

-----THE PROBLEM

The problem I want to address is speeding in Rye Beach, particularly on Central Road.

I have been living in Rye Beach for two years now and I see this problem every day. I have reached out to my neighbors and several have told that speeding has been a problem in Rye Beach for a very long time.

This is not just a matter of traffic violations. It is a safety problem. Pedestrians, joggers, bicyclers and pets are danger when they travel along Central Road. The speeders are both cars and trucks.

Just a few days ago a cat was killed on Central Road by a motorist.

I am told that there was a serious accident about five years ago at the entrance to the Country Club. A woman was almost killed.

There are blind driveways on Central Road in Rye Beach, several curves and narrow sidewalks.

This is problem that needs to be solved.

-----WHY IS IT A PROBLEM?

I believe this a problem because people are in a hurry to get to the Country Club or to get to the beach.

Another reason is that the speed limit in Rye on Central Road in 35 MPH from Washington down to Grove. There is a speed limit sign after Grove Street and need the border of Rye Beach, but at this point people are accustomed to doing 35MPH. The rest of Central Road looks the same as the part they were on.

-----POSSIBLE SOLUTIONS

First, I think the speed limit in Rye Beach should be 25 everywhere. I see the speeding on Central Road but my conversations with other residents of Rye Beach convinces me that the problem exists on South Road and other places. This speed limit should be made obvious through the use of more speed limit signs.

More police presence and radar monitoring of vehicle speeds. I know that our police resources are stretched thin but I think we need more police presence.

Speed monitoring equipment, such as the device on Dow that tells motorists how fast they are going.

The kind of metal speed bumps that Seabrook is considering that can be removed in the winter.