

SAVE THE DATE: CLARK ROAD PRELIMINARY TRAFFIC PLANS REVEALED

The following note was prepared by Ken Stone, a Precinct 16 Town Meeting Member and a Resident of The Pinehills. I have discussed this with Ken as have other Six Ponds & Town Meeting Members and we encourage your participation.

Hampton Watkins

I and 3 other town meeting members met with Deb Sedares , President of the Pinehills LLC, to review the Pinehills' preliminary plans for traffic mitigation on Clark Road. At first glance the plan looks very comprehensive and I believe will effectively address all of our concerns. On the other hand, I am not a civil engineer, though one of the Town Meeting members who was in this meeting is. Of course, some details needing to be addressed may emerge. Again, this is a preliminary plan.

An informational Joint Caucus meeting between Precincts 16 and 15 is scheduled for **Monday evening January 29th at 6 PM. The meeting will be held at the Plymouth South Middle School (PSMS) auditorium at 488 Long Pond Road.** At this juncture it will be an in person meeting only. The last meeting was arranged by precinct 16 and we had over 100 people in a standing room only crowd at the Stonebridge Clubhouse in the Pinehills. Therefore, in order to handle the anticipated larger crowd with both precincts advertising the caucus, we reserved the PSMS auditorium. There is comfortable seating for about 152 people.

This is an informational meeting. There will be more public meetings later including at Town Hall, perhaps by the Planning Board. A map of the planned changes will be posted on the wall outside the doors of the auditorium so residents can get a good, close up look. A PowerPoint presentation will start things off and will be given by Deb Sedares. Town officials from the appropriate departments will be in attendance. After the presentation, the first set of concerns and questions will be asked by Town Meeting members from either precinct. Following that, residents will have the opportunity to do the same. There will be strict time frames for questions just as there were at the last meeting. That seemed to work well given how many people wanted to comment. Comments and questions should be reserved to the plan itself, not historical events or past issues.

The plan includes traffic signals at two intersections, traffic calming median strips, turning lanes and more. The cost will be paid for by the Pinehills and Deb Sedares assured me there would be no increase in fees assessed to residents of the Pinehills for the work. Apparently, the Pinehills' initial proposal to the town 25 years ago included anticipation of traffic impacts and mitigations and that was baked into their plans from the start.

So, I encourage all of you who have long been concerned about traffic on Clark Road to attend the meeting.

Ken Stone
Precinct 16 Town Meeting Member & Resident of The Pinehills