To: Select Board, Town of Wolfeboro, New Hampshire

Subject: Petition for Speed Limit Reduction and Traffic Safety Measures on Sewall Road

Statement of Petition

We, the undersigned residents, property owners, and regular users of Sewall Road, respectfully petition the Select Board to improve road safety, protect pedestrians and cyclists, and better reflect the residential and recreational character of Sewall Road by implementing the following measures:

- **Lower the Speed Limit:** Reduce the current 30 mph speed limit on Sewall Road to **25 mph** across all sections currently posted at 30 mph.
- **Enhanced Signage and Pavement Markings:** Install clear 25 mph speed-limit signage and appropriate pavement markings to remind motorists to watch for and share the road with pedestrians and cyclists.
- **Targeted Police Enforcement:** Encourage the Wolfeboro Police Department to conduct targeted speed enforcement along Sewall Road, particularly during periods of peak traffic and pedestrian activity.

Background and Justification

Sewall Road is one of Wolfeboro's scenic and historic roads and is heavily used by residents, visitors, walkers, joggers, families, and cyclists. Families with young children and strollers are regularly seen walking along the roadway, and pedestrians frequently use the road to walk into town. Large trucks and trailers also regularly use the road to access the marina and nearby properties. With pedestrians, cyclists, and vehicles of all sizes sharing the roadway, appropriate vehicle speeds are particularly important.

Traffic monitoring on Sewall Road has documented daily traffic volumes approaching **1,000 vehicles per day**. The same monitoring found that a significant share of observed vehicles travel above the posted 30 mph speed limit, indicating that speeding is a widespread concern rather than an isolated occurrence.

Community concern is also evident in the "Please Slow Down" signs homeowners have placed along the road, reflecting growing concern about vehicle speeds and pedestrian safety.

Lowering the speed limit from 30 mph to 25 mph would better reflect Sewall Road's residential, recreational, and pedestrian-oriented character, improve safety for all road users, and encourage safer sharing of the roadway.

With Sewall Road scheduled for repaving this fall, this is an especially appropriate opportunity to implement the change. The new speed-limit signage and pedestrian-awareness markings can be incorporated into the resurfacing project.