

## FW: Speed bumps proposed on Ridge Road

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To: Washington Grove Town Council,

I would urge against installing speed bumps on the hill going down from 330 Ridge . The Propane trucks are already reluctant to go down the hill in any kind of snow or ice. These trucks weigh 34000 lbs loaded and are extremely unstable on icy hills. Adding a speed bump impediment will make it harder for snow plows to scrape a clean inclined hill. If left unplowed, the bumps will make it more difficult for them to ascend the hill once at the bottom in icy conditions. Steve was kind enough to rescue us in the last ice storm when propane companies refused to deliver to our empty tanks but who would do that after he departs? I have been the only retiree who has been home during the day and have helped many kinds of trucks with sanding and shoveling get up that hill over the last 20 years. Not doing much shoveling now that I hit 80.

I also do not see speed bumps as a judicious use of Town funds. There is a much higher safety risk from invisibility of walkers at dusk and night. I have almost hit walkers even on my bike who were not wearing any visible colors or carrying lights. Perhaps we need a sign to warn of camouflaged walkers or steps for illumination of the walk lanes.

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