

Bristol Town Administrator

From: Bishop, Ashley <Ashley.Bishop@vermont.gov>
Sent: Wednesday, July 3, 2019 9:24 AM
To: Dennis Lutz; Aaron Martin; Bill Woodruff; Buels_Gore; City of Burlington_AssistPW; City of Burlington_PW_Engineer; City of Montpelier_PublicWorks_Director; City of Montpelier_Streets_Forman; City of South_Burlington_Manager; City of South_Burlington_PW; City of Vergennes_Manager; City of Winooski_Manager; City of Winooski_Public_Works_Director; Town of Cornwall_Road_Foreman; Town of Duxbury Selectboard Assistant Jonathon -DeLaBruere; Town_of_Sailsbury Martha Sullivan; Town of Bristol_Road_Foreman; Town of Addison_Road_Foreman; Town of Addison_Town_Clerk; Town of Bolton Foreman; Town of Bolton_Town_Clerk; Town of Bridport_Road_Foreman; Town of Bridport_Town_Clerk; Bristol Town Administrator; Town of Charlotte_Road_Foreman; Town of Charlotte_Selectboard_Assistant; Town of Charlotte_Town_Clerk; Town of Colchester_Operations; Town of Colchester_PW; Town of Cornwall_Town_Clerk; Town of Duxbury_Road_Foreman; Town of Duxbury_Town_Clerk; Town of Fayston_Admin_Assistant; Town of Fayston_Road_Foreman; Town of Ferrisburgh_Road_Foreman; Town of Ferrisburgh_Town_Clerk; Town of Hinesburg_Road_Foreman; Town of Hinesburg_Town_Administrator; Town of Huntington_Administrator; Town of Huntington_Road_Foreman; Town of Jericho_Administrator; Town of Jericho_Road_Foreman; Town of Lincoln_Road_Foreman; Town of Lincoln_Selectboard_Chair; Town of Middlebury_PW; Town of Middlebury- Bill Kernan; Town Of Middlesex_Road_Foreman; Town of Middlesex_Town_Clerk; Town of Milton_PW_Town_Engineer; Town of Monkton_Town_Clerk; Town of Monkton_Road_Foreman; Town of Moretown_Road_Foreman; Town of Moretown_Town_Administrator; Town of Moretown_Grant_Manager(Cherilyn); Town of New_Haven_Road_Commissioner; Town of New_Haven_Town_Clerk; Town of Panton_Road_Foreman; Town of Panton_Town_Clerk; Town of Richmond_Road_Foreman; Town of Ripton_Road_Foreman; Town of Ripton_Town_Clerk; Town of Salisbury_Road_Foreman; Town of Shelburne_Town_Manager; Town of Shoreham_Road_Foreman; Town of Shoreham_Town_Clerk; Town of St_George; Town of Starksboro_Road_Foreman; Town of Starksboro_Town_Clerk; Town of Underhill_Town_Administrator; Town of Waitsfield_Road_Foreman; Town of Waitsfield_Town_Administrator; Town of Waltham_Road_Foreman; Town of Warren_Town_Administrator; Town of Warren_Town_Clerk; Town of Weybridge_Road_Foreman; Town of Weybridge_Town_Clerk; Town of Williston_PW; Town of Middlebury_Manager; Town of Waterbury_PW; Town of Richmond_Town_Manager; City of Vergennes_PW; Village of Essex Administration; Ricky Jones; Town of Waltham_Town_Clerk
Cc: Snelling, Randy; Marshall, James; Dieser, James; Blackmore, David; Portalupi, Alec; Rose, Ben
Subject: Re: Town Road and Bridge Standards

Good Morning All,

In regards to Dennis's email:

FEMA has participated in some projects to repair damages associated with drainage structures on Class 4 town highways, provided that the municipality maintains the "drainage structure" and can show proof of such maintenance. Receiving funding for a drainage structure on a class 4 has been a challenge with FEMA before. If there is no drainage structure on a "non-hydrologically-connected road segment" of a Class 4 town highway and that segment sustains damage, then FEMA isn't going to participate in any funding.

As to VTrans providing some written assurance, it would not be VTrans' place to do so as we can't provide any assurance when it comes to FEMA PA funding issues.

If you have any questions please feel free to contact me.

Thank you and have a great 4th of July.

Ashley

From: Dennis Lutz <dlutz@ESSEX.ORG>
Sent: Tuesday, June 25, 2019 8:38 AM
To: <snip>
Cc: Snelling, Randy; Marshall, James; Dieser, James; Blackmore, David
Subject: Re: Town Road and Bridge Standards

Ashley,

Although the issue has been discussed a number of times, I would like to have VTRANS provide some written assurance relative to the issue of potential FEMA reimbursement on the non hydrologically-connected Class 4 road segments in the event of a FEMA declared emergency.

Specifically, if a major storm event occurs, a FEMA eligible event is declared and damage has been determined to have occurred on a non hydrologically-connected Class 4 road segment that the community has accepted under the new Town and Road Bridge standards, will FEMA assistance apply to the referenced segment?

Our concern is that if FEMA won't participate, then the community is stuck with 100% of those costs to fix since we have agreed to include those segments in the adopted road standard the community signs.

My understanding from past discussions was that VTRANS and FEMA have come to an agreement on this. We need to know what has been agreed to before we take on a level of financial responsibility that could prove to be potentially very costly when we are somewhat protected currently under State law through

19 VSA section 711 (b) (i.e., "Nothing in this section shall be construed to require a Town to maintain a Class 4 highway or to upgrade a a highway from Class 4 to Class 3").

Please process this request to the appropriate party at VTRANS for a response. We would like to adopt the standard soon and so a quick turnaround would be appreciated.

Dennis Lutz, P.E.

Essex Public Works Director

From: Bishop, Ashley <Ashley.Bishop@vermont.gov>

Sent: Monday, June 24, 2019 9:17:30 AM

To: <snip>

Cc: Bishop, Ashley; Snelling, Randy; Marshall, James; Dieser, James; Blackmore, David

Subject: Town Road and Bridge Standards

Good Morning,

Attached you'll find a cover letter and the town road and bridge standards. This standard is the final version which is to be filled out and signed by your selectboard. Please send the standard back to me regardless of adopting any or all of the sections(circle yes or no) so I can have this form for my records.

If you have any questions please feel free to reach out to me preferably through email.

Thank you and have a great day,

Ashley Bishop

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