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**Subject:** Re: Posting Speed Limit Signs on Birch St  
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Ms. Bonenfant: Would you be so kind as to share this request to the City Council so that it may be referred to the Traffic Policy Advisory Committee. In brief, this is a request to post 15 MPH speed limit signs on Birch St. abutting the community garden there.

In addition, the letter commends the City Public Works Department for their work maintaining Birch St.

Thank you in advance.  
Jim Schlosser

On Thu, May 9, 2024 at 10:41 AM Brad Cilley <[brad@cilley.org](mailto:brad@cilley.org)> wrote:

Dear Councilor Schlosser,

I am George B(Brad) Cilley and reside at 85 Pillsbury St in Concord. I am also an officer on the Board of Directors of Russell-Shea Growers, a nonprofit, which administers the gardens (under a formal contract with the State of NH) within the Russell-Shea State Forest property that abuts Birch St. Birch St is a seasonally maintained City designated emergency lane. After several years of discussion regarding the legal status of this street (it was originally classified as an unmaintained Class VI road) the City reclassified it as an emergency lane and now grades the dirt street once a year – which the gardeners appreciate greatly! We currently have over one hundred (100) individual gardeners, grow several large plots for dedicated to The Friendly Kitchen, and also have several youth education gardens including The Boys&Girls Club, 4H, NH Ag in the Classroom teacher training, and Parker Education. This means that there are many people who are using Birch St to access the gardens as well as the many people who use the street for walking, cycling and running (school athletic teams are often seen running down this street).

I am writing to request that the speed limit signs that were once posted along this street be returned. The street is also used as a shortcut by motorists between Iron Works Rd and Clinton St and some people seem to think it is an “off road” driving experience due its dirt surface – my point being that speed is a safety concern for all others using the street. When the street had speed limit signs, my memory is (I have been gardening within the State Forest property for 27 years) the speed limit was posted at 15 MPH which seems reasonable for an emergency lane. I also think the residents of South Concord Meadows

would appreciate returning the speed limit signs since driving above 15mph creates a dust storm that blows into the apartment complex.

I am not sure where to submit a request within the City administration for this so I thought I would start with you. Any help you can provide is appreciated. I also want to compliment the City Public Works Department for the annual maintenance of Birch St since it was reclassified. They have done a great job!

I have copied the Russell-Shea Growers ad hoc Board member who represents the NH Division of Natural and Cultural Resources, for their information.

Thanks for any assistance you can provide. I would be happy to answer any questions you may have at your convenience. My phone number is below. Please feel free to share this email within the City administration that oversees posting of speed limits.

Thanks, and best regards,

Brad

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