

TOWN COUNCIL MEETING: MARCH 26, 2024

WRITTEN TESTIMONY: PUBLIC HEARING - MAIN STREET/ROUTE 17 SIDEWALKS - PHASE III

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Loren	Van Ostrand	1278 Main Street	<p>My family and I have lived at 1278 Main St. for over a decade. We greatly appreciate the Council continuing to explore the addition of sidewalks - they are needed and we support the issue. If given the choice of sidewalks or a lowering of the speed limit, we would choose a lowering of the speed limit. We have had numerous vehicles end up in our front yard and have witnessed dozens of accidents in front of both our house and the Cider Mill when it is open for the season. Speed is the issue, as drivers regularly travel at 50+ MPH in the 40 MPH zone. Sidewalks and speed aside, water drainage on the east side of road from Chestnut Hill to the Cider Mill is also a major issue, and we are appreciative that this has been acknowledged by the Town Engineer. With no drain basins along the nearly half-mile long, downward stretch, our yard floods with roadway rain water nearly every time it rains. It's an issue that is beginning to cause meaningful erosion and property damage and that may create issues of town/state liability. We implore the town (or DOT) to please address with the drainage and speed issues regardless of what may happen with sidewalks. Thank you again for your work on the town's behalf.</p>
