



**Cannon Road Traffic and Safety Issues  
Summary of Resident Concerns**

**October 2023**

**To: Board of Selectmen  
Town Administrator**

**Cc: Chief Conlan, Wilton Police Department**

## Summary of Resident Response to Ongoing Cannon Road Safety Issues

### Background – Resident Efforts

On August 5, 2022 Cannon Road representatives met with First Selectwoman Vanderslice, Chief of Police Lynch, and Lieutenant Hartman on behalf of 51 frustrated residents to discuss serious and ongoing safety issues on Cannon Road. Residents agreed that a meeting was necessary after efforts to engage Town officials and the Wilton Police Department to take preventive or corrective measures resulted in little to no response for many years.

*Thirteen months have passed since our meeting.* Our recommendations were straightforward. They considered the ease and cost of implementation, degree of meaningful impact on resident safety, effective budget allocation, and solutions successfully employed by a neighboring town. Little or no meaningful action has been taken and safety concerns have only increased.

As a result, residents felt it was necessary to document their concerns to the Board of Selectmen and other town officials.

### Documented Concerns – Resident Participation and Demographics

In the past month, *71 residents representing 43 households* submitted letters asking the Board of Selectmen to fast-track recommended actions to address their concerns. Residents on Cannon Road, Black Alder Lane and Springbrook Lane are equally impacted.

The four families from tributary roads whose properties border Cannon Road; Hurlbutt Street, Seeley Road, Sturges Ridge are also affected by Cannon Road traffic issues. *8 additional residents* are not included in the above count, having moved over the past year+, but voiced similar concerns as noted below.

*78% of respondent households* offered personal comments.

Comments **span long-term to more recent residents**, all of whom moved to Cannon Road to enjoy a **quality of life** they feel is seriously impinged by traffic issues. Of note are concerns raised by some our most recent neighbors who have lived on Cannon Road only a few months to less than 2 years. Longer term residents, homeowners for 20, 30 and 40 years, have seen a significant decline in safety and quality of life issues over the past 5 years.

Almost all residents who wrote in comments mentioned the excessive **speed of vehicles** on Cannon Road as a primary or contributing factor.

Many **fear doing common everyday activities**, such as walking, riding bikes or even checking their mailboxes or exiting their driveways. Most qualify the road as “dangerous”, “unsafe”, “scary” or “sketchy”.

Many cited the increase in dangerous and noisy trucks, especially **pool trucks**, using Cannon Road as a bypass for Route 7.

There is a uniform desire for **action on the part of the Town**, some offering their driveways for police surveillance and the need for STOP signs at dangerous intersections, e.g. Sturges Ridge/Cannon, Seeley/Cannon and Wampum Hill/Cannon.

**Have you raised your concerns with the Town?** Approximately half of the residents have contacted the Wilton Police Department, Town, or Board of Education Officials within the past 2 to 3 years, some more than once. Others noted that WPD presence has noticeably decreased (speed checks) but have not made contact.

## Priority Issues and Danger Points – Resident Requests for Action

- 1) Enforce Speed Limits: Conduct regular speed enforcement and ticketing. Employ increased use of more mobile, tech savvy, speed monitoring equipment (e.g. ATS for remote data collection and monitoring) in high speed straightaways.
- 2) Designate Cannon Road “No Thru Trucks”: One of top two resident concerns, recommended by Chief Conlan 9 years ago.
- 3) Enforce Stop Signs: Current locations are already hotspots and dangerous intersections.
- 4) Install Stop Sign(s): Sturges Ridge (formerly recommended by WPD) and Wampum Hill (in conjunction with Weston) intersections.
- 5) Improve Signage: Placement, visibility and clarity are poor. Take proactive measures to overall improve specific areas versus reaction to individual complaints. Focus and on well-known dangerous intersections and blind curves. Includes stop signs, stop ahead, directional sharp curve warnings.
- 6) Conduct Conditions Study: Professional evaluation of road conditions (speed zones, inclines, curves) to recommend corrective actions.

## Documented Concerns – Full List of Resident Comments

### Increase in speed and volume of traffic

- Having lived at this address for 10+ years, we have noticed a significant increase in 1) the speed of traffic, 2) quantity of traffic and 3) size of vehicles (i.e. commercial trucks). One now takes their life at risk getting to mail boxes or walking to a neighbor's. Speed bumps or anything to slow traffic would be appreciated.
- We have 2 young children who enjoy being outside. Despite being set back off Cannon Rd, the speed and volume of cars is of great concern to us. Thank you for evaluating this proposal.

### Increase in thru trucks

- Way too many pool trucks using Cannon as a shortcut. A vast majority of people are speeding – 40+ mph. I've been honked at and passed on Cannon and Hurlbutt for going the speed limit. I feel unsafe pulling out of my driveway because people are speeding.
- I have been a member of this neighborhood for 30 years and have, unfortunately, seen the safety conditions of Cannon Road deteriorate precipitously as it has begun to be used regularly as a thru-road for trucks for which it was never designed. The rural character of historic roads like Cannon, and the lifestyle it preserves for its residents, sustain Wilton as a uniquely desirable community and must be protected not just for the well-being of its residents but for the long-term health of the town itself.
- 2 simple activities turned into what we live with every day. **August 10<sup>th</sup> 11:43 a.m.** Attempted to walk to my next-door neighbor, never made it. 2 pool water tanker trucks bypassed each other opposite me, never slowed down, forced me off the road into the ditch. I sustained a sprained wrist and ankle, bruises, and scrapes. 90 minutes later went to my mailbox, an officer pulled into a neighbor's driveway

to monitor speed, and witnessed the "dirt bike group" we have advised WPD of for over a year+ that harasses pedestrians along the road and walkers on open space trails. Seeing the officer, they revved their bikes, weaved across the road and upon reaching us popped wheelies. When you are alone on the trails or just getting your mail, this behavior is frightful. **May 17<sup>th</sup>** the same tanker trucks started at **8:15 a.m.** and continued to 9:07, 9:12, 9:42, 9:59, 10:22, 10:28, 10:53, 10:54, 11:19, 12:16, 2:39...**5:14 p.m.** They maintain their speed up the inclines and take the blind curves in the middle or wrong side of the road. Stopping distance is extended and residents listen for trucks that use Cannon Road to bypass Danbury Road in order to avoid being hit while exiting their driveways. Years of calls, emails, and in person pleas have been ignored. Conditions have worsened. Our neighborhood is now described as dangerous, unsafe, and scary.

### **Fear for children's safety**

- We have a family with 7 children under the age of 10. We are very hesitant about allowing our children to go anywhere close to Cannon Road. The road is very narrow and cars and larger trucks drive very fast and recklessly. We would love to be able to walk along Cannon Road and feel we could do it safely.
- I am concerned for the safety of my children waiting at the bus stop and wanting to bike ride down Cannon for even a very short distance. Even driving is nerve-wracking with cars speeding along the road. Please act.
- We have a 6-year-old and the speeds are an obvious concern.
- We live across from Rolling Hills CC and our bus stop is across the street. Me and my child were almost hit as a driver sped up, going considerably over the speed limit, and ignoring the bus stop signals. Additionally, we are no longer able to safely walk on Hurlbutt following Covid due to excessive speeding.
- As a resident living at the curve where Cannon and Hurlbutt meet, I am astounded daily over the lack of police presence for those that speed at alarming rates on this stretch. I am so concerned that I hesitate to allow young children to take the bus to Wilton's public schools. I certainly would not feel safe walking or biking here. Please address.
- My son starts high school this year. He has already started walking to/from the HS and calls Cannon Rd the 'sketchy' road. A sidewalk would make it the safest.

### **Fear of walking/biking**

- Need ways to walk on the road
- There is too much speeding on Cannon Road. While walking my dog I am concerned about being hit by a speeding car. The truck engines break in front of my house—it is very noisy. I am concerned for my safety and my neighborhood. Police are welcome to sit in my driveway to stop drivers.
- We often fear for our safety on Cannon Road. My son, daughter, husband, and myself are all runners and fear for our lives every time we venture out on Cannon Road. Often cars and motorcycles zoom by at 50 to 80 miles per hour. It is really unliveable, and dangerous – one day someone will be seriously injured or killed. Please help us to make our community – street – SAFE!!! Thank you.
- Cannon is a scary road to walk our dog on, esp if we are heading to Belknap Preserve area. Additionally, as a cyclist, the hairpin turns—the cars—feels dangerous. And yes, people speed on the straight-away areas.

### Fear of exiting driveway

- We live on a blind curve in Cannon Road, and pulling out of our driveway is challenging and dangerous as cars and trucks come speeding around the bend. Heavy pool and landscaping trucks barrel by in both directions, and cars will often cross the double yellow line as we exit our driveway, meaning they could meet a truck or car head-on. Traffic volume and speeding need to be addressed by the Town to make Cannon Road safe for all.
- We've been here for 22 years. This can be a very dangerous road. Cars speed including oversized trucks down this road. They are a danger to people who walk on the and to people exiting their driveways.

### Fear of using mailbox

- We have resided on 72 Cannon for 9 years. On two occasions, speeding cars have wiped out our mailbox. Trucks & cars thunder by at high speed and there is no check. My child is in high school & I am concerned about her safety.
- We have lived here since July 1995. Cannon Road has gotten increasingly dangerous over the past 5 years. People continue to use it as a "detour" to Rt. 7 both northbound and southbound. They drive at **very high speeds with no regard to pedestrians**. I am afraid to get my mail as our mailboxes are on Cannon Road.

### Dangerous intersections/Near accidents

- Intersection of Sturges Ridge and Cannon Road is very dangerous. We have lived here almost 2 years and have each had near accidents (multiple) where either someone hasn't stopped coming out of Sturges or trucks & cars driving on the wrong side of the road on Cannon north. Maybe a dotted line connecting past Sturges Rd would help.
- Cannon Road is currently a thoroughfare for high-speed traffic even though it is clearly an established neighborhood with tremendous wildlife presence from the expansive wetlands. Unfortunately, without consistent enforcement it seems people feel entitled to do whatever they want. On numerous occasions cars have passed me while driving on Cannon because they are unhappy I follow the speed limit. My husband was almost hit making a left turn into our driveway b/c the person behind him was impatient and decided they were going to pass him on the left. We both have also had close calls with other vehicles near Wampum Hill and Cannon as well as Sturges Ridge and Cannon, many times involving someone not stopping at the stop signs. It is my hope that the town can focus some of their time on the situation on Cannon Road in order to improve the quality of life for all those who call it home.

The issues addressed above are real and the proposed action steps are reasonable. Let's not wait for the serious injury or worse before taking action to address these concerns.

- Yes, I agree the traffic on Cannon Road, a popular road for walkers (of all ages), and cyclists, has become more dangerous. Please feel free to include the following comments in your efforts to raise awareness about the issues on Cannon Road.

There are various parts of Cannon Road that have specific dangers, but the one that I am most concerned about is the three-way junction between Cannon Road, Cannondale Road and Wampum Hill Road.

The Cannondale/Cannon Road nexus is a favorite route of commuters in the morning and evening - those drivers tend to be **"in a hurry" and take the curve at speed**. Then there are the large trucks (construction-related or otherwise) that thread through that junction! Unfortunately, the road narrows there, and the excessive vegetation that obscures visibility doesn't help. There are also various occasions when I have to make a left turn at that junction from Cannon Road onto Wampum Hill Road (to get to the Transfer Station!). That can be a somewhat blood pressure raising turn as I'm not sure if some idiot isn't tearing the other way around the curve from Cannondale Road. When I use Cannondale Road to get to Cannon Road, when I live, I ALWAYS stop at that junction even though there is no STOP sign there. My recommendation is that the introduction of a STOP sign on Cannondale Road leading into Cannon Road would reduce the dangers of that junction significantly.

- We would like to see several Stop signs on Cannon especially on both sides of the sharp curve at #68
- I lived at 68 Cannon Rd from 1994 – 2011 and owned the property until last year. In my tenure, I personally witnessed over 10 accidents in front of the house. Police enforcement of the speed limit during that time was virtually zero.

### Quality of life

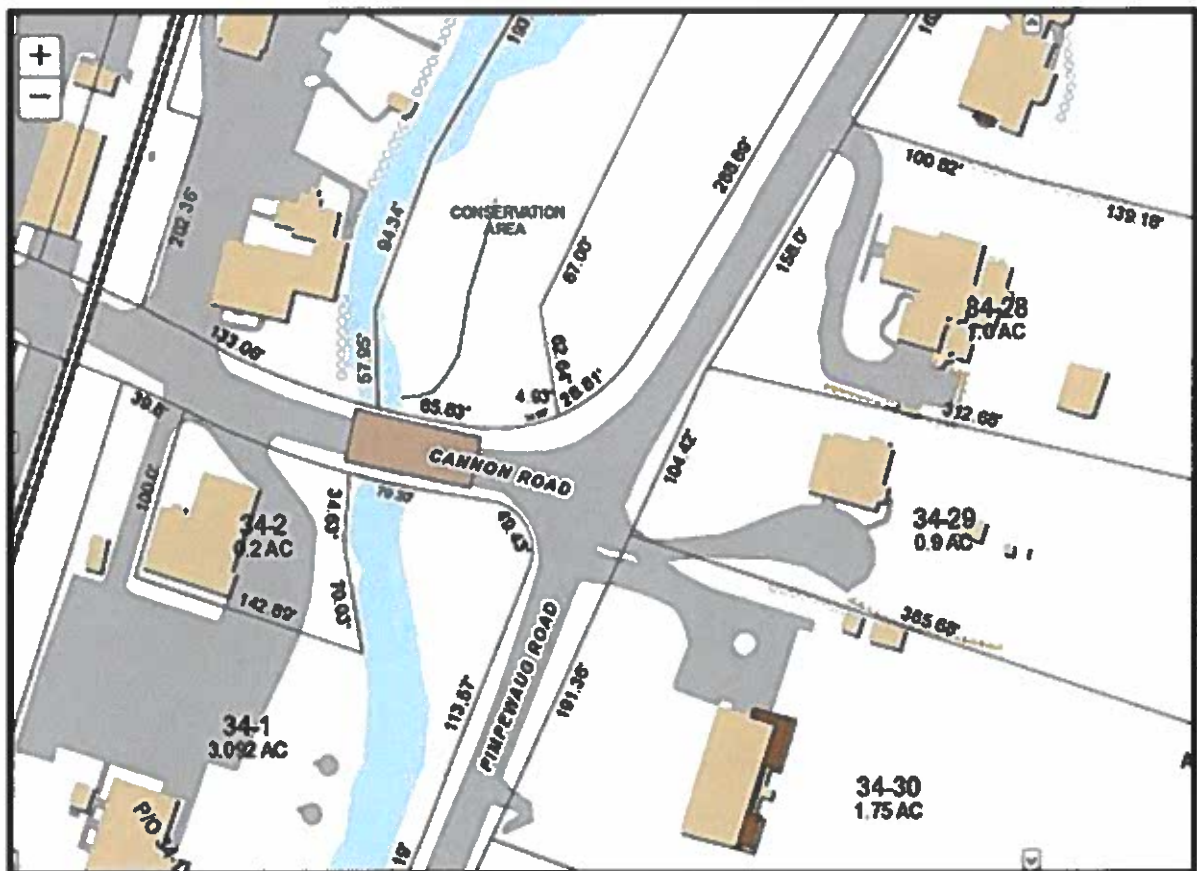
- In my 42 years as owner and resident of Cannon Road, I've witnessed many accidents, and more near misses, and suffered the repeated expense of repairs to my stone walls that were hit by speeding cars and trucks barreling along Cannon Road. ...Many...are just as troubled and affected as I am by the speeding and abuse of a country road as a short cut highway to avoid Route 7 that grievously affects not only your safety but quality of life. It's not only the town's lack of action that keeps residents at risk on our road: the new GPS systems that alert commercial and personal vehicles to Cannon Road as an alternative to Route 7 has caused a huge surge in traffic – driver especially in a rush.
- It's just not pleasant living on Cannon Rd for me these days after 34 years. My quality of life is much less than what it used to be. I won't ride my bike any more here and I'm not even walking on this road as I used to. It's too dangerous – cars, motorcycles & trucks going FAR TOO FAST. There is an accident waiting to happen. Please help to prevent this. You have the power to do so – Please do it.

## Locations / Views of Dangerous Intersections and Conditions

### 3-Way Intersection at Cannon Road and Pimpewaug

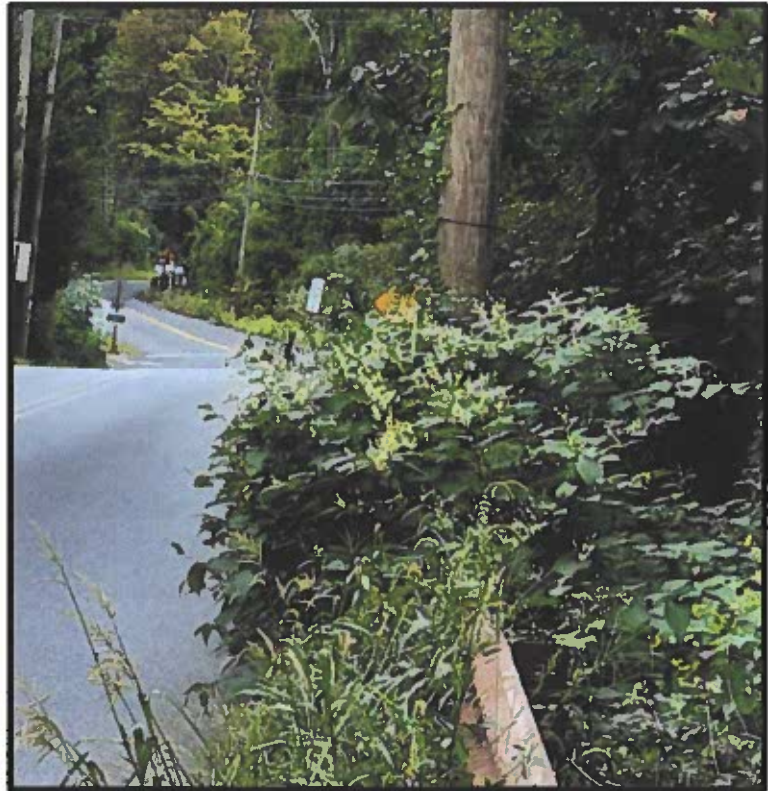
#### Issues:

- Cannon southbound stop sign and warning signs hidden
- Cannon southbound straightaway speed and stop sign ignored
- Pimpewaug northbound straightaway speed and stop sign ignored

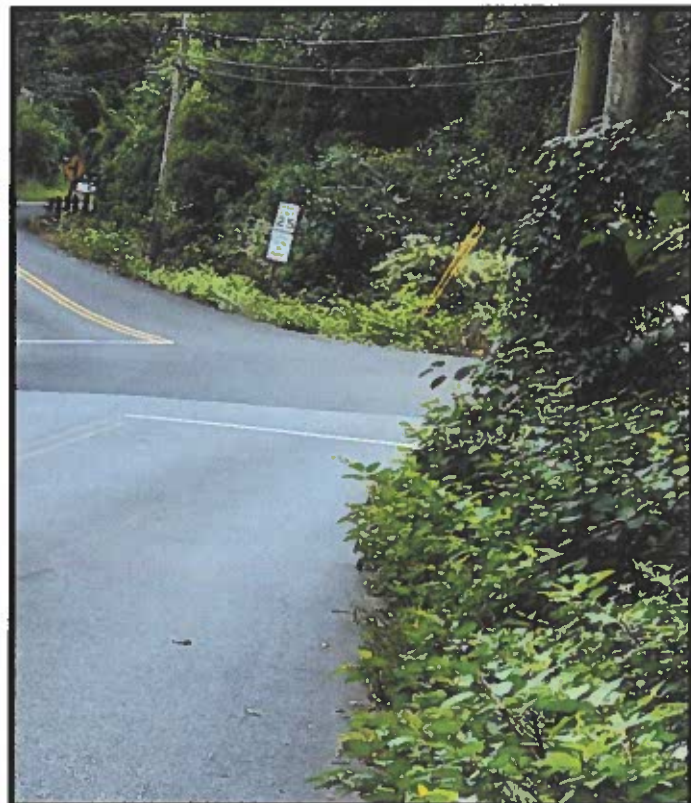


### 3-Way Intersection at Cannon Road and Pimpewaug

**Stop  
Ahead**



**Stop  
Sign**

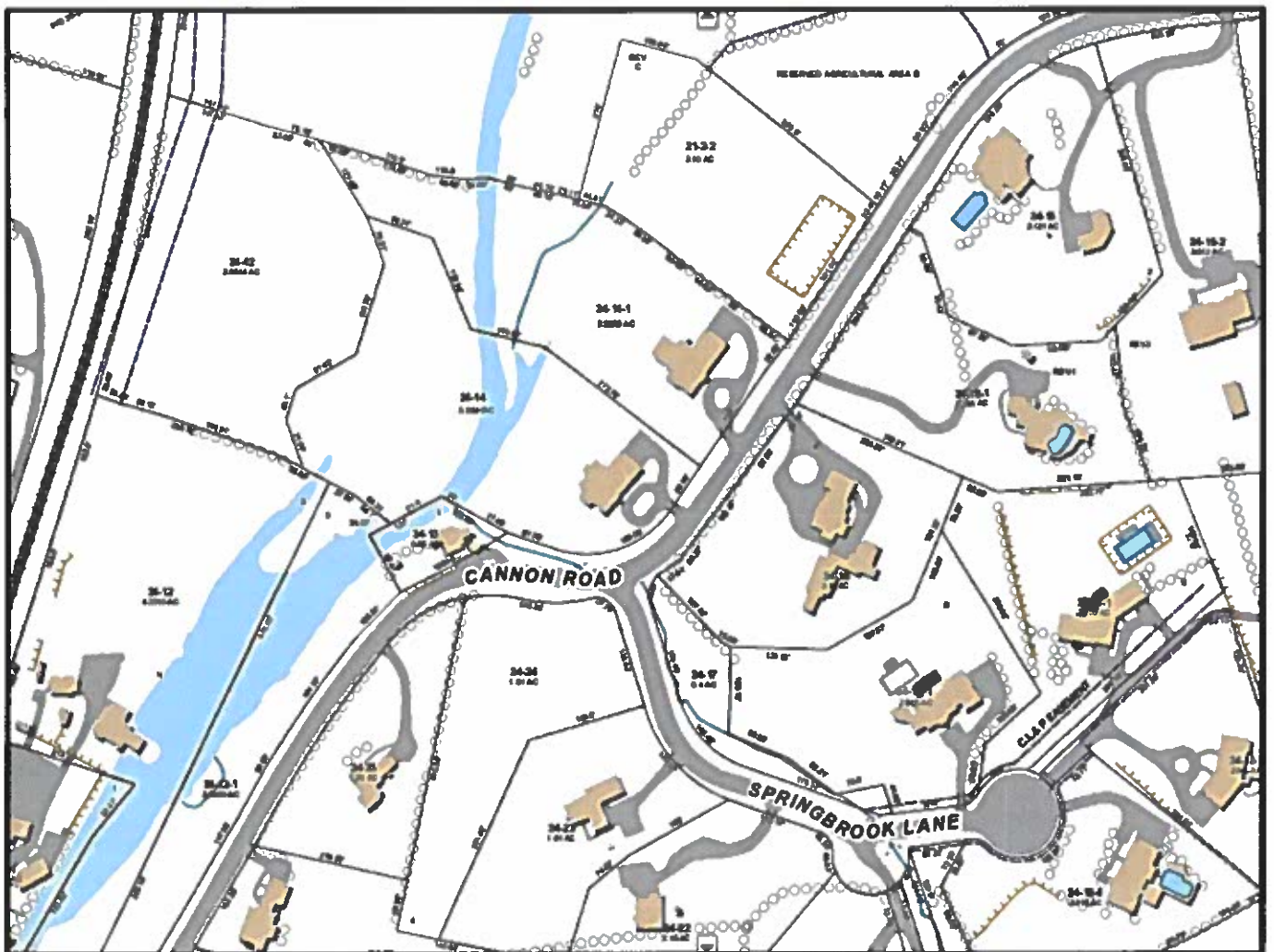


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### Lower Cannon 2 Straightaways into Blind "S" Curve

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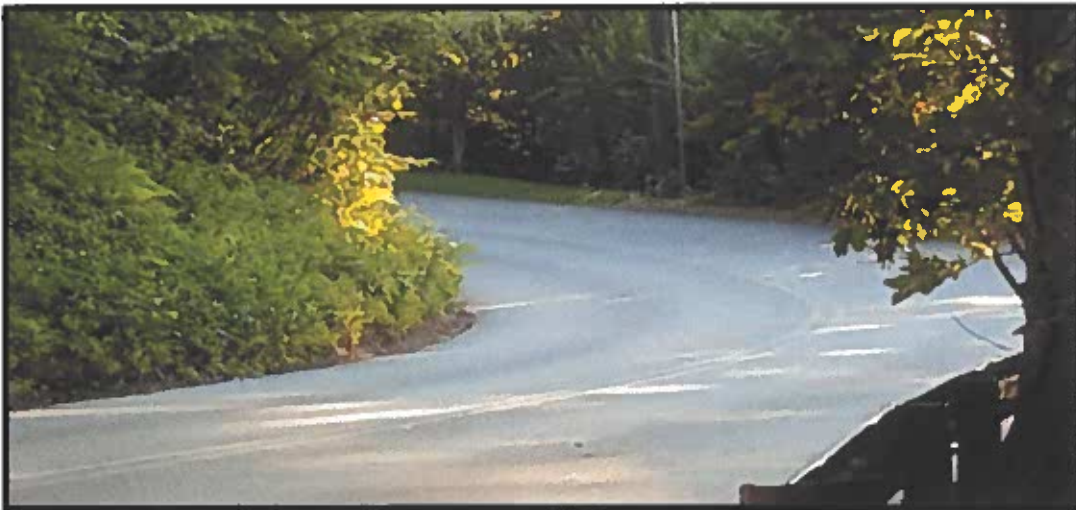
- Straightaway speeds, north and south bound into blind curves
- Hidden driveways
- Unsafe exiting Springbrook Lane
- No road shoulders, steep slopes, guard rails, stone walls



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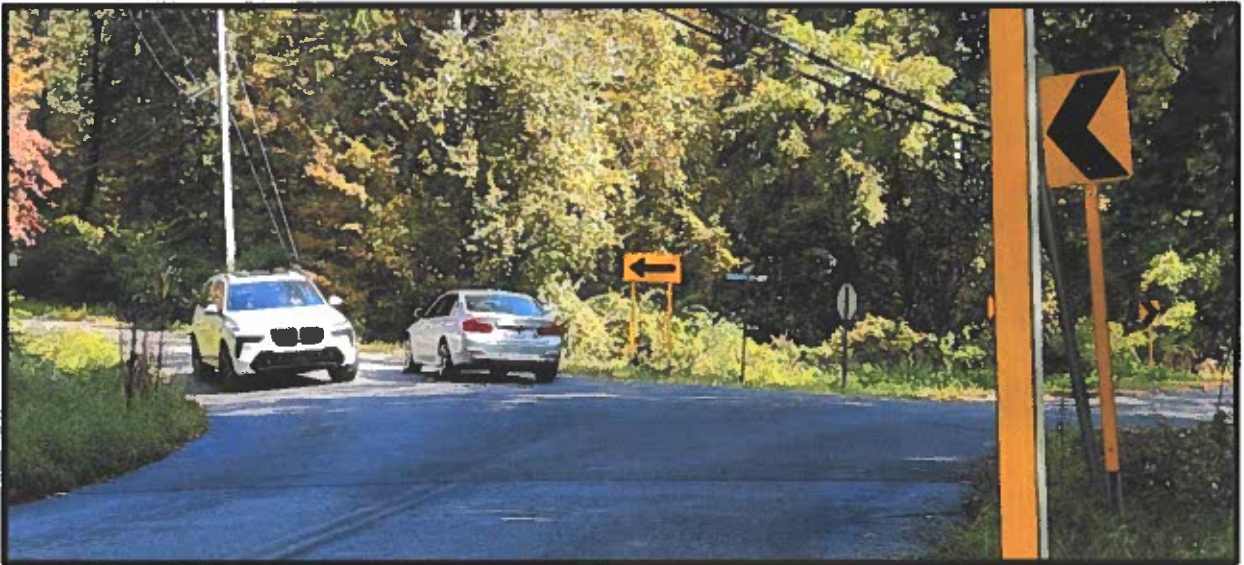


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## Cannon Road / Sturges Ridge Intersection



**Total of 15 different traffic signs entering or exiting this intersection.**

**Cannon Road / Wampum Hill / Cannondale Road  
3 Way Blind Curve**



**Cannon Road / Wampum Hill / Cannondale Road  
At Blind Curve**



## The Effect Of Speed On The Stopping Distance Of Vehicles

According to various traffic studies conducted on Cannon Road over the years, over **85% of vehicles measured are traveling at 30 mph or more** (2022 study, 89%; 2018 study, 97%, summaries attached) To illustrate the real-world effect that even a 5-10 mph increase in speed has on the ability of a driver to see and avoid a pedestrian, cyclist, or another vehicle, we examine the curve in the road between #63 Cannon Road and #72 Cannon Road. Traveling southbound, a vehicle approaching the curve to the north has 80.8 feet of sight line to oncoming traffic or pedestrians. At this point, **a vehicle has about 81.52 feet of travel to react and stop if necessary. Once in the curve, stopping distance is less than 50 feet.** See next page's images. Variables include foliage, vehicle height, oncoming vehicle size, and pedestrian visibility (clothing color, time of day).

Speed MPH	Distance Feet Per Second	Driver Reaction @ 1.6 Seconds	Car Stops Feet	Truck Stops Feet
25 mph	37	55	85	95
30 mph	44	66	109	123
35 mph	51	77	135	155
40 mph	59	88	164	190

If there is a pedestrian walking opposite traffic, southbound traffic can likely stop in time at any speed up to 25 mph (the posted speed limit) under ideal circumstances; **at speeds approaching 35 mph the margin of safety is very slim**, particularly for truck traffic.

If there is a pedestrian walking opposite traffic, southbound traffic **cannot stop in time at any speed over 35 mph**, and can only take evasive action, and depart the southbound lane while braking. If there is oncoming traffic, a very possible outcome is a head-on collision.

If there is oncoming traffic departing from the lane (poor lane control, or to avoid a cyclist or pedestrian), even if the oncoming traffic is traveling at 25 mph or slower, southbound traffic **cannot stop in time at any speed over 30 mph**, and can only take evasive action, moving closer to the shoulder while braking. If there is a pedestrian walking opposite traffic (as recommended by public safety officials), or a cyclist, a very possible outcome is the pedestrian or cyclist being stuck.

**Obviously, the variables mentioned above make this an inexact science, but it is undeniable that even a slight increase in speed drastically affects possible outcomes.**

As outlined in this report, there are several "hot spots" along Cannon Road where such deficient sight lines exist. Also as shown in this report, it is very common for both cars and truck to depart their lane, and it's also common for both cars and trucks to approach a blind curve at the same time.

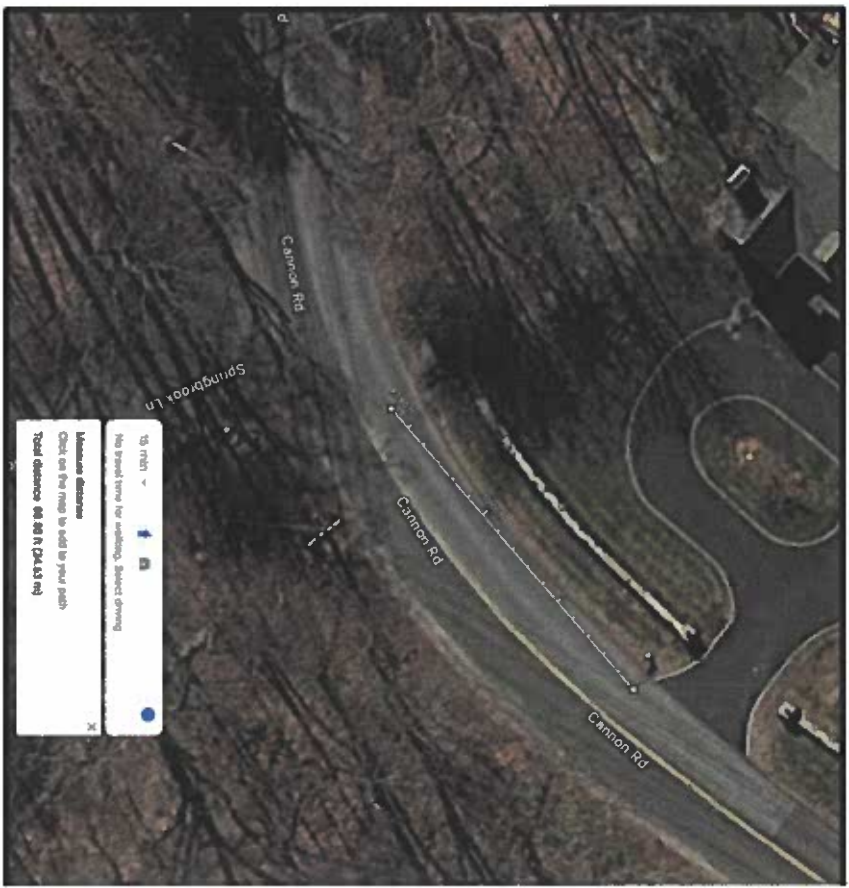
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### Effect Of Speed On The Stopping Distance

Approaching the curve, 80.8 feet of view, 81.5 feet of vehicle travel to react.





### Effect Of Speed On The Stopping Distance

In the curve, after reaction, and with less than 50 feet of vehicle travel to stop.



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Respectfully,

Concerned Citizens

  
Signature

Tom Lucermas  
Print Name

9/23  
Date

33 Cannon Rd  
Address

COMMENTS:

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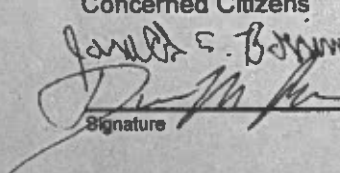
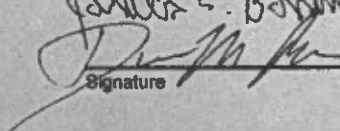
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	DIANE M. BONINE	" "	" "
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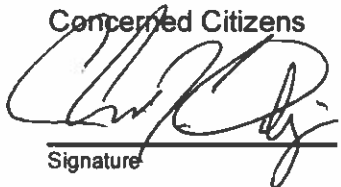
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Steven E. Quatela     Steven E. Quatela     8/25/23     152 Cannon Drive  
 Signature                      Print Name                      Date                      Address

COMMENTS:

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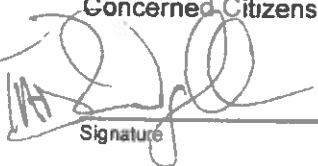
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TAD D'AMICO      08-08-23      154 Cannon Rd  
Print Name                      Date                      Address

COMMENTS:

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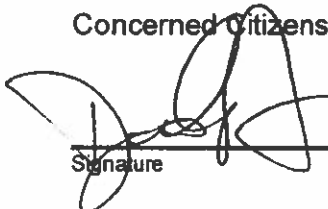
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DAVID RIKOX 8/26/23  
Print Name Date

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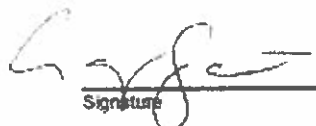
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C. GARTNER  
Print Name

2-31-2023  
Date

231 CANNON RD., WILTON  
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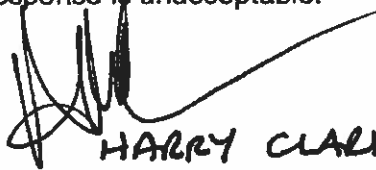
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HARRY CLARK, 130 OLD HIGHWAY, WILTON

\* I LIVED AT 68 CANNON RD FROM 1994-2011, AND OWNED THE PROPERTY UNTIL LAST YEAR. IN MY TENURE, I PERSONALLY WITNESSED OVER 10 ACCIDENTS IN FRONT OF THE HOUSE. POLICE ENFORCEMENT OF THE SPEED LIMIT DURING THAT TIME WAS VIRTUALLY ZERO.

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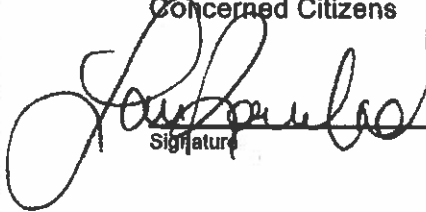
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Lauren Rowland
8/1/23
277 Cannon Rd

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Signature
Print Name
Date
Address

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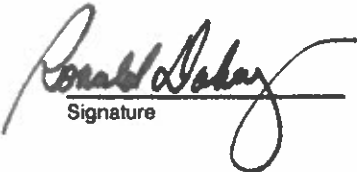
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	Ronald Dobe	August 14, 2023	298 Cannon Road
Signature	Print Name	Date	Address

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*Lauria Ashleigh*      7/31/23      328 Hurlbutt St.  
Signature      Print Name      Date      Address  
*Lauria*

COMMENTS  
We live across from Rolling Hills CC. and our bus stop is across the street. Me and my child were almost hit as a driver sped up, going considerably over the speed limit, and ignoring the bus stop signals. Additionally, we are no longer able to safely walk on Hurlbutt following Covid due to excessive speeding.

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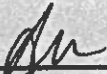
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Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Print Name AMANDA MATSUMURA Date 8/23/23 Address 409 HURLBUTT ST

COMMENTS:

A RESIDENT LIVING AT THE CURVE WHERE CANNON AND HURLBUTT MEET, I AM ASTONDED DAILY OVER THE LACK OF POLICE PRESENCE FOR THOSE THAT SPEED AT ALARMING RATES THIS STRETCH. I AM SO CONCERNED THAT I HESITATE TO ALLOW MY CHILDREN TO TAKE THE BUSES TO WILTON'S PUBLIC SCHOOLS, I CERTAINLY WOULD NOT FEEL SAFE WALKING OR BIKING HERE. PLEASE

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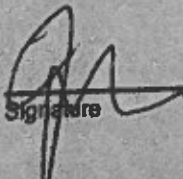
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Jenny + Tyler  
Print Name

Kelsey

8/25/23  
Date

8 Springbrook Lane - Wilton  
Address

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L.F. Fein    LINDA F. FEIN    8/12/23    10 SPRINGBROOK LN.  
Signature    Print Name    Date    Address    11

Michael B Fein  
COMMENTS:

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Signature

OWEN ANASTASIA

Print Name

8/14/23

Date

45 SEELEY RD

Address

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SHARON MACEY 8/10/23 382 Sturges Ridge Rd  
Print Name Date Address

COMMENTS:

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Thank you, Sharon Macey

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Jack Gau  
Print Name

8/2/23  
Date

168 Cannon Rd, Wilton,  
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Concerned Citizens

 Katherine Hunsberger 8/4/23 195 Cannon Road  
Signature                      Print Name                      Date                      Address

COMMENTS:

- Way too many pool trucks using Cannon as a shortcut
- A vast majority of people are speeding - 40+ mph
- I've been hanked at and passed on Cannon + Hurlbutt for going the speed limit
- I feel unsafe pulling out of my driveway because people are speeding

July 28, 2023

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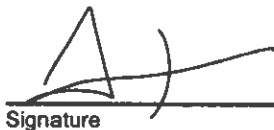
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Signature

Alexander Benenson 8/16/23

Print Name

Date

221 Cannon Road

Address

COMMENTS:

I have been a member of this neighborhood for 30 years and have, unfortunately, seen the safety conditions of Cannon Road deteriorate precipitously as it has begun to be used regularly as a thru-road for trucks for which it was never designed. The rural character of historic roads like Cannon, and the lifestyle it preserves for its residents, sustain Wilton as a uniquely desirable community and must be protected not just for the well-being of its residents but for the long-term health of the town itself.

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8.14.23
226 CANNON ROAD

Signature                      Print Name                      Date                      Address

DONNA BENSON

WILTON 06897

COMMENTS:

226 Cannon Road  
Wilton, CT 06897

August 14, 2023

Dear Ms. Vanderslice, Mr. Cole, Ms. Healy, Mr. Knickerbocker, Mr. Nabusi, Mr. Tartell,

In my 42 years as owner and resident of 226 Cannon Road, I've witnessed many accidents, and more near misses, and suffered the repeated expense of repairs to my stone walls that were hit by speeding cars and trucks barreling along Cannon Road.

My property extends along Cannon Road, and then runs alongside Cannon Road as it begins its descent (at Surges Ridge) to the Cannondale Station.

So we are vulnerable to speeding cars and trucks on two sides of our large, almost 7 acre, property, whether driving or simply walking to our mailbox at the road.

Some years ago, my former husband and I were hit head on, while we were driving 25 mph, by a speeding driver coming up Cannon Road, who had crossed over into our lane, as we turned the corner heading down Cannon.

So I've long been cautious at that corner, but still have often barely averted being hit.

Drivers continue to speed around that corner - ricochet would be the more accurate word for it. They often are driving across the line, into oncoming traffic

This happens when I am going left onto Sturges, besides turning right at that corner to continue down Cannon.

Cars and trucks regularly shoot up the road so fast that from one moment to the next, my view can be clear to turn, but I find myself in range of being hit by a speeding car or truck that has reached the corner within moments later.

Drivers also charge through the Stop Sign at Sturges. That corner is a nightmare.

I've no doubt that police records confirm how many accidents occur on Cannon Road at Sturges.

I've made calls to reports some of these, as well as those that have happened in front of my house on Cannon.

The Wilton Police have always been amazingly fast and responsive. But you need to help with this, be responsive and treat these safety issues with some dispatch as well.

Besides while driving on Cannon Road, I've almost been hit countless times when leaving my driveway, despite our having put up a mirror across the road so we can see approaching drivers coming down Cannon from Route 57.

Again, regularly, more times than not. I will see no approaching cars or truck. but seconds later, they've sped up around the bend above my house and are shooting towards me.

It's impossible to protect myself.

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We need it, and deserve it, and all our neighbors in Wilton who drive along Cannon Road, do, too!

Please don't let another year - or even months - go by again.

Thank you.

Sincerely,



Donna Benenson

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Janytelli  
Signature

Jacklyn Ziklli  
Print Name

8/1/2023  
Date

242 Cannon Road  
Address

COMMENTS:

I am concerned for the safety of my children waiting at the bus stop and wanting to bike ride down Cannon for even a very short distance. Even driving is nerve wracking with cars speeding along the road. Please act.

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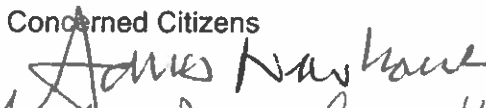
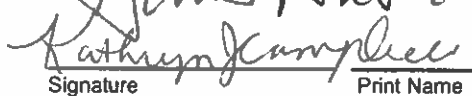
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	James Newhouse	8/2/2023	247 Cannon
	Kathryn J Campbell	8/2/2023	247 Cannon Rd
Signature	Print Name	Date	Address

COMMENTS:

We've been here for 22 years. This can be a very dangerous road. Cars speeds, including oversized trucks, down this road. They are a danger to people who walk on the road and to people exiting

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Melissa Cates      Troy Cates      8/4/23      248 Cannon Road

COMMENTS:

\* Intersection of Stuyves Ridge + Cannon Road ~~is~~ is very dangerous. We have lived here almost 2 years + we each had near accidents (multiple) when either vehicle hasn't stopped coming out of Stuyves or trucks + cars

driving with the heavy side of the road. or something like  
maybe a dotted line connecting past sturges ed  
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Signature      Robert Williams      8/4/23      250 Cannon Rd  
Print Name      Date      Address

COMMENTS:

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Signature \_\_\_\_\_  
Print Name Kimberly Asante Date 9/29/23 Address 2106 Cannon Rd

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Arlene Allam      Arlene Allam      8-15-23      271 Cannon Road, Wilton, CT.  
Signature      Print Name      Date      Address  
06897

COMMENTS:

We often fear for our safety on Cannon Road. My son, daughter, husband and myself are all runners and fear for our lives every time we venture out on Cannon Road. Often cars and motor cycles zoom by at 50 to 80 miles per hour. It is really unliveable and dangerous - one day someone will be seriously injured or killed. Please help us to make our

August 15, 2023

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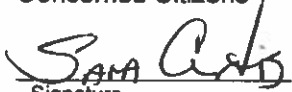

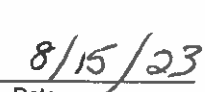

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COMMENTS: 2 simple activities turned into what we live with every day. August 10<sup>th</sup> 11:43 a.m. Attempted to walk to my next-door neighbor, never made it. 2 pool water tanker trucks bypassed each other opposite me, never slowed down, forced me off the road into the ditch. I sustained a sprained wrist and ankle, bruises, and scrapes. 90 minutes later went to my mailbox, an officer pulled into a neighbor's driveway to monitor speed, and witnessed the "dirt bike group" we have advised WPD of for over a year+ that harasses pedestrians along the road and walkers on open space trails. Seeing the officer, they revved their bikes, weaved across the road and upon reaching us popped wheelies. When you are alone on the trails or just getting your mail, this behavior is frightful. May 17<sup>th</sup> the same tanker trucks started at 8:15 a.m. and continued to 9:07, 9:12, 9:42, 9:59, 10:22, 10:28, 10:53, 10:54, 11:19, 12:16, 2:39... 5:14 p.m. They maintain their speed up the inclines and take the blind curves in the middle or wrong side of the road. Stopping distance is extended and residents listen for trucks that use Cannon Road to bypass Danbury Road in order to avoid being hit while exiting their driveways. Years of calls, emails, and in person pleas have been ignored. Conditions have worsened. Our neighborhood is now described as dangerous, unsafe, and scary.



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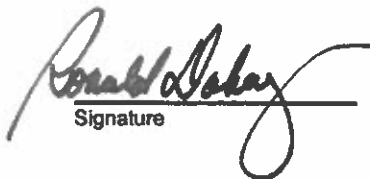
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Signature

Ronald Dobey

Print Name

August 14, 2023

Date

298 Cannon Road

Address

COMMENTS: The issues addressed above are real and the proposed action steps are reasonable.

Let's not wait for serious injury or worse before taking action to address these concerns.

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Sincerely,

Michael Marcal

303 Cannon Road, Wilton CT 06897

July 28, 2023

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Joan CorSA      Joan CorSA      8.4.23      312 Cannon Road  
Signature      Print Name      Date      Address

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Signature

MERN PALMER-SMITH

Print Name

Date

Address

8/8/23

320 Cannon Rd.

COMMENTS:

It's just not pleasant living on Cannon Rd for me these days after 34 years - My quality of life is much less than what it used to be. I won't ride my bike any more and I'm not even walking on this road as I used to

its too dangerous - cars motorcycles + trucks  
going FAR Too FAST. There is an accident  
waiting to happen. Please help to prevent this.  
You have the power to do so - please do it.

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Michael Dehn  
Signature

Mike Dehn  
Print Name

8/15/2023  
Date

27 Black Alder Lane  
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 \_\_\_\_\_ Kevin Hickory \_\_\_\_\_ 8/10/23 \_\_\_\_\_ 29 BLACK ALDER LA  
Signature Print Name Date Address  
Wilton CT  
06897

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Amy R Collins      Amy R. Collins      8/13/23      30 Black Alder Lane  
 Signature                      Print Name                      Date                      Address

COMMENTS: We have lived here since July 1995. Cannon Road has gotten increasingly dangerous over the past 5 years. People continue to use it as a "detour" to Rt 7 both northbound and southbound. They drive at ~~at~~ very high speeds with no regard to pedestrians. I am afraid to get my mail - as our mailboxes ~~are~~ are on Cannon Road.

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HECTOR RIVERA    8/4/23    40 Black Alder Ln  
 Print Name                      Date                      Address  
 LUZ Sanchez

COMMENTS:

\* we have a 6 year old and the speeds are an obvious concern,

FP Clark Study 1/31/18

Speed*	NB	SB	Total	%
15	1	1	2	0.11%
20	4	2	6	0.33%
25	11	38	49	2.70%
30	90	185	275	15.16%
35	311	467	778	42.89%
40	344	223	567	31.26%
45	88	34	122	6.73%
50	12	3	15	0.83%
Total Count	861	953	1814	

Metric	Total	%
At Or Below 25	57	3.14%
30mph Or Above	1757	96.86%
40mph Or Above	704	38.81%
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NOTE: this study was a one-day snapshot.  
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WPD Study 2022

Speed*	NB	SB	Total	%
15	34	32	66	0.42%
20	78	66	144	0.91%
25	856	720	1576	10.01%
30	3933	4041	7974	50.63%
35	2693	2722	5415	34.38%
40	311	229	540	3.43%
45	24	12	36	0.23%
50	0	0	0	0.00%
Total Count	7929	7822	15751	

Metric	Total	%
At Or Below 25	1786	11.34%
30mph Or Above	13965	88.66%
40mph Or Above	576	3.66%
50mph Or Above	0	0.00%

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