

REPORT OF THE TRAFFIC SAFETY COMMITTEE

The committee first met to review the list of roads and then visited the areas of concern. There is agreement that speed and a lack of signage are major issues that need to be addressed. We understand that enforcement may be a problem and realize that there are cost with placing signs and if additional hours are required to patrol our roads.

*The road list provided was missing Paradise Lane, Sharon Lane, and Dana Lane. There are other lanes listed that may or may not be town roads.

Starting with the most critical our recommendations are:

1. Lowering the speed limit from 35 mph to 25 mph in Belmont Village. This would include adding 4 "Historic District Ahead" signs. There is agreement that speeding in the village is the priority, and one suggestion was to add temporary speed bumps. One committee member has heard from some families with young children about their safety concerns.
2. Lowering the speed limit on all paved town roads to 40 mph, and unpaved town roads to 35 mph.
3. Posting the entrance to Mount Holly Heights at 35 mph.
4. Making the intersection of Shunpike Road and Ninevah Road either a 3-way stop or adding signs that warn of a side road ahead.
5. Placing a hidden side road warning sign on Healdville Road so drivers know that Branch Brook Road is ahead on the right. And adding a mirror here may improve visibility.
6. Moving the stop sign at Flanders corner to be nearer to the access to Healdville Road and adding another stop sign at this grassy triangle when heading toward Belmont.
7. Adding a hidden side roads sign on Belmont Road to warn drivers that Nichols Road and Teer Road are ahead.
8. Restoring a stop sign where Gates Road connects with Belmont Road.
9. Replacing the yield sign with a stop sign where Straight Road merges onto Maple Hill Road.
10. Possibly removing the grassy triangle at the bottom of Lake Street to widen the access onto Belmont Road. *There is not total agreement on doing this.

State Highway concerns:

1. The lack of visibility looking east toward Ludlow when accessing Route 103 at the flashing yellow light. If the highway is lowered it would be easier to see further. Possibly lowering the speed limit approaching this intersection that already has a flashing warning light.
2. No sign on Route 155 south of Howland Farm Road warning of this hidden side road ahead.
3. The removal of the Scampsville Road sign on Route 155. This is used as a snowmobile trail and is certainly no longer a town-maintained road.

Respectfully submitted,

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