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Re: Intersection of Shore Road and Ocean House Road

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Laura Reddington <laurareddington77@yahoo.com>

Thu, Mar 29, 2018 at 8:49 AM

To: Jessica Sullivan <jessica.sullivan@capeelizabeth.org>

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Thank you for considering my concerns. The committee members quick responses and actions have been surprising, supportive and reassuring. I am thankful to live in a community where it's members have a voice and their voices are listened to and their concerns are genuinely considered.

Best,
Laura Reddington

On Mar 28, 2018, at 06:57, Jessica Sullivan <jessica.sullivan@capeelizabeth.org> wrote:

Dear Ms. Reddington,

As promised, here are the next steps on this issue. Matt Sturgis has met with police chief Neil Williams to discuss the intersection. We are including that information on the town council's agenda for Monday April 9, 2018. The town council may want to discuss what is presented in further detail at a workshop.

Thank you for writing to us about this, and I am sure we will be able to find a solution(s) to make that intersection safer.

Sincerely,

Jessica Sullivan
Chairman, Cape Elizabeth Town Council
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On Mar 16, 2018, at 8:28 AM, Jessica Sullivan <jessica.sullivan@capeelizabeth.org> wrote:

Dear Ms. Reddington,

Thank you for writing. This intersection has been addressed from time to time in recent years which has led to the current changes we have (lighted crosswalk etc.). I agree that it we should revisit the situation at this intersection and I also agree that the new Cumberland Farms location has made things worse. I can tell you that in the past we have asked the state to reduce speed on Route 77 (this is a state road) in the center of town several times and the state has always declined.

I will speak with Matt Sturgis, town manager, and Neil Williams, police chief, and start a review process. I will let you know what the next steps will be.

Sincerely,

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On Mar 15, 2018, at 7:10 PM, 'Laura Reddington' via Cape Elizabeth Town Council <cetowncouncil@capeelizabeth.org> wrote:

Council Members:

I write to express my concern for the safety of our middle and elementary school students who must navigate the intersection of Shore and Ocean House Roads in order to commute to and from school. The town posts 2 crossing guards in a 15 mph marked school zone at both the intersection of Hill Rd and Scott Dyer, and across from Brentwood at the entrance of the schools and Scott Dyer. Not only are these cars traveling slower, they are usually carrying students- who would be more aware than another parent? Furthermore, there is a police cruiser presence more often than not parked in that area, as well. The far more complex and busy intersection in front of Shore and 77, further complicated by Cumberland Farms' patrons and preoccupied commuters, unpatrolled. A few years ago the town built the well-loved path along Shore Road in an attempt to maximize the safety of pedestrians and enhance and promote Cape Elizabeth's tradition as an active community. Having ridden a bicycle to school with my elementary school-aged son and middle school-aged daughter many times last spring, I implore you to consider the lighted crosswalk at Shore and 77 as minimally to not effective for safety. I have witnessed cars stop at the crosswalk only to watch a car from one, two or three cars behind go into the shoulder to go around. It is very difficult to explain to a child how to be aware of such an event. It would also only take one child to be injured or worse for that to change and I would hate for it to be any of ours. There is a large part of our school-aged population that long to ride and walk to and from town from the Shore Road area neighborhoods that should have the same safety afforded to them during the morning and afternoon hours when school is in session. I would hate to think that we would wait for a tragedy to force action on what seems like a pretty obvious and fixable problem.

Thank you, sincerely, for hearing this Cape mom's concerns. Looking forward to a solution.

Laura Reddington
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