

*I am aware that different requests have been made throughout the years to make adjustments on Dow, request sin the way of signage, speedbump's, one ways.

*I also understand that our Lane has been used as one of the main entrances and exits for many years.

*I very much appreciate legacy, tried and true and the peace of mind in doing things the way they have always been done.

*However when our town voted to make Dow Lane a Thruway in **1809**, over 200 years ago they did not envision all the advancements of today.

*I say this with certainty since the 1st motor car wasn't invented till **1886** bit I digress

*They did not envision over 2000 cars passing through daily, 60% of which speeding, past driveways that are home to numerous children, many toddlers.

*They did not envision GPS or the most recent advancements of intelligent traffic routing systems. Waze is only 4 years old here in the US and they only have plans to advance.

*If we are being responsible residents, neighbors, parents than we have to continuously examine how things have been done and be prepared to make change as times change.

*Today, Dow Lane is only a throughway for the sake of convenience and the way things have always been.

*There is no other reason. The traffic light **at the** Washington/Rt1 intersection is safer and more equipped to handle said traffic.

*We are here tonight because our neighborhood is now in crisis.

* Many residents could not be here but made sure to sign the petition

*51 people signed. Not one denied me their signature.

*I am a full time working mother of 2. I am certain that I could have tripled the number of signatures, and I am willing to do so, however time in my world is a precious thing.

* I have many of my own but was taken aback by the staggering number of stories of close calls because of speeding motorists.

* Everyone here has come off Rt 1 and onto Dow. We all know to slow down immediately, as there is nothing forcing us to do so.

*The 1st two residential driveways are home to a 7, 8, 9 yr old

*The next on your left a 15-month-old.

*On Ham Lane we now have 5 children under the age of 5.

*Cars coming off of Rt1 do so at 45 to 50 miles an hour.

*They pass all three driveways and Ham Lane before ever slowing. If they do at all.

*Many are still speeding by the time they reach my driveway at the other end of Dow. My drive is home to a 4 year old and 18 month old.

*Dangerous intersection signs, larger speed limit signs have all been installed.

*Citations and warnings have been given.

*Discussions of cutting back brush and changing layouts of intersections are all nice ideas.

*None of which will lessen the traffic or physically force cars to slow.

*All of which will drain the town budget of funds that could be used elsewhere. Shutting off Dow Lane will cost less and restore a sense of safety to our residents.

* The fact remains that our neighborhood is becoming inherently unsafe at a much faster clip in previous years.

*As responsible townspeople we need to get ahead of that. As a neighborhood we believe that the time to act is now before more of these close calls turn into accidents that could have grave results.

*I very much appreciate being given the time to speak, I hope that our request will be heard and granted. It is time to make a change.