budget in an amount not to exceed \$250,000 per court session for which said alternate Municipal Public Defender must appear; and

WHEREAS, this appointment for services and contract is awarded without competitive bidding as a "professional service" under the provisions of said Local Public Contracts Law, because the services are of such a qualitative nature and will not permit the receipt of competitive bids due to the subjective difference in the work product of such persons and the fact that the ethical requirements of such profession will not permit such bidding; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Council of the Township of Scotch Plains that Matthew C. Dorsi, Esq., whose practice is located at DiFrancesco, Bateman, Crotey, Yospin, Kunzman, Davis & Lehrer, PC, 15 Mountain Boulevard, Warren, New Jersey, be appointed as Alternate Municipal Public Defender for the Township of Scotch Plains through December 31, 2007.

TOWNSHIP OF SCOTCH PLAINS
Barbara Riepe
Township Clerk
1 T - 1/18/07, The Times Fee: \$41.82

PUBLIC NOTICE

TOWNSHIP OF SCOTCH PLAINS

NOTICE is hereby given that at a meeting of the Township Council of the Township of Scotch Plains, held in the Council Chambers in the Municipal Building of said Township on Tuesday, January 16, 2007 there was introduced, read for the first time, and passed on such first reading, the following ordinance:

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING PERMITTING GAMES OF CHANCE ON SUNDAY MAY 21, 2007 IN THE TOWNSHIP OF SCOTCH PLAINS

Purpose: To permit any charitable organization to conduct games of chance on Sunday, May 21, 2007 provided they take the appropriate to secure a license for the holding of said games of chance. A public hearing for same will be held on Tuesday, January 30, 2007 at 8:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers of the Municipal Building, or any time and place to which a meeting for the further consideration of such ordinance shall from time to time be adjourned, and all persons interested will be given an opportunity to be heard concerning such ordinance.

A copy of same may be obtained from the office of the Township Clerk, 430 Park Avenue, Scotch Plains, New Jersey, between the hours of 9:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m. Monday through Friday by any member of the general public who wants a copy of same without cost.

BARBARA RIEPE
Township Clerk
1 T - 1/18/07, The Times Fee: \$33.15

PUBLIC NOTICE

TOWN OF WESTFIELD BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT

In Compliance with N.J.S.A. 10:4-8D (Open Public Meetings Act), the Westfield Board of Adjustment wishes to advise the public of its meeting dates. Meetings at which formal action will be taken are on the second Monday of each month at 7:30 p.m. unless otherwise stipulated, and are held at the Municipal Building, 425 East Broad Street, Westfield, New Jersey in the Council Chambers. Meeting dates are as follows:

January 8, 2007	February 8, 2007
March 12, 2007	April 9, 2007
May 14, 2007	June 11, 2007
July 9, 2007	August 13, 2007
September 10, 2007	October 15, 2007
November 15, 2007	December 10, 2007
January 14, 2008	February 7, 2008

The Board will also meet at 7:00 p.m. on these dates in the Mayor's Conference Room for a work session in which the public may attend but may not participate.

Please note the regular Board of Adjustment meetings for the months of February and November 2007 and February 2008 will be held on Thursday on the above dates and will be held at the same time and place.

Applications and plans to be considered at these meetings will be on file in the office of the Secretary of the Board of Adjustment, 959 North Avenue West, Westfield, New Jersey and may be seen Monday through Friday, 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

Kathleen A. Nemeth, Secretary
Westfield Board of Adjustment
1 T - 1/18/07, The Leader Fee: \$39.78

PUBLIC NOTICE

TOWNSHIP OF SCOTCH PLAINS RESOLUTION

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WHEREAS, the Township of Scotch Plains may appoint an alternate Municipal Public Defender to represent the indigent defendants as assigned by the Municipal Court Judge in the defense of all offenses, except zoning violations, within the statutory jurisdiction of the Municipal Court, when the Municipal Public Defender has a conflict or is otherwise unable to attend to his duties; and

WHEREAS, funds have been certified by the Municipal Manager and Finance Department in the 2007 temporary legal budget in an amount not to exceed \$250,000 per court session for which said alternate Municipal Public Defender must appear; and

WHEREAS, this appointment for services and contract is awarded without competitive bidding as a "professional service" under the provisions of said Local Public Contracts Law, because the services are of such a qualitative nature and will not permit the receipt of competitive bids due to the subjective difference in the work product of such persons and the fact that the ethical requirements of such profession will not permit such bidding; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Council of the Township of Scotch Plains that the Robert Pansulla, Esq., whose law practice is located at Gaccione, Pomacco & Malanga, 524 Union Avenue, Belleville, New Jersey 07109, be appointed as Alternate Municipal Prosecutor for the Township of Scotch Plains through December 31, 2007.

TOWNSHIP OF SCOTCH PLAINS
Barbara Riepe
Township Clerk
1 T - 1/18/07, The Times Fee: \$40.29

Letters to the Editor

SAGE Eldercare Thanks Community For Donating 'Essentials for Seniors'

I would like to thank the community for the outpouring of the gifts contributed to the sixth annual "Essentials for Seniors" program sponsored by the HomeCare Department of SAGE Eldercare in Summit.

For the past six years, the department has collected, wrapped and distributed more than 1,000 gifts to local older adults. Donated goods included socks, scarves, hats, pajamas, sheets, towels, toiletry items, gloves, slippers and more. Thanks to the support of the community and volunteers this year, SAGE was able to deliver over 100 gifts to the elderly in surrounding communities.

David Lee, an Eagle Scout candidate with Troop 15 from Millburn-Short Hills, selected SAGE Eldercare to be his sponsor for his Eagle Scout project. David prepared and distributed collection bins to various neighborhood locations and posted notices and flyers promoting the program.

David, together with boys from his troop, collected gifts from their neighbors and from collection bins set up at various locations in nearby communities. Over 400 new life-essential items were collected and included toiletries, T-shirts,

towels, underwear, bed sheets, socks, scarves, slippers, nightgowns, shirts, sweaters, robes, and hats.

The items were combined into 100 gift packages and then gift-wrapped by the Boy Scouts the week before Christmas. SAGE then assigned names and addresses to each of the wrapped gifts. On Christmas Eve, the Boy Scouts, with help from their parents, delivered some of the gifts to elderly in the Millburn/Short Hills, Summit, Springfield and New Providence areas.

"It was truly a pleasure seeing all those happy faces when they opened the door to receive their presents," remarked David. A heartfelt "thank you" is owed to every location that provided a place for members of the community to drop off donations and for promoting the "Essentials for Seniors" program to customers and clients.

The success of this program helps SAGE Eldercare meet the needs of the elderly in our service area of Union, Morris, Essex and Somerset counties.

Deborah Scales,
Director of HomeCare
SAGE Eldercare

PUBLIC NOTICE

BOROUGH OF FANWOOD NOTICE OF INTRODUCTION OF ORDINANCE 07-02-R AND PUBLIC HEARING

An ordinance was introduced by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Fanwood on January 9, 2007. Copies of this ordinance can be obtained without cost in the Clerk's Office, at the Fanwood Borough Hall, 75 North Martine Avenue, Fanwood, New Jersey between the hours of 8 a.m. and 4 p.m., Monday through Friday.

PUBLIC NOTICE

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE NO. 06-14-R EXTENDING THE DATE FOR RETURNING BUSINESS REGISTRATION APPLICATIONS TO MARCH 1, 2007

This ordinance is scheduled for public hearing and adoption on February 13, 2007 7:30 P.M., Fanwood Borough Hall, 75 North Martine Avenue, Fanwood, New Jersey

Eleanor McGovern
Borough Clerk
1 T - 1/18/07, The Times Fee: \$23.46

PUBLIC NOTICE

BOROUGH OF FANWOOD NOTICE OF INTRODUCTION OF ORDINANCE 07-05-R AND PUBLIC HEARING

An ordinance was introduced by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Fanwood on January 9, 2007. Copies of this ordinance can be obtained without cost in the Clerk's Office, at the Fanwood Borough Hall, 75 North Martine Avenue, Fanwood, New Jersey between the hours of 8 a.m. and 4 p.m., Monday through Friday.

PUBLIC NOTICE

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE FANWOOD BOROUGH CODE TO PROVIDE FOR THE CREATION OF A SOLID WASTE COLLECTION DISTRICT NO. 1

This ordinance is scheduled for public hearing and adoption on February 13, 2007 7:30 P.M., Fanwood Borough Hall, 75 North Martine Avenue, Fanwood, New Jersey

Eleanor McGovern
Borough Clerk
1 T - 1/18/07, The Times Fee: \$23.46

PUBLIC NOTICE

SCOTCH PLAINS-FANWOOD BOARD OF EDUCATION NOTICE OF MEETINGS

(In Compliance with OPEN PUBLIC MEETINGS ACT - Chapter 231) "APPENDUM TO REGULARLY SCHEDULED MEETINGS"

TYPE OF MEETING: Board/PTA Roundtable Discussion
DATE OF MEETING: Tuesday, January 30, 2007
LOCATION: Terrill Middle School
1301 Terrill Road
Scotch Plains, NJ 07076
TIME: 7:30 p.m. - "Meet & Greet" Coffee
8:00 p.m. - Question/Answer & Discussion
PURPOSE OF MEETING: The Board will meet with the PTA to discuss various topics of concern.
ACTION TO BE TAKEN: Action will not be taken.
1 T - 1/18/07, The Times Fee: \$32.64

PUBLIC NOTICE

MEMORANDUM OF RECORD DIAGNOSTIC TEAM MEETING

DOCKET NO. DOT W01-2006P
RAHWAY AVENUE, GRADE CROSSING

IN THE MATTER OF THE PETITION OF THE TOWN OF WESTFIELD REGARDING THE DESIGNATION OF A QUIET ZONE AT THE RAHWAY AVENUE GRADE CROSSING AND THE TRACKS OF CONSOLIDATED RAIL CORPORATION IN THE TOWN OF WESTFIELD IN THE COUNTY OF UNION, USDOT CROSSING NO. 362871G.

The Commissioner of the New Jersey Department of Transportation (the "Department") initiated a review of the captioned matter on the petition submitted by the Town of Westfield (the "Town") to determine whether the engineering-technical changes at the crossing relating to the Town's initiation of the process of designating a 24-hour Quiet Zone under the Federal Railroad Administration ("FRA") rules will serve the public.

After notice, a Diagnostic Team Meeting was held on Monday, December 18, 2006 at 10 a.m. at the highway-rail at-grade crossing of Rahway Avenue in the Town of Westfield, Union County. The purpose of the meeting was to review the changes required at the crossing to qualify for Quiet Zone status under the requirements of the FRA Supplemental Safety Measures as set forth in Appendix A of the final FRA regulations.

The Diagnostic Team Meeting was attended by the following:
NEW JERSEY DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION
Todd R. Hirt Diagnostic Team Leader Railroad Engineering & Safety
Greg Spiritosanto Senior Engineer Railroad Engineering & Safety

CONSOLIDATED RAIL CORPORATION
Leo McGlynn Director of Engineering & Construction
William Kaeser Construction Engineer
Doug Tracy Signal Engineer

TOWN OF WESTFIELD
Andy Skibitsky Mayor
Marti Ciarrrocca Councilman
Jim Foerst Councilman
Jim Gildea Town Administrator
Ken Marsh Engineer
Kris McAloon Asst. Town Engineer
Claire Gray Town Clerk
John Parizeau Police Chief
Elga Goodman Attorney representing Town of Westfield

BOARD OF EDUCATION
Robert Berman Board of Education
Mike Morris Supervisor of Maintenance

UNION COUNTY
Angelo Paparella Union County for Thomas Mineo, County Engineer

If Bond Fails, All Bets Are off for Westfield Neighborhood Schooling

It is unfortunate that your newspaper has added to the misinformation regarding the upcoming school bond referendum. I was a member of the Citizens Advisory Committee on Enrollment (CACE).

Contrary to your January 11 editorial, the CACE did not recommend building the new early development facility at Lincoln School. As you should be aware from our report, we proposed building classroom space onto one Northside and one Southside school to house kindergarten, special education and other related programs. After further analysis, Dr. Foley and the Board of Education determined that it would be even more cost effective to convert Lincoln School into an early education center, a move that also would resolve the legitimate concerns of neighbors about the county program currently housed at Lincoln School.

It is true that if the proposal succeeds, all incoming kindergartners will spend their first year of school at a non-neighborhood school. But those children have

no attachment whatsoever to their neighborhood school, and almost certainly will not be walking there anyway. If passed, the bond will free up much needed space at all neighborhood schools, so that children who are attending them now can continue to do so.

As the CACE came to appreciate, school populations do not conveniently increase evenly around town, or only where the neighborhood schools have space. Populations fluctuate erratically, and a number of our neighborhood schools are at the breaking point. If the bond fails, all bets are off for neighborhood schooling, as children could be sent anywhere there is room. Neighborhood schooling is preserved for our first through fifth graders by sending kindergartners elsewhere and creating room in their existing schools.

That is one of the many reasons why I am voting for the bond, and I encourage all Westfielders to do likewise.

Sam Della Fera, Jr.
Westfield

WF Bond is Premature With Possible State Mandate Coming

Governor Cozine is touting plans for mandatory kindergarten, even mentioning it as recently as his state-of-the-state speech last week. Yet Westfield has a proposed \$9.4 million bond coming up for a vote, that will still leave the town with half-day kindergarten.

What will happen if and when this "full day" state mandate passes after the bond is approved and Lincoln School is renovated and expanded? The proposed expansion is nowhere near big enough to house full-day kindergarten classes.

Will another, bigger multi-million dollar addition need to be added on to the Lincoln School? Would the Lincoln

School be big enough, regardless of how big an addition is put on, to house full-day kindergarten or would an entirely new plan need to be implemented?

The number of kindergarten classrooms would need to more than double, since many people send their kids to private full-day kindergarten, who would probably then opt to send them to public school.

I've heard that when asked about this, Dr. Foley has said that the full-day mandate will "never happen." I'm not sure how he somehow knows more than the governor on this matter. Maybe he's right. But I'd rather wait and see than bet \$9.4 million on it.

April Stec
Westfield

PUBLIC NOTICE

NOTICE OF AWARD OF CONTRACT FOR PROFESSIONAL SERVICES BY THE TOWNSHIP OF SCOTCH PLAINS

CONTRACTOR: Richard C. Mariani, Esq., Ogletree, Deakins, Nash, Smoak & Stewart, P.C.; 10 Madison Avenue, Morristown, New Jersey 07960
NATURE OF SERVICE: Continued representation of Scotch Plains Police Department and Thomas E. Atkins in the consolidated matters of Peal v. Township of Scotch Plains, et al. and Butler v. Township of Scotch Plains, et al.
DURATION: Until completion of the above.
AMOUNT: Not to exceed \$10,000, and billed at the hourly rate of \$225, for Richard Mariani, Esq., and \$200, per hour for any other support and to be applied toward fees and costs for those services which shall be subject to the approval of the Township Attorney and which are not covered by insurance.
THE RESOLUTION AND CONTRACT FOR SAME ARE ON FILE IN THE OFFICE OF THE TOWNSHIP CLERK.
Barbara Riepe
Township Clerk
1 T - 1/18/07, The Times Fee: \$25.50

PUBLIC NOTICE

BOROUGH OF FANWOOD NOTICE OF INTRODUCTION OF ORDINANCE 07-03-S AND PUBLIC HEARING

An ordinance was introduced by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Fanwood on January 9, 2007. Copies of this ordinance can be obtained without cost in the Clerk's Office, at the Fanwood Borough Hall, 75 North Martine Avenue, Fanwood, New Jersey between the hours of 8 a.m. and 4 p.m., Monday through Friday.

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 86, SALARIES AND COMPENSATION, TO INCREASE CERTAIN SALARY RANGES.

This ordinance is scheduled for public hearing and adoption on February 13, 2007 7:30 P.M., Fanwood Borough Hall, 75 North Martine Avenue, Fanwood, New Jersey

Eleanor McGovern
Borough Clerk
1 T - 1/18/07, The Times Fee: \$22.44

PUBLIC NOTICE

RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE DIAGNOSTIC TEAM ARE:

1. The Town of Westfield and as the bus companies leave the Town to return to their depot they do not use Rahway Avenue. The number of out of district school buses using the crossing was not known at the meeting. The Team observed three out of district school buses at the crossing during the entire meeting.
2. The number of pedestrians that use the crossing was unknown and there was little evidence of pedestrian traffic in the area. The Team observed no pedestrian traffic at the crossing during the entire meeting.
3. Sight distance between a vehicle and railroad warning device on approach to the crossing in both directions is clear. However, it was noted that there are truck trailers located near the crossing on private property that may impair the view of the crossing. It was agreed that matter would be researched to see if there are any zoning or other regulations that would give the Town any jurisdiction to have them moved. Conrail was going to determine whether its easement included the private parking lot in question. This, however, would not impact whether the Town could proceed with establishing the Quiet Zone.
4. Due to work near the crossing by PSE&G the Town has not resurfaced the roadway. The Town is waiting until PSE&G completes its construction in the spring of 2007 to resurface the roadway and to replace the railroad pavement markings, stop bars, and railroad advanced warning signs in both directions. Should PSE&G not complete their project in a timely manner, the Town will ensure that all required signage and pavement markings have been properly installed at this location.
5. Conrail at the Town of Westfield's expense will install the power out indicators and constant warning system. The estimate for additional equipment needed is approximately \$50,000. Conrail indicated that the equipment could take up to nine months to receive once it is ordered. Cross bucks are part of the warning system and are included in the estimated cost.

- NOTES:
- 1.) Permission is GRANTED to the Town of Westfield to proceed with the establishment of a 24-hour Quiet Zone at the Rahway Avenue crossing in accordance with the requirements of the FRA regulation based on the following:
 - a. An agreement will be drawn between the Town of Westfield and Conrail, as to the design an installation of the power out indicators, constant warning system, and cross-bucks.
 - b. All costs associated with the upgrades at the crossing will be paid by the Town of Westfield as agreed to between the Town and Conrail in such agreement.
 - c. The following recommendations are agreed to and implemented:

Recommendations of the Diagnostic Team are:

- A. The Consolidated Rail Corporation shall:
 1. Install post-mounted and cantilever supported back-to-back railroad crossbuck (R115-1) signs on both approaches to the crossing. The crossbucks shall conform to NJDOT specifications for retro-reflective sheeting (916.04).
 2. Install "Do Not Stop on Tracks" sign on the masts or on railroad property in such a manner as to not interfere with the railroad warning lights.
 3. Install roadway-crossing gates with LED light markers in the southeast and northwest quadrants.
 4. Install signal circuitry to establish a constant warning time of the railroad warning devices. The Federal government requirement is 20 seconds, but the State requests 30 seconds for added safety.
 5. Install power out indicators.
 6. Notify the Department's Railroad Engineering and Safety Unit in writing when work will begin and has been completed so that inspections by Department may be conducted and final acceptance/approval(s) issued.
- B. Town of Westfield shall:
 1. Install signage that is retro-reflective on both sides.
 2. Install appropriate pavement markings including stop bars, in accordance with the Manual on Uniform Traffic Control Devices (MUTCD) standards at the crossing.
 3. Install advance warning signs and "No Train Horn" sign.
 4. Ensure that all plantings at the crossing do not exceed 2 1/2 feet at time of planting. The Town shall be responsible for the maintenance of the plantings and shall maintain the plantings at a height not to exceed 2 1/2 feet.
- C. Inclusive:
 1. ALL devices controlling roadway vehicles and pedestrians shall be installed in accordance with the MANUAL ON UNIFORM TRAFFIC CONTROL DEVICES.
 2. Appropriate maintenance of traffic and traffic controls for trains, vehicles and pedestrians affected by this work at the crossing are to be established before work begins.
 3. All work associated with this matter SHALL be subject to final acceptance/approval(s) by the Department's Railroad Engineering & Safety Unit.
 4. The completion date will be included in the pending ORDER that will be issued by the Department.

This Memorandum of Record will be distributed to those invited in the Initiation of Proceedings and meeting attendees. The public will be notified in local newspapers or publications. Unless a meritorious objection to the recommendations is advanced by any of the interested parties or by members of the general public, the matter will be submitted to the Commissioner of the New Jersey Department of Transportation for his final determination. Anyone NOT in accord with these provisions MUST reply in writing within thirty (30) days from the receipt of this Memorandum of Record. Failure to respond will be taken as acceptance.

Objections received may be submitted to the Department's Exception Review Committee to determine further action.

Any questions and/or objections concerning this matter should be directed to:

James Gildea
Town Administrator
Town of Westfield
425 East Broad Street
Westfield, New Jersey 07090

Diagnostic Team Leader
Telephone: (908) 789-4041

Co-Todd R. Hirt
Railroad Engineering and Safety Unit
New Jersey Department of Transportation
P.O. Box 600
Trenton, New Jersey 08625

Telephone: (609) 530-4944

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