

Don Johnson

7/14/03 (19)

**From:** Adam Powers [adam@powersmail.net]  
**Sent:** Thursday, July 10, 2003 2:23 PM  
**To:** Don Johnson  
**Subject:** RE: Dangerous Intersection

That's O.K. - My fault. Yes, I'm referring to the addition of two stop signs on Pope Road which would then create a four-way stop intersection at Strawberry Hill Road. I expected that it might get complicated. Thank you.

--- Don Johnson <djohnson@acton-ma.gov> wrote:

> Adam:

> I am sorry for the delay in responding to your June 28 message. Your message apparently got trapped in our filter due to an address problem (the correct address is djohnson@town.acton.ma.us). The IT Department has now forwarded both your original and this latest message to me for handling.

> I will address your concern with the Selectmen; however, they will need staff input (Police, Engineering, etc.) in order to make any determinations in this regard. Before I forward your question to staff, I need to be sure I understand what you are proposing. From your comments I glean that you are reiterating your request from last year to have a 4-way stop at the Pope Road/Strawberry Hill intersection. Am I correct? If that is the case, I know from past experience that the State requires us to do an engineering study to assure that this intersection warrants a 4-way stop. (They have very specific criteria that must be met.) The State does not allow local communities to install Stop signs without their prior approval and 4-way stops carry a higher standard of approval.

> Regards,  
> Don

> -----Original Message-----

> From: Adam Powers [mailto:adam@powersmail.net]  
> Sent: Thursday, July 10, 2003 10:03 AM  
> To: don.johnson@town.acton.ma.us  
> Subject: Fwd: Dangerous Intersection

> Hi Don,

> Can you help me with this or should I handle it myself?

> Thanks,  
> Adam

> --- Adam Powers <adam@powersmail.net> wrote:  
> > Date: Sat, 28 Jun 2003 04:52:46 -0700 (PDT)  
> > From: Adam Powers <adam@powersmail.net>  
> > Subject: Dangerous Intersection  
> > To: don.johnson@town.acton.ma.us  
> >

> > Hello Don,  
> >  
> > I hope all is well with you. I'm writing to see if  
> > you  
> > could please sponsor the implementation of an  
> > important traffic safety measure.  
> >  
> > About a year ago, I spoke to a few of the town  
> > selectmen about the dangerous intersection facing  
> > northwest at Pope/Strawberry Hill Roads. The town  
> > rapidly responded by cutting down the tall brush  
> > and  
> > overgrown trees by the Stonymeade Horse Farm  
> > property.  
> > While visibility improved, it did not eliminate  
> > the  
> > threat of high speed motorists traveling down Pope  
> > Road as evidenced by the recent tragic death of a  
> > young man from AB high school. When I last  
> > communicated with the selectman, they suggested  
> > that  
> > we test the brush clearing before spending money  
> > on  
> > two stop signs and white stop lines for Pope Road.  
> > Last week, my wife and nine month old daughter had  
> > another close call with a speeding motorist. In my  
> > opinion, it's time to erect stop signs. Could you  
> > please discuss this safety measure with the BOS at  
> > your next meeting?  
> >  
> > Thank you.  
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> > Sincerely,  
> > Adam  
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