



July 21, 2016

Dear Members of the Guilford Selectboard,

We, the citizens of the village of Guilford Center, would like to formally request that the town of Guilford take any and all steps possible to help curb the excessive speed that many motorists travel at while passing through the village of Guilford Center. While the speed limit is currently reduced from 45 down to 35 as you enter the village, we feel that this is too high given that so many people take the liberty of traveling faster than the posted speed limit, and anything over 35 is dangerously fast considering the number of pedestrians who occupy the Center on any given day.

In a very short stretch of road (perhaps 200 yards), there are 6 residences, The Historical Society Museum, the Guilford Library, and the Guilford Center Meeting House. And just down the road is the Broad Brook Grange which is currently in the process of transitioning to a community center. There is also a new public park and walking trail just down the road from the library on Carpenter Hill Rd which are bringing people to the Center.

There are children that live in the center, and many children that visit the library on a daily basis. The students from GCS regularly walk Guilford Center Road throughout the school year to visit the Museum, Grange, Library and Andrew Weeks Trail. There is also a children's camp at the Grange and Library for a few weeks every summer which brings several children; not to mention the many cats, dogs, and chickens who live in the center, two of which have been hit by vehicles in the last couple of years.

For many, many years there has been an old traffic sign as you enter The Village from the South which once said, "SLOW CHILDREN," but it is faded and has been altered to say "SLOW CHICKEN". This clearly is not a warning that anyone should be expected to take seriously.

Every day many vehicles can be observed traveling through the village not just a few MPH faster than the posted speed limit of 35, but well above the speed limit, as fast as 50-60 MPH. This has been observed at all times of day by all the different inhabitants of the Village. It is extremely unsafe, and seems to be more and more of a problem.

As we request your assistance in mitigating the excessive speed which people travel through the Village, we would respectfully suggest; lowering the speed limit to 25MPH as well as lowering the 45 MPH to 35 MPH leading into the village; posting some kind of Traffic warning such as "SLOW CHILDREN" "THICKLY SETTLED" "PEDESTRIAN CROSSING" or some such posting, and possibly adding a decorative sign as you enter the Village from both the north and south welcoming travelers to "THE VILLAGE OF GUILFORD CENTER".

Thank you for your consideration!

Sincerely,

The Residents of Guilford Center

*Robert Tucker*  
*Michelle Tule*  
**CAROL WICKER, Library Director**  
*David Adams*

*Rob Felsa*  
*Joe P. [unclear]*  
*Jana Jansen Tucker*  
*Christine Browne*  
**Director**  
*Don McLean - NOT A RESIDENT OF G. CTR.*