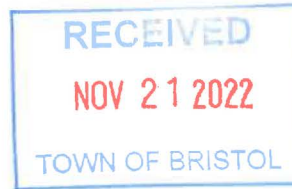


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To: Valerie Capels Town Administrator
To: Bristol Select Board

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Dear People,

First praise and gratitude. I am delighted with the side walk replacement on East Street. Now I can ride my bike to the village without injuring or endangering myself. I am baffled as to why so many Bristolites prefer to walk in the road but that is a subject for another time.

I am also grateful for the gravel I requested at the bottom of the reservoir road a couple years ago. Sadly it was almost immediately plowed off and there is no longer a crown to the road. I have been cheerfully clearing culverts and storm basin since 2004 as I am skilled with shovels, string trimmers etc. I also mow the road side to the reservoir and logging road to the big header and beyond. I am happy to contribute in this way to my town of thirty years.

Thousands hike up to the ledges and Deer Leap now each year, where as very few did years ago. I observe this from my home on Mt. Terrace.

Now I have some requests.

1. Please do not grade gravel off the road into my ditches. Wait until road is frozen before plowing. This can be done by simply driving over the first few inches up to the turn around without plowing. This will freeze down the road.
2. Water bars are necessary on the reservoir road to protect gravel erosion! The storm basin can be overwhelmed and by passed.
3. Please remove large stones blocking both ends of turnaround culvert which greatly reduce their capacity. Normally I do this but these stones are too big for me to move. These were pushed over by the plow at turn around. Perhaps posts with reflectors at culvert ends would help the driver see.
4. Winging sod from the road side on Mt. Terrace causes deterioration of pavement edges. Please know where the road is.
5. One inch of salt dumped on an inch of snow is over kill and rusts our cars.
6. Plowing one inch of snow in the wee hours is wasteful and unnecessary, everyone on street has four wheel drive
7. Plow turn around is bad place for a smoke break. Do not throw cigarette packs out there.

I was born in Middlebury, lived twenty years in Lincoln. Bristol is the town I love. Thank you all for your service. The attention I bring to these issues in part is to avoid the repeat of the damage done by the 2004 Flood. Happy to be here. Happy to help. Once again, thank you for your service, Lee Beckwith

