FROM THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES
TRAFFIC CONTROL ISSUES (9-19-2018)

On September 14th a community –wide email was sent advising everyone that there still is a Traffic Control Issue in our Village. Issues include:

- Speeding
- Failure to stop at our stop signs
- Lack of attention to walkers throughout our village

It got your attention.

These issues have been discussed multiple times at Board Meetings. There has been communications from the Board, E-H as well as reminders in our Village Voice. To date, nothing has changed and the situation is continuing.

The most recent email reiterates that we still have a problem. The intent was to let you know what we are doing about the problem:

- Investigating speed bumps
- Investigating the use of more signs, etc.
- Working with our Police Department -

On the topic of our Police Department, our Police Chief, Dennis Minnich, has advised us that under Mass General Law, Chapter 90, they do have the authority to enter our Village and issue tickets.

This known problem could also become a potentially huge liability issue. Our Master Insurance Policy provides up to $3 million in liability coverage. If a suit is filed due to an injury or death it is not out of the realm of possibility that a sympathetic jury could award far in excess of that. In that case, the law is clear... individual unit owners are responsible for the excess.

Nothing, I repeat NOTHING has been decided as yet. To date, no money has been spent on this issue. What we are hearing throughout the village is that we have already decided that there will be a big assessment -this is so far from the truth.

The Board’s email stated quite clearly that we will fully disclose to this community our research/findings, any and all recommendations to resolve the problem

Board Members have approached speeders, and folks that fail to stop at stop signs. We have been met with verbal abuse; complete denial of the occurrence and in some instances, just turned around it did it again.
This is NOT a walker's issue; this is an issue that concerns the safety of all of our residents, family and friends.

I ask the question: Is there anyone here that does not believe we have a Traffic Control Problem?

With that said, a sub-committee has been formed to investigate and make recommendations on how best to solve this issue. The Sub Committee right now is comprised of Phil Mallet, Bob Mercier and myself. I would ask that at least 2 non Board Members volunteer to join this sub committee. Who is willing to do that?