



# TOWN OF RICHMOND

RICHMOND TOWN CENTER

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**b. On reducing the speed limit:** Francis Churchill stated that he is a resident of Cochran Road and attended the SB meeting and wishes to further address safety issues. He stated that safety needs to be permanently engineered into the roadway but given the short time available before the convergence of the Rt2 construction season and the seasonal increase in recreational use of Cochran Road, temporary measures and educational efforts should be undertaken. He provided information to support his recommended reduction in the speed limit in the current 45mph zone to 35mph and asked the RTC to support this. Cole pointed out that a speed study is necessary to make an enforceable change in speed limits. Knowles recalled that Eleni Churchill in the Transportation section of the CCRCP previously told us that the SB could change the speed limit, but it would not be enforceable.

**Motion by Knowles, seconded by Gent: The Transportation Committee recommends to the Selectboard that the posted speed limit in the current 45mph zone on Cochran Road be changed to a posted speed limit of 35mph for the duration of the 2023 Rt2 construction season, with the understanding that this is not enforceable by the police, but that engineered changes in the form of temporary 35mph speed tables as well as signage be employed to effect the change. Motion passed unanimously.**

**c. On public education to share the road:** Francis Churchill discussed the need for a culture of “share the road”, but noted that different road users have different ideas of what that means. He advocates for educational efforts to promote a common understanding of sharing the road. He provided examples. Kart noted that groups such as Local Motion would be interested in this; also, although the emphasis should start with Cochran Road in 2023, the entire town would benefit from this and it can be extended where residents are interested.

**Motion by Kart, seconded by Knowles: The Transportation Committee recommends to the Selectboard that a “Share the Road” educational campaign be undertaken, and that the Town engage partners such as Local Motion and CCRPC in this endeavor. Passed unanimously.**