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Recommended Town Meeting Article on Speed Limits

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Dear Members of the Board,

At our meeting on January 26, 2021, the Transportation Advisory Committee unanimously voted to recommend that the Select Board sponsor the following article for the Spring 2021 Town Meeting warrant, or consent that the Transportation Advisory Committee do so:

Accept State Legislation Allowing Lower Speed Limits

To see if the Town will vote to accept Section 17C of Chapter 90 of the General Laws to allow the Select Board to establish lower speed limits of 25 miles per hour on town-owned roadways within a thickly settled or business district, and/or to accept Section 18B of Chapter 90 of the General Laws to allow the Select Board to establish safety zones with speed limits of 20 miles per hour, or otherwise act thereon.

This recommendation is based on committee member discussions with Chief Hicks and Lt. Lauzon, collaboration with town staff, committee member research, and public input.

A presentation from the January 26 meeting is attached. Thank you for your consideration.

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