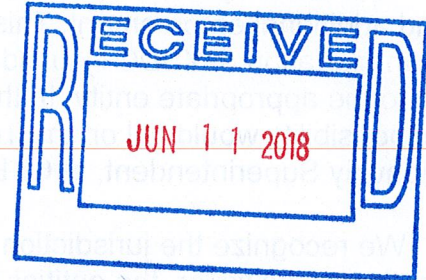




June 7, 2018



Doris Hoffman
c/o the Residents of Springhouse Road
34 Springhouse Rd
Dryden, NY 13053

Dear Ms. Hoffman:

RE: REQUEST FOR LOWER SPEED LIMIT
SPRINGHOUSE ROAD, DRYDEN

This is in response to your May 2018 letter requesting a lower speed limit on Springhouse Road in the Town of Dryden.

NYS DOT does have jurisdiction to conduct a speed study, but all requests on town roadways must come from the town board along with county concurrence. If you are interested in pursuing a speed study please contact Bambi Avery, Dryden Town Clerk for the process.

For informational purposes, a speed study was conducted on Springhouse Road a few years ago and at that time the town submitted laser analysis for our consideration, which showed the 85th percentile of motorists was driving more than 50mph. If conditions today remain the same, the response would be to retain the current speed limit. A reduction in speed would be unsuitable. Studies conducted throughout the country have shown that drivers are influenced more by the appearance of the highway itself and prevailing traffic conditions rather than by the posted speed limit. If speed limit signs are posted for a lower limit than needed, many drivers will simply ignore the signs. At the same time, other drivers will stay within the posted speed limit. This increases the conflicts between faster and slower drivers, reduces the gaps in traffic, and increases the difficulty for pedestrians and other vehicles to judge the speed of approaching vehicles.

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Your lower speed limit request also contained two additional requests; speed humps and additional enforcement. This roadway is outside of New York State Department of Transportation (NYSDOT) jurisdiction for maintenance, so these requests will need to go to the appropriate entity. In the case of any geometric changes to the roadway the responsibility would fall on the Town of Dryden. The individual to contact is Rick Young, Highway Superintendent, at 61 East Main Street, Dryden, NY 13053.

We recognize the jurisdiction on town roadways for speed enforcement is a challenge; however, the entities you name in your letter are all accurate and able to write tickets for individuals who exceed the posted speed limit.

We ask that you please share this response with the other residence on your letter. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact Teresa Haslauer (315) 428-4386. Your interest in this matter is very much appreciated.

Very truly yours,

Original Signed by
Elizabeth H. Parmley

Elizabeth H. Parmley, P. E.
Regional Traffic Engineer

cc: J. Smith, Tompkins County Highway Director
R. Young, Dryden Highway Superintendent
J. Leifer, Dryden Town Supervisor
B. Avery, Dryden Town Clerk