

TOWN OF WEST SENECA



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Dear Fellow Town Board Members:

Presently the Town of West Seneca is unable to change speed limits within the Town Borders, New York State Department of Transportation rules on these matters.

We have residential neighborhoods with speed limits of 35 mph with no crosswalks, where our children face a challenge when attempting to cross to the opposite side of the street. We also have many residential streets which have no curbs to possibly slow a vehicle that may have lost control.

In the past "Petitions" have been presented to various town boards from residents asking the speed limit be decreased due to concern for safety of their children. These many attempts have all been rejected and there is no other recourse. Safety of our families in our residential neighborhoods is a necessity. We should not have to repeatedly carry petitions asking for lower speed limits only to have them rejected time after time.

Therefore, I am proposing discussion and consideration to change our "Town" to a "Suburban Town" which if adopted would allow the Town to control its own speed limits. I have asked our Attorney, Mr. Trapp to advise on procedure to accomplish this task.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,
Susan K. Kims
Town Councilwoman