

May 17, 2020

Philip Lemnios  
Manager, Town of Hull  
CC: Matthew & Chelsea Accetta

Dear Mr. Lemnios,

Please consider this letter a formal request to submit before the Town of Hull Selectman, the approval to install a rubberized speed bump, approximately 100' from the sea wall between the homes residing at #18 and #19 V Street.

My family has resided at #19 V St for approximately 3 years now. We live in Hull full-time, year-round. As you know, V Street is a dead-end street. The paved asphalt ends at a sea wall with direct access to the beach. There are 2 large yellow "DEAD END" signs at the top of V Street, where the street intersects with Nantasket Avenue. This seems as if it would be adequate warning to motorists that V Street is a dead-end street and to therefore either proceed with caution or continue on their way to a different street. Each year our family has watched as not only the volume of cars entering and exiting V Street has increased but the speed at which they travel down the street has increased as well.

When turning onto V Street it is evident that there is no where to go but ocean. The ocean is straight ahead with no obstacle's obstructing the view. Yet still, motorists speed to the end of the street at high rates of speed only to come to a screeching stop just shy of the sea wall. Once motorists reach the sea wall, they then put their cars in reverse and speed back up the street to exit. We don't understand what the attraction is or why the high rate of speed is necessary but nothing nor no one seems to be able to slow these motorists down. It has become unsafe for my family, our guests and the other families on our street, to enter and exit our own yard, going to and from the beach, or up and down the street for walks. We placed 2 of the florescent "SLOW" men on either side of the street to help alert motor vehicle operators to slow their speed but we have not seen any drivers yield to the warning since their installation.

V Street is different then all of the other ocean side lettered streets in Hull. V Street is the first ocean side street where vehicles have direct access to the beach. All other ocean side lettered streets have sand duns or large patches of beach grass to walk through before beach goers are able to access the beach. On V Street there is an asphalt paved street right up to the sea wall and then you're directly on the beach. There are no barriers to access for beach goers. This makes it a very easy access point for non-residents to pull up to unload their families and all of their beach supplies and then zoom away to find parking. Beach goers speed down the street and then again back up it to exit, trying to get their beach day started as quickly as possible. We believe that the uniqueness of direct access to the beach that V Street offers is part of the appeal for many beach goers to utilize our street in warm weather months as well as on stormy days for wave viewing. This uniqueness also contributes to a much larger volume of motor vehicles entering, exiting and speeding on V Street then other lettered streets in Hull.

The stay at home quarantine order in MA due to the COVID-19 Pandemic has also more than doubled the normal volume we have seen on V Street in prior years. People are desperate to get out for fresh beach air and everyone is ordering on-line for at home delivery (increases in UPS, Fed-Ex, Amazon and

food deliveries). In addition, all of the beach parking lots are closed and Nantasket Avenue parking limited to just 30 minutes. These limits and closers have encouraged more and more motorists to travel further into Hull looking for beach access points and parking. Not being familiar with the area motorist are now more than ever, speeding up and down our dead-end street.

As residents we would like the Selectman's approval for the installation a set of 3 rubber speed bumps, each individual speed bump measuring 6' long, 3" high, 10" wide. They would be installed in one horizontal line, on the asphalt street, between the residents of #18 & #19 V Street, approximately 100' from the sea wall. There would be approximately a 2' gap between each of the speed bumps to allow for pedestrians by foot, bike or baby carriage to pass by without having to go over/on-top of the speed bump. The area of V Street where we are recommending the installation of the speed bumps is just after the rail road bed crossing. There are only two V Street residents from the recommended installation point up to the sea wall, my family at #19 and the Accetta family at #18. There are two homes on Beach Avenue that utilize this same section of V Street to access their homes but they are Beach Avenue residents and live in Hull seasonally, only in the summer months.

My family has purchased the rubberized speed bumps, at our own expense, and as the owner of Aqualine Utility Inc. I am able to install the speed bumps safely, using the required equipment, once approved. The V Street residents are recommending that the speed bumps be approved for installation for the warmer summer months: May 1<sup>st</sup> through October 31<sup>st</sup> and then removed again for the winter months, so as not to interrupt any snow plowing activities. I will be responsible for the removal and storage of the speed bumps during the winter months.

The residents of V Street assimilate the installation of rubberized speed bumps to the Town's placement of the telephone poles along the path of the rail road bed during the warmer months. They are an active attempt to divert those motorist who do not belong traveling in the private residential area, slow the speed of those vehicles that do need to be there and maintain the safety of the residents that live in the area as well as those pedestrians who should be able to safely pass through it. Like the telephone poles, the speed bumps will be seasonal and can be added and then removed in preparation for the winter months.

We would be more than happy to answer any questions or provide any additional details regarding the rubberized speed bumps we are recommending for installation.

We have enclosed a few pictures of V Street to help the Selectman in visualizing our location.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

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