



MINUTES

HUNTERDON COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

Commissioner Meeting Room
71 Main Street, Building 1, Second Floor
Flemington, New Jersey 08822

March 17, 2026

I. **5:00 p.m. CONVENE:**

II. **EXECUTIVE SESSION**

1. Resolution Entering into Executive Session.

The Board entered executive session at 5:02 p.m.

Motion: By: Shaun Van Doren **Seconded:** None

Yes: John Lanza, Jeff Kuhl, Susan Soloway, Shaun Van Doren

No: None **Abstain:** **Absent:** Zachary Rich

III. **5:30 p.m. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

IV. **MOMENT OF SILENCE**

V. **REPORT FROM COUNTY COUNSEL ON EXECUTIVE SESSION**

VI. **COMMISSIONER REPORTS**

Commissioner Rich reported Hunterdon County Polytech will host a March 25 event highlighting its Advanced Manufacturing and Aeronautical Sciences programs in partnership with the U.S. Navy's Maritime Industrial Base (MIB), an initiative focused on revitalizing national shipbuilding and repair capabilities. Superintendent Dr. Todd Bonsall is working with MIB on potential funding opportunities to expand student access to advanced equipment and specialized training, supporting Polytech's goal of preparing local students for high-demand technical careers and strengthening the regional workforce pipeline. Commissioner Rich expressed to Dr. Bonsall and his team for their leadership, and Director of Public Works Dan Bush for receiving the 2026 Public Service Award from the New Jersey Recreation and Park Association for his long-standing commitment to environmental stewardship and community recreation.

Commissioner Van Doren, liaison to the Department of Human Services, reported that the Human Services Advisory Council will host a Disability Services Expo on April 11 from 1 to 4 p.m. at the Route 12 County Complex, offering residents the opportunity to meet local service providers and learn about disability-related resources, with all community members welcome to attend. Commissioner Van Doren added the Health Department issued an update on Highly Pathogenic Avian Influenza (H5N1), noting that while the current risk to the public is low, residents should report sick or dead wild birds—especially groups of five or more—through the NJDEP Fish & Wildlife reporting form, and report affected domestic poultry to the New Jersey Department of Agriculture.

Commissioner Soloway reported she continues to engage with youth across Hunterdon County, including a visit to High Bridge Elementary School to speak with fourth-grade students about county government and public service, as well as participating in NORWESCAP's Read Across America event on March 6, where reading sessions and promotion of County Library resources were offered. Commissioner Soloway added these outreach efforts aim to encourage civic awareness, literacy, and use of community services among young residents. As liaison to Economic Development and Tourism, Commissioner Soloway noted that Director Marc Saluk will provide an overview of

Economic Development and Tourism initiatives and accomplishments from the past decade at an upcoming meeting.

Deputy Director Kuhl shared that the County's Local Safety Action Plan has been submitted to the North Jersey Transportation Planning Authority for review and will be shared with all 26 municipalities once accepted. Staff is continuing coordination following a well-attended Bicycle Plan meeting on February 26 and participated in the 2026 New Jersey Bike and Walk Coalition Conference to advance bicycle and pedestrian planning efforts. Deputy Director Kuhl also noted that Hunterdon County recently hosted approximately 60 North Jersey tree fruit growers for an educational program on orchard production and farm management, organized by Rutgers Cooperative Extension's Dr. Megan Muehlbauer, underscoring the ongoing importance of agriculture to the county's economy and heritage.

Director Lanza reported that the Hunterdon County Improvement Authority met on March 5 and approved a resolution supporting a shared services agreement with the County as it advances a pooled lending program for municipalities, with an overview of the initiative to be presented at the March 27 Shared Services Breakfast. He highlighted the Improvement Authority's potential to reduce local borrowing costs. Director Lanza shared he recently attended an event celebrating a new partnership between Mr. Pop's Chocolates and Old York Wine Cellars in Flemington. He congratulated Commissioner Van Doren upon being recognized for his long-standing service to the Tewksbury Historical Society, and residents were reminded of the April 18 Ident-a-Shred Day as well as upcoming election deadlines, including party affiliation changes and voter registration.

VII. PROCLAMATIONS/RECOGNITION

1. Recognizing the Delaware Valley Regional High School Wrestling Team upon Winning the 2026 New Jersey State Interscholastic Athletic Association (NJSIAA) Group 1 State Wrestling Championship.
Motion: By: Susan Soloway **Seconded:** Zachary Rich
Yes: John Lanza, Jeff Kuhl, Zachary Rich, Susan Soloway, Shaun Van Doren
No: None **Abstain:** None **Absent:**
2. Recognizing the Delaware Valley Regional High School Boys Basketball Team for Winning the First Hunterdon/Warren/Sussex Tournament Championship.
Motion: By: Zachary Rich **Seconded:** Susan Soloway
Yes: John Lanza, Jeff Kuhl, Zachary Rich, Susan Soloway, Shaun Van Doren
No: None **Abstain:** None **Absent:**
3. Celebrating the 100th Birthday of John Barton Case.
Motion: By: Susan Soloway **Seconded:** Jeff Kuhl
Yes: John Lanza, Jeff Kuhl, Zachary Rich, Susan Soloway, Shaun Van Doren
No: None **Abstain:** None **Absent:**

VIII. PUBLIC COMMENT, Limited to 2 minutes per person. (Comments exceeding 2 minutes will be entertained later in the agenda)

Colleen Cristy Maloney, a resident of Kingwood Avenue in Frenchtown, stated that she emailed the Commissioner Board earlier that morning regarding the speed limit on Kingwood Avenue and received a prompt response. She requested that the Board review her email and consider lowering the speed limit. In closing, she expressed her appreciation for Hunterdon County's efforts to keep County roads clean and safe during winter storms.

David Yates, also a resident of Kingwood Avenue in Frenchtown, voiced his support for the traffic-calming measures under consideration by the Board. He noted that current conditions could be improved, as the roadway can be dangerous and vehicle speed contributes to the issue. Mr. Yates added that the proposed recommendations are reasonable and consistent with measures implemented in other municipalities within Hunterdon County. He urged the Board to consider the submitted proposal, along with supporting comments from neighbors, and expressed hope for a resolution.

Armin Zomorodi, a resident of Kingwood Avenue in Frenchtown, distributed a proposal and a list of signatures from individuals unable to attend the meeting. He requested that the Board reduce the speed limit on County Route 610 (Kingwood Avenue) from 35 mph to 25-mph between Ward Street and Ridge Road, a 1,400-foot stretch of densely residential roadway. He referenced a December 15, 2025 incident in which a driver rear-ended a stopped school bus while it was loading children. According to the police report, the vehicle was traveling at a speed consistent with 35–40 mph in an area posted at 25-mph. Mr. Zomorodi emphasized that the section of roadway under consideration is directly adjacent to the location of the accident and shares similar characteristics, including residential density and school bus activity, yet remains posted at 35 mph. He further noted that most roads in Frenchtown Borough have a 25-mph speed limit, with only a few exceptions. He also summarized findings from the most recent traffic study and acknowledged those in attendance in support of lowering the speed limit.

Maggie Cook, a resident of Kingwood Avenue in Frenchtown, reported that one of her children was on the school bus at the time of the incident. She explained that she lives on a portion of Kingwood Avenue without sidewalks and noted the absence of safe crosswalks for pedestrians. Ms. Cook stated that enforcing the current speed limit is difficult and expressed a desire for clearer, safer conditions for parents and pet owners. She added that traffic volume has increased and that both the speed limit and traffic-calming measures should better reflect current safety needs.

Michele Liebttag, Frenchtown Borough Council President, thanked the Board for its partnership with the Borough on Kingwood Avenue improvements, particularly funding for flashing safety beacons that have been ordered and will be installed. Ms. Liebttag stated that the Borough is familiar with the proposal presented and emphasized that this is an ongoing issue. She noted that the Borough has worked with the County on prior traffic studies and formally requested that an updated study be conducted for further review and action.

Director Lanza thanked Council President Liebttag and acknowledged the longstanding collaboration between the County and Frenchtown Borough on traffic concerns. He stated that the issue is serious and sensitive, particularly in a densely populated area such as Frenchtown, and affirmed the County's commitment to continued cooperation.

Deputy Director Kuhl noted that the County has been addressing traffic concerns in the area since 2004. He reported that traffic studies were conducted in 2023 and 2024, followed by roadway restriping in 2025. The Deputy Director stated that the County is taking appropriate action while carefully balancing the various factors involved.

IX. GRANTS, Michael Franchini, Deputy CFO

1. Accepting an award letter for \$146,256.00 in additional funds through the Highlands Council for completion of the Musconetcong Watershed Management Plan.
Motion: By: Shaun Van Doren **Seconded:** Jeff Kuhl
Yes: John Lanza, Jeff Kuhl, Zachary Rich, Susan Soloway, Shaun Van Doren
No: None **Abstain:** None **Absent:**

X. PURCHASING, Ray Rule, QPA

1. Approving Requisition #R26-1893 with Garden State Tree Management, for the Schick Reserve tree removal, in an amount not to exceed \$99,000.00.
Motion: By: Zachary Rich **Seconded:** Shaun Van Doren
Yes: John Lanza, Jeff Kuhl, Zachary Rich, Susan Soloway, Shaun Van Doren
No: None **Abstain:** None **Absent:**
2. Approving contract award for County RFP 0002-2026 for Electric and Natural Gas Consultancy and Brokerage Services for the County of Hunterdon and Registered Cooperative Members #51-HCCPS, with Concord Engineering Group.
Motion: By: Jeff Kuhl **Seconded:** Susan Soloway
Yes: John Lanza, Jeff Kuhl, Zachary Rich, Susan Soloway, Shaun Van Doren
No: None **Abstain:** None **Absent:**

XI. COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR, Brad Myhre

1. Approving a contract award for County RFP 0001-2026, with Executrek Systems LLC, for Earned Value Construction and Project Management for the Hunterdon County Emergency Services Training Center Administration Building and Vehicle Storage Building.

Motion: By: Jeff Kuhl **Seconded:** Susan Soloway

Yes: John Lanza, Jeff Kuhl, Zachary Rich, Susan Soloway, Shaun Van Doren

No: None **Abstain:** None **Absent:**

XII. **CONSENT AGENDA**

Motion: By: Shaun Van Doren **Seconded:** Susan Soloway

Yes: John Lanza, Jeff Kuhl, Zachary Rich, Susan Soloway, Shaun Van Doren

No: None **Abstain:** None **Absent:**

1. Approving the Claims Register dated March 17, 2026.
2. Approving the executive session and regular meeting minutes from the March 03, 2026 meeting.
3. Acknowledging the action of the Hunterdon County Sheriff, Frederick Brown, to hire and appoint Robert L. Runion as a Security Guard in the Hunterdon County Sheriff's Office.
4. Approving the hire and regular appointment of John Yanovitch as a Building Maintenance Worker in the Hunterdon County Department of Administrative Services, Division of Buildings and Maintenance. (Filling a vacancy)
5. Approving the hire and provisional appointment of Victoria McSweeney as a Social Worker in the Hunterdon County Department of Human Services, Division of Senior, Disabilities and Veterans Services. (Filling a vacancy)
6. Approving the reappointment of Lawrence (Luke) Bonham as Superintendent of Bridges in the Hunterdon County Department of Public Works, Division of Bridges in accordance with N.J.S.A. 27:14-24, for a 5-year term.
7. Acknowledging the action of Hunterdon County Prosecutor Renée Robeson to promote and appoint Philip Carrillo to the title Principal Technician MIS, in the Hunterdon County Office of the Prosecutor.
8. Approves the status change of Kristin Bonham, from full-time to part-time in the Hunterdon County Department of Health, Public Health Preparedness Division.
9. Approving the transfer of Nicole Staselewicz, Keyboarding Clerk 2, in the Department of Human Services, Division of Social Services to the title of Records Management Analyst, in the Department of Administrative Services, Division of Central Services. (Filling a vacancy)
10. Approving a salary adjustment for Keith Monahan, Equipment Operator in the Department of Administrative Services, for obtaining his Class A CDL in accordance with the CWA Local 1036 Collective Bargaining Agreement.
11. Acknowledging the titles and salaries of the members of the Hunterdon County Board of Elections as established at the Board's annual reorganization meeting effective March 1, 2026.
12. Approving the action to hereby grant Linda S. Rifino a regular appointment as a full-time Keyboarding Clerk 3 as of March 17, 2026, in the Hunterdon County Department of Public Safety, Division of Emergency Management. (No change in salary)

13. Approving the action to hereby grant Reagan M. Hronich a regular appointment as a full-time Supervising Advocate Victim Witness Program as of March 17, 2026, in the Hunterdon County Prosecutor's Office. (No change in salary)
14. Authorizing the Director or Deputy Director and Clerk to the Board of County Commissioners to sign an Interlocal Public Health Services Agreement with the Township of Kingwood.
15. Authorizing the Director or Deputy Director and Clerk to the Board of County Commissioners sign an Interlocal Public Health Services Agreement with the Township of East Amwell.
16. Authorizing the Director or Deputy Director and Clerk to the Board of County Commissioners to sign an Interlocal Public Health Services Agreement with the Township of Alexandria.
17. Authorizing the Health Department to accept \$385,000.00 in additional funds for the Enhancing Local Public Health Infrastructure (ELPHI) Grant and extending the grant period through July 31, 2026.
18. Authorizing the Commissioner Director to sign and accept the County Environmental Health Act (CEHA) Grant Agreement #CEHA2026-00028, in the amount of \$155,617.00, for the period July 1, 2025 through June 30, 2026.
19. Approving 2026 New Jersey State Council on the Arts Local Arts Program mini-grant awards, as recommended by the Hunterdon County Cultural & Heritage Commission.
20. Approving a request from Tewksbury First Aid & Rescue Squad to host a coin toss on April 11 or 12, 2026 at the intersection of Lamington Road (County Route 523) and County Route 517, in Oldwick.
21. Approving a request from Jerseyman Triathlon to host a triathlon event on Sunday, May 10, 2026, utilizing County Route 629 and County Route 523, in Clinton and Readington Townships, around Round Valley Reservoir.
22. Authorizing the Commissioner Director to sign documents pertaining to the State of NJ Department of Community Affairs, Division of Local Government Services property co-owners certifications for Hunterdon County Bridge R-170.
23. Authorizing the Commissioner Director to sign Change Order #1-FINAL for the Resurfacing and Safety Improvements for County Route 620 in Readington Township, in a decrease of \$118,707.73.
24. Accepting the project known as the Resurfacing and Safety Improvements for County Route 620 Located in the Township of Readington, County of Hunterdon in accordance with N.J.S.A. 2A:44-132, and authorizing final payment in the amount of \$276,567.99 be made to Riverview Paving.
25. Accepting the project known as the 2025 Painting of Various Bridges Throughout the County of Hunterdon, in accordance with N.J.S.A. 2A:44-132, and authorizing the final payment in the amount of \$45,890.00 be made to United Painters Inc.
26. Authorizing the Commissioner Director to sign Change Order #5 for the Echo Hill Pond Dam Rehabilitation in an increase of \$1,650.00.
27. Approving the Arbor Day ceremonial planting of the *Grove of 13* at the Hunterdon County Arboretum in recognition of the Nation's 250th Anniversary.

28. Approving a request from Kathy Creveling, an organizer for the Special Olympics NJ, to hold a walking event at Deer Path Park utilizing the Cedars Pavillion on Saturday, May 16, 2026, and waive all fees associated with the permit.
29. Approving a courtesy permit to the Raritan Headwaters Association (RHA) at Echo Hill Park to conduct stream monitoring between June 1 and July 15, 2026, and a stream monitoring training event on May 2, 2026, from 9:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.
30. Authorizing JCP&L, a First Energy Company, to conduct Right of Way Vegetation Management practices including tree removals in Cushetunk Mountain Preserve.
31. Authorizing Evolve Pink to host a Strides for Strength Walk at South County Park on October 4, 2026, from 7:00 a.m. until 3:00 p.m.
32. Authorizing River Crossing YMCA to host a *Let Your Colors Shine* Field Day Event at Deer Path Park on July 15, 2026, from 8:00 a.m. until 4:00 p.m.
33. Authorizing the Director of the Board of County Commissioners to execute a lease renewal for 112 Broad Street, Flemington.
34. Authorizing the Department of Human Services to apply for and obtain a grant from the New Jersey Department of Community Affairs in the amount of \$1,787.00, for the period October 1, 2025 through September 30, 2026, for the administration of the Low Income Heating and Energy Assistance Program.
35. Authorizing the Department of Human Services to apply for and obtain a grant from the New Jersey Department of Community Affairs in the amount of \$1,142.00, for the period July 1, 2025 through June 30, 2026, for the administration of the Universal Service Fund (USF).
36. Authorizing the Commissioner Director to execute provider services contracts with Freedom House, Legal Services of Northwest Jersey, One Voice, and Anderson House, for the period of January 1, 2026 through December 31, 2026, pursuant to Human Services RFP 0038-2025.
37. Authorizing the Commissioner Director to sign, on behalf of the county, an Equipment Lease Agreement for Vehicle # 18-170 with the New Jersey Transit Corporation for use in the Consolidated Transportation System, the LINK.
38. Authorizing the Commissioner Director to execute a provider services contract with One Voice of Hunterdon for the provision of community-based services pertaining to opioid prevention, treatment, and recovery strategies known as Project INFORM pursuant to the terms and conditions set forth the Department of Human Services Request for Proposals 0038-25, for the period of January 1, 2026 through December 31, 2026 in the amount of \$207,675.00.
39. Approving a request from Hunterdon Central Regional High School to use the Jury Parking Lot off of Park Avenue in Flemington, on Thursday, June 18, 2026, between 7:00 a.m. and 12:00 p.m., for additional parking for the high school graduation.
40. Confirming the action of the Commissioner Director to send Grant Letters of Support on behalf of the Borough of Frenchtown, the Township of Raritan, and Rivers Crossing YMCA.
41. Resolution Supporting River Crossing YMCA, Deer Path Branch Renovation Project.

XIII. **OPEN TO THE PUBLIC**

Guy Citron, a resident of Tewksbury Township, addressed officials regarding concerns about potential violations of residents' Fourth Amendment rights in Hunterdon County

related to immigration enforcement. He noted that when he previously asked whether any such violations had occurred, he received no response. Providing context, Mr. Citron emphasized that the Constitution requires judicial warrants for arrests and stated that immigration authorities have been widely reported to bypass this standard, raising serious due process concerns. He further warned of the rapid expansion of a mass detention and surveillance system involving private companies and investment.

Mr. Citron pointed to actions taken in Bucks County, where commissioners unanimously passed a resolution opposing the use of warehouses as detention facilities despite similar federal constraints. He highlighted reports of overcrowding, inadequate medical care, use of solitary confinement, insufficient officer training, and deaths in custody, all of which raise concerns about accountability. Stressing that these issues are relevant locally, including in communities such as Flemington, he called for greater clarity and transparency from county leadership.

He asked the Board what steps are being taken to ensure no violations are occurring and, if they are, what actions officials are prepared to take. He also urged the Board to consider adopting a resolution similar to Bucks County's to clearly state their position. Concluding his remarks, Mr. Citron emphasized that choosing not to act is still a decision and called on officials to demonstrate leadership in protecting the rights and safety of county residents.

Mr. Yates, a resident of Kingwood Ave, in Frenchtown expanded on his earlier comments regarding Kingwood Avenue, noting that prior speed studies conducted on this stretch have determined the area meets all contextual criteria for a statutory speed limit of 25 mph. He briefly explained the methodology used in these studies and added that the County has previously approved speed limit reductions on County Routes 518, 612, and 617, all of which feature dense residential development and pedestrian activity.

Mr. Yates cited AAA traffic safety data indicating that a pedestrian struck at 25 mph has approximately a 12% chance of fatality, compared to a 45% chance at 40 mph. He also emphasized that lowering the speed limit would significantly reduce roadside noise, benefiting families living along the corridor, while only adding a few seconds of travel time for drivers. He concluded by thanking the Board for their time and for reviewing the materials he provided.

XIV. ADDITIONAL COMMISSIONER COMMENTS

Commissioner Director Lanza thanked the Frenchtown Borough Council for its ongoing collaboration with the County on traffic-related issues. He acknowledged the Borough's efforts in actively addressing residents' concerns and bringing matters involving County jurisdiction forward. He noted that the Borough remains attentive to these issues and expressed the County's commitment to continuing its partnership with the Borough Council.

XV. EXECUTIVE SESSION (Reconvene if necessary)

XVI. ADJOURNMENT

The Board adjourned at 6:10 p.m. on a motion by Commissioner Soloway, seconded by Commissioner Van Doren, followed by a voice carry.

Respectfully submitted and transcribed by:



Rebecca Grohgans, CLERK

Public Comment Attachments
March 17, 2026

1. Kristen Lambert, 8 Ridge Road, Frenchtown, NJ 08825

Hello,

I can not attend the meeting on 3/17 but please know myself and my family support the reduction from 35 to 25 between Ridge Road and Ward street. We Live at the bottom of Ridge road, myself and my children walk almost every day spring through fall. People drive so very fast on Rt. 12, the transition into Frenchtown is rough and people continue to speed. I worry for the safety of my family most days. We have many neighbors and other neighborhood children that walk, and I've seen a few almost hit multiple times!

Please consider helping our community,

Thank you,
Kristen Lambert

2. Frederick C Haluko PE, 14 Kingwood Ave, Frenchtown, NJ 08825

Please be advised I support the initiative to reduce the speed limit to 25mph on Kingwood Ave Frenchtown as requested in the attached document " A Safer Kingwood Ave ".

I have been the owner of 14 kingwood Ave since 1984 and have lived there since 2008. In that time I have experienced the increase in speeding traffic and higher noise levels due

to commercial vehicles and the impact of tourists on the weekends. In my professional opinion as an Engineer ,the attached document defines the necessary actions to bring back Kingwood Ave to a safer and

much quieter street as in the past.

Frederick C Haluko PE (Retired)

3. Pat Storm, 14 Kingwood Ave, Frenchtown, NJ 08825

Please be advised that I support the initiative to reduce the speed limit to 25 mph on Kingwood Avenue as defined in the attached document. I have lived at 14 Kingwood Ave. since 2008. The noise and dangerous speeding have increased in an alarming rate over the past few years.

Drivers seem to take the uphill eastbound drive up Kingwood as a racing challenge. This includes motorcycles and truck traffic.

I would also add, as a walker, very little attention is paid to the crosswalks, I walk every day and a very small percentage of cars stop for pedestrians.. Speed bumps would be helpful.

In addition, we now have an increased amount of noisy, speeding truck traffic. Aren't there rules about limitations on truck sizes and weight of cargo? I see signs in other towns, No trucks over a certain weight.

I feel like our town hasn't caught up to the increase in popularity by addressing these issues, it's not considerate to the safety of our residents.

4. Peter Roselli, 25 Kingwood Ave, Frenchtown, NJ 08825

Commissioners,

I am writing to you reiterate our concerns regarding the the posted speed limits and chronic speeding over the limit on Kingwood Ave., a public safety hazard of many years' standing,

I understand from Mr. Zomorodi that you have a meeting tomorrow evening, at which discussion will take place regarding this hazardous roadway condition. As I will not be able to attend to express my concerns in person, I am writing to you in support of lowering the speed limit to 25 mph both ways in and out of Frenchtown on Kngwood Ave. immediately.

Fundamentally, the posted speed limits coming into Frenchtown on Kingwood Ave./Rte 12 from the east are far too high - posted at 40 mph, then 35 mph for a long stretch and not lowering to a posted 25 mph just one house before ours at 25 Kingwood Ave. very close to Creek Rd and Bridge St. The sidewalk, existing only on the north side of the street, becomes essentially the curb from our property into town at Bridge. Walking it, with one's back to traffic most often exceeding the 25 mph limit there is unnerving. And on the south side of Kingwood Ave. heading east out of town, no speed limit sign exists until far down the street at which a 35 mph speed limit is posted.

Rather than restate what I previously wrote to the Frenchtown Mayor and Council, I have copied below the email I sent them in January 2023. Since then nothing material has been done to mitigate this serious public safety problem by the Mayor and Council. with speed limit enforcement, even with the inadequate limits as posted, has been sporadic and limited in frequency.

The latest incident, in December this past year, in which the school bus picking up children was rear ended across the street from our home on the south side of Kingwood Ave., and the driver found guilty, is an indicator of the worse case that could happen - pedestrians being hit on that sidewalk on the north side of the street.

I and my wife have lived at 25 Kingwood Ave. for 49 years, since 1979. My daughter attended Frenchtown Elementary, then graduated from Del Val. I am reachable at the cell phone number below.

Your immediate intervention would be greatly appreciated.

Sincerely,
Peter Roselli

5. Kathe Knitch and Tom Jakab, 53 Kingwood Ave, Frenchtown, NJ 08825

Dear commissioners,

We reside at 53 Kingwood Ave. and are in full support of lowering the speed limit. We have only lived here for 2.5 years and have already witnessed 2 family pets hit and killed as well as many close calls.

There are tons of speeders both up and down the street and that includes all types of vehicles. Large trucks and motorcycles included. A reduction in speed limit will certainly make the road safer for everyone.

Thank you,
Kathe Knitch and Tom Jakab

6. Colleen Christie Maloney, 30 Kingwood Ave, Frenchtown, NJ 08825

Dear Commissioners:

I support the initiative to reduce the speed limit on all of Kingwood Avenue in Frenchtown to 25 mph with ancillary traffic calming measures.

I am a 35+ year resident at 30 Kingwood Avenue. My husband and I raised children who started at the Frenchtown school, went on to Del Val, and then college and beyond.

Our family life in Frenchtown has always been based on walking: to school, grocery store, eateries, park, friends' homes, and of course recreation along the D&R Canal State Park path. From our beginning as residents on Kingwood Avenue, it was always with caution we navigated as both pedestrians and motorists when crossing or pulling onto Kingwood Avenue due to traffic speed, volume, and driver behavior.

I ask the Commissioners to consider that Frenchtown is no longer the sleepy river town of the 70's and 80's, but packed on weekends and holidays and busy with daily commerce and commuting, bringing additional traffic volume to Kingwood Avenue, including the speeding and erratic behavior which impacts our families and visitors, as demonstrated by the recent accident involving the school bus.

I ask the Commissioners to consider the 25 mph speed limits of other walkable local towns, such as Pennington, Hopewell Borough, and Lambertville, and the benefits this provides to those local families. In my opinion, the entirety of Kingwood Avenue should be 25 mph with traffic calming measures—for both safety and quality of life.

Thank you for considering these comments. And a shout out to Hunterdon County Roads Department for a great job at managing icy roads this winter.

Colleen Christie Maloney
30 Kingwood Avenue
Frenchtown
Sent from my iPhone