

## **Pine Hill Road/Parmenter Road Resident Safety Concerns – Additional Information**

(NOTE: This document contains additional information, comments and suggested ideas for road safety improvements on these roadways. These are strictly opinions of individuals and do not necessarily represent a consensus of residents in the area. They are being presented to municipal officials as an additional insight to various concerns and suggestions raised by residents.)

### **Resident Comments:**

- “I am not sure what the answer is, but to continue to have serious traffic incidents occur without addressing safety issues does not seem responsible . . . This area continues to be extremely dangerous with accidents not being infrequent”.
- “I wonder why anyone would risk biking on Pinehill Road . . . Its easy to pick up speed without realizing it, especially on the straight stretch of Pine Hill Road”.
- “That’s a really dangerous intersection. I was nearly hit at that intersection a few times . . The large tree at the corner creates a blind spot has been a concern for years”.
- “We all play a guessing game every time we turn left onto Parmenter”.
- “We moved our driveway because of the traffic dangers, we couldn’t even get our mail without high risk.”
- “The officer agreed this is a brutal intersection with blind spots from all three directions.”
- “Traffic has worsened over the years . . . it has been problematic for a number of years. You almost take your life in your hands every time you attempt to access Parmenter from Pine Hill Road. People come down Parmenter at a high rate of speed, especially during commuter hours. They tend to cut the corner pulling onto Pine Hill Road.”
- “People speed on Pine Hill, making the entire length treacherous for those of us who live here”.
- “I drive through it (intersection) almost every day and take my life in my hand when I turn left off Pine Hill Road.”
- “We are all clear that something needs to be done . . . We have been here since 1993 and the increase in volume and speed of the traffic has been astronomical.”
- “We live on that straightaway and can tell you there isn’t a day that goes by that someone is not speeding, passing, honking and otherwise driving dangerously.”
- “It is treacherous to get from our driveway to Nichols Street... as traffic is flying around the corner barely able to keep their cars and trucks on the pavement, it is unnerving at best. I live here and we do have a problem!!!”
- “Every day is a treacherous adventure and there have been at least a few times per year when the timing happens to be right and the vehicle on Pine Hill Road has to slam on the brakes to avoid colliding with the car coming out of my driveway. . . I do not want the Town to wait until something tragic happens on PHR (to my or anyone else's children) before something is done to make PHR less treacherous... there is a perfect confluence of danger here with the known history of speeding cars, the many locations of blind spots and poor sight/stopping distances, the robust foot and recreational traffic of bikers, joggers, walkers, etc. (on a road with sidewalks on only one small segment), the dozens of young children, and the several school bus stop locations. This

confluence of factors is something that needs to be impressed and reinforced upon Town officials.”

- “Taking a left turn is always difficult as you can't see the cars coming on the left. If you pull forward to see on the left, someone turning left from Edmunds may take your left fender off (have come close to it a few times) or someone driving fast thru from Parmenter to Edmunds may take your bumper off.”
- “There is almost never a day that goes by when I am home or outside that there is not a screech of tires/brakes, honking of horns and/or swearing of drivers for what are inevitably near misses at this location. Simply put, people drive much too fast both directions on Parmenter Road and you literally put your life into someone else’s hands when you attempt to take a left (and even a right) from Pinehill Road onto Parmenter Road. There are also severe sight line restrictions at this intersection which limit visibility in both directions when trying to pull out of Pinehill Road.”
- “This is a serious problem, more serious than the report has shown. I personally have had at least a dozen very near misses at the intersection.”
- “It is dangerous pulling out of the driveway onto the street because of the high speed at which vehicles travel. Sooner or later there will be a serious accident with serious injuries or even worse.”
- “The issue of landscapers parking their vehicles on Pine Hill is a serious safety problem-particularly around curves.”
- “There are speed bumps on Edmonds Road in Framingham that have drastically reduced speed on that notorious stretch of road. Parmenter needs similar as anyone with a high performance vehicle treats Parmenter as their own personal Raceway.”
- “Vehicles drive by so fast that I never feel comfortable walking with my kids, even on the brief sections where a sidewalk exists. I avoid using Parmenter as much as possible because I find the combination of speed, lack of visibility and narrow roadway too unsafe not to mention nerve wracking.”
- Pine Hill Road between Graystone and Nichols is like the Daytona 500, particularly at rush hour. . . You have to be extremely cautious taking a left onto Nichols given the curve of the road and the speed at which cars fly down Pine Hill Road. I know there have been some accidents on this stretch and continue to worry there will be more incidents.”

### **Suggested Ideas for Increasing Safety:**

- 3 Way Stop Sign – Pine Hill/Parmenter Intersection
- Traffic Lights
- Reduce Speed Limits on both Roadways
- Speed humps on Pine Hill, Parmenter
- Flashing speed signs/flushing stop signs
- Double yellow line (entire road length)
- Truck exclusion
- Install sidewalks
- Change grade (Pine Hill Road)
- Remove trees/other sight obstructions
- More police enforcement
- More signage – speed limits, stay in lane, etc.
- More stop signs at all intersections
- No parking signs on roadways