

Tony, The Dept of Traffic Safety contacted me last eve concerning the various roadway issues that we have discussed. John Denninghof' Director, responded to our concerns (according to a Dept engineer) by indicating that the highway was built in accordance w/prescribed standards. This does NOT address our safety concerns. His previous position (and that of the Commissioner) was that we should have known about the roadway and its implied consequences prior to buying into Grand Haven. My (our ) position to the Commissioner was (and is) that it is incumbent upon them to design a roadway not only adhering to basic standards but focusing on the safety, quality of life, and home values of the the community to which it interfaces.

Prior to completion of the roadway we raised the various issues which we now address. Their response was to take a wait and see attitude. Now that the project is completed we realize that our concerns have unfortunately materialized. The Commissioner did at the time say that she would "revisit" the matter at a later date if so required.

I believe that they w/be as intransigent as they were at the onset to our concerns. And I believe that probably assertive action may be required at some point including but not limited to litigation on our part. However, I suggest a progressive approach. A first step would be to formulate a letter including our concerns relative to the roadway. This would be addressed to the commissioner seeking redress regarding the issues. They w/respond At that point, and considering what they say, we can formulate a strategy. The letter should be sent by the Board after review and formulation by all concerned parties here at GH.