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From: Lynne Eckardt <lynne.eckardt@gmail.com>
Sent: Sunday, November 17, 2019 10:19 AM
To: Warren Lucas
Cc: Kathleen Nazarenko; Danielle.Mahoney@putnamcountyny.gov; Mike Bruen; Peter Kamenstein; Robert Cullen; Sheriff; Thomas Howley; Town Board; thay@southeast-ny.gov
Subject: Re: Starr Ridge Rd

Hi Ms. Nazarenko,

Thank you so much for making us aware of your concerns.

A couple of months ago I was working with a Starr Ridge resident who voiced the same concerns.

I spoke with Putnam County Sheriff Robert Langley regarding the installation of one or two 'Three-Way Stops' along Starr Ridge. The Sheriff determined that there is a sight-line issue at both Cobb Road and Seven Oaks Lane. I sent this information along to the resident who was then concerned as neighbors in these areas may not like the constant stops in front of their houses.

She said that she would get back to me and I never heard anything else. I then assumed that the neighborhood, or at least those directly affected, were *not* in favor of these proposed stops.

I would suggest that you speak to residents of Starr Ridge, Cobb and Seven Oaks to see how they feel about this proposal. If the majority are in favor and feel that one or both of the 3-way stops would be helpful in ensuring neighborhood safety, please get in touch with Supervisor Hay and I'm sure he would be happy to add it to an upcoming agenda for discussion.

Again thank you for reaching out.

With best regards,
Lynne
845 661-6349

On Sat, Nov 16, 2019 at 10:12 PM Warren Lucas <WLucas@northsalemny.org> wrote:

Kathleen, I believe you are at 308 Starr Ridge. North Salem can't have police patrol that far into the Town of Southeast. Every road in our Town has a similar problem due to the I684/84 traffic load and the I84 traffic can't get down the exit to I684, hence they fly down all of the various side roads to get around the bottlenecks. I presume Putnam County has the same issue we have. You can't put a copy at every corner.

Lynn Eckardt and I have been involved with a group that I started call the I684/84 Consortium. The goal is to have the DOT start planning to upgrade the Interstate roadbed. They finally set about \$1.5M aside to work on the plan. We have had multiple planning meetings with them. On December 12th the Region 8 DOT Planner Sandra Jobson will present the plan to the public at the Bedford Town Hall at 7PM.

Sincerely,

Warren J. Lucas

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From: Kathleen Nazarenko [mailto:knazarenko29@gmail.com]

Sent: Saturday, November 16, 2019 4:51 PM

To: Lynne Eckardt

Cc: Danielle.Mahoney@putnamcountyny.gov; Mike Bruen; Peter Kamenstein; Robert Cullen; Sheriff; Thomas Howley; Town Board; Warren Lucas; thay@southeast-ny.gov

Subject: Re: Starr Ridge Rd

Good Afternoon,

It has been quite awhile since we have communicated.

I appreciate that "No Thru Traffic" signs have been installed on several nearby roads, lines to measure traffic flow were laid and there was some increased enforcement on Starr Ridge Road.

Unfortunately, the enforcement did not seem to stem the problem of peak traffic periods (morning and evening commute) when people are avoiding issues on 84/684. We still are experiencing high volume traffic on Starr Ridge Road at these times. I understand that this may be unavoidable. Drivers are free to travel on the road. They are not, however, free to exceed the speed limit. I am frequently tailgated and even passed on the road! And I'm not traveling at an excessively slow speed.

The other evening, my husband and I were nearly rear ended by a vehicle traveling north on Starr Ridge Road at such a high rate of speed that the driver had to cross the solid line and swerve into the southbound lane, as we attempted to turn into our daughter's driveway. I can only imagine the catastrophe that could have occurred had a vehicle been traveling in that southbound lane or had my grandchildren(or any pedestrians) been nearby.

The situation on Starr Ridge Road continues to be a tragedy waiting to happen.

I am so grateful for your response the last time. However, more needs to be done.

What can we do to improve the situation? One of the most dangerous times is when the children are on the roads heading to school/waiting for their busses in the morning. Thank you for your anticipated response. I am confident that there is a solution.

Kathleen Nazarenko

On Sat, Nov 18, 2017 at 6:06 PM Lynne Eckardt <lynne.eckardt@gmail.com> wrote:

While I understand that stop signs can't be used to control speed, the site lines at Seven Oaks are less than optimal. A three way stop there may well be appropriate. The stop signs on Oak Street in the village have not only slowed traffic but discouraged Oak Street as a shortcut.

Happy Thanksgiving to all!

Best,

Lynne

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On Sat, Nov 18, 2017 at 4:49 PM, Kathleen Nazarenko <knazarenko29@gmail.com> wrote:

A stop sign at Seven Oaks Lane might also help to at least to slow drivers down. I agree that 684 commuters trying to find alternate routes are absolutely a big part of the problem.

Thank you all for recognizing the issue and opening a dialogue.

Happy Thanksgiving to all and safe travels!

Kathleen

Sent from my iPhone

On Nov 18, 2017, at 3:39 PM, Warren Lucas <Wlucas@northsalemny.org> wrote:

It might work but it would put all of the cars on June and might move the mess to there. I doubt if the cars would be able to get out of Star Leigh. The cars coming down June Road (Aka your North Salem Rd) from Southeast are very significant plus that is the school entrance. Before anything is changed it needs to be studied.

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From: Robert Cullen [<mailto:rcullen@southeast-ny.gov>]

Sent: Saturday, November 18, 2017 8:58 AM

To: thay@southeast-ny.gov

Cc: Warren Lucas; Danielle.Mahoney@putnamcountyny.gov; Kathleen Nazarenko; Town Board; Sheriff; Thomas Howley; Peter Kamenstein; Mike Bruen

Subject: Re: Starr Ridge Rd

I think the easiest solution to cut thru issue would be making Starr lea one way from Starr ridge to North Salem rd. Also Cobb road being one way from 121 to Starr ridge road. Even if the one way hours were restricted to Monday thru Friday 4 pm to 8 pm, This would force commuters to stay on 684 to get to 84. Enforcement would be key also.

Bob Cullen

Sent from my iPhone

On Nov 18, 2017, at 8:34 AM, Tony Hay <tonyhayusmc@gmail.com> wrote:

Warren,

Thank you. Any assistance your town can provide will be greatly appreciated. Tony

Have a great Thanksgiving.

On Sat, Nov 18, 2017 at 8:23 AM, Warren Lucas <Wlucas@northsalemny.org> wrote:

Tony, Peter and I will talk to Chief Howley to see if there is something he can figure out. There is only 2,000 feet of the road in our Town (green circle) and that section is very narrow from Starr Leigh south (not wide enough to be striped) with steep gradient sides on both sides so no place for the cops to sit. Plus as soon as it gets narrow they tend to slow down.

The heavy commuting traffic and speed on that road are due to the problems on I684. They come down that road and go down June Road and Rt 121/138 to bypass the mess on the highway. I would love to get them off and out of my Town. Maybe we can put a toll up!!! It is a Town Road, you can put speed humps on it.

Lynn and I have made calls on the DOT at NYMTC meetings with the I684-84 Consortium to get them to start thinking about changing the 684/84 intersections and roadways, however their plans are all very long term. They need to fix 684 at Katonah and the entrance ramp at 84 684 to the traffic stays on the road. They also need to fix 84 out to Exit 5 in CT. Tom Weiner DOT Regional Planner and Program Manager was aware of all of this after our meetings, however he retired this year and we need to sit down with the new guy just to make sure they follow through.

We just had someone the other evening come to the end, cross Bloomer Road and go right into a tree. I guess they did not know the road ended.

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Sincerely,

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From: Tony Hay [mailto:tonyhayusmc@gmail.com]

Sent: Friday, November 17, 2017 2:19 PM

To: Danielle.Mahoney@putnamcountyny.gov; Kathleen Nazarenko; Town Board; Sheriff; Warren Lucas

Subject: Fwd: Starr Ridge Rd

Warren,

The Town of Southeast and Putnam County would appreciate any assistance the NSPD can provide enforcing the speed limit on this dual jurisdictional road serving our two towns. Thank you for your consideration and possible assistance in this matter. Tony Hay

----- Forwarded message -----

From: **Danielle Mahoney** <Danielle.Mahoney@putnamcountyny.gov>

Date: Fri, Nov 17, 2017 at 1:59 PM

Subject: RE: Starr Ridge Rd

To: Forwarder Tony Hay <tonyhayusmc@gmail.com>, Kathleen Nazarenko

<knazarenko29@gmail.com>, Town Board <townboard@southeast-ny.gov>, Sheriff
<Sheriff@putnamcountyny.gov>

Good afternoon:

After reading your email and speaking with our Road Patrol Captain, the Putnam
County Sheriff's Office will continue to step up our enforcement.

Having grown up in the area, I believe it would be beneficial to reach out to the Town
of North Salem and their police department to see if they can enforce the areas that
fall into their jurisdiction as well.

Thank you,

Danielle Mahoney

Putnam County Sheriff's Office

Traffic Safety Board

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From: Tony Hay [mailto:tonyhayusmc@gmail.com]

Sent: Wednesday, November 15, 2017 1:46 PM

To: Kathleen Nazarenko; Town Board; Sheriff

Subject: Fwd: Starr Ridge Rd

This e-mail is being forwarded to the Sheriff's Department because of an error in the
original e-mail address. Thank you. Tony Hay, Southeast Supervisor

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From: **Kathleen Nazarenko** <I>
Date: Wed, Nov 15, 2017 at 12:27 PM
Subject: Starr Ridge Rd
To: sheiff@putnamcounty.gov
Cc: townboard@southeast-ny.gov

I wish to follow up on my earlier email regarding our concerns about speeding and other traffic violations which are occurring regularly in Starr Ridge Road.

We noticed increased enforcement put in place immediately after our last correspondence and we appreciate that responsiveness.

However, in the short time since then these three incidents occurred:

1. As my son in law attempted to exit our driveway, he was nearly hit by a car illegally passing another vehicle. He had his three young children, our grandchildren, in the car. This illegal passing is a frequent occurrence. Indeed, whenever I make the left turn into my driveway, I have learned to double check to be sure no one has decided to pass me on the left, it has become so commonplace.
2. A white vehicle with CT plates, two passengers, was tailgating my husband as he drove our two grandsons in to North Salem Middle School the other morning. Apparently, the driver was enraged that he had to slow down, was angrily gesturing and when he turned onto Starr Lea, he leaned on his horn.
3. As my daughter, also a Starr Ridge Rd resident, drove her child into school the other day, a woman in a grey vehicle with CT plates came flying up behind her SUV, also started tailgating and angrily gesturing.
4. This morning, my husband drove my grandsons to school. A young woman in a vehicle with NY plates passed him over the double line at Ryder Farm and continued speeding down to Bloomer Rd and onto Hardscrabble.

Please understand that none of us are driving below the speed limit or purposefully trying to provoke other drivers. We appreciate how easy it is to find yourself exceeding the speed limit and needing to slow down on this road. But the speed at which these violators are traveling is way beyond reason and the blatant disregard of no passing zones.

Large commercial trucks, aside from those making local delivery, also continue to use Starr Ridge Rd despite the posting indicating that it is prohibited.

Thank you for all the support you are able to provide in this matter. There have been numerous accidents and we are concerned that there will inevitably be a fatality on this road if this continues.

Regards,

Kathleen and Walter Nazarenko
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Sent from my iPhone

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