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Residents living on Leeds-ville Drive in the Lincroft section of Middletown have asked the Township Committee to help them slow the traffic on their street with speed humps, not speed bumps.

The difference between speed humps and bumps is the height. Speed bumps are 6 inches high and a foot wide,

said Winnie Scuteri, a member of the Lincroft Village Green Association.

MIDDLETOWN She cited these as being used in parking lots. Speed humps peak at 3 to 4 inches high and are 12 to 24 inches wide. These are designed for motorists to travel over at 25 to 30 mph, she said.

The speed limit on the roadway is 25 mph.

"I've been reduced to stand-

ing in the street yelling at speeders," Leedsville Drive resident Chris Snyder said.

"You can hear the cars coming," resident Philip Goldman said. "They have to be going 50 to 70 mph."

However, once the motorists reach the curve in the roadway, accidents happen, he said.

Goldman said as some speeders traveling north come to the curve near his house, they lose

control of their vehicles and wind up swerving across the roadway, jumping curbs and hitting trees and parked cars across the street.

Goldman has lived on Leeds-ville Drive for 28 years, he said.

"Thank God no one has gotten killed," he said. "Thank God, each time the speeders swerve to the other side of the road, there is no oncoming traffic."

The roadway is bound by Newman Springs and Middletown-Lincroft roads and West Front Street. At Newman Springs, the roadway is named Hurleys Lane, which turns into Leedsville Drive.

About two years ago, neighbors got together and asked the Lincroft Village Green Association to help in its quest to have

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speed humps installed.

Scuteri said her group presented the speed-hump project to the Township Committee as a pilot project.

"The idea was to take a street in the Lincroft section that could be tested out," she said. "We wanted them to do a before-and-after study to see how the traffic-calming humps worked.

"We have many streets in the township that residents are complaining about the speeders," Scuteri said.

In the report to the committee, she said the Leighton Avenue speed humps in Red Bank were noted and shown as an example of what the Leedsville residents wanted in their neighborhood.

Although the residents want the humps, committee members are looking for alternative remedies, Township Administrator Robert Czech said.

Czech said one alternative would be to install rippling lines, which are areas of grooved pavement that resemble rumble strips.

"I would invite anyone to sit on my porch and witness what goes on here," Goldman said.