

**TOWN OF UNDERHILL**  
**Special Selectboard Meeting**  
**Underhill Town Hall - 12 Pleasant Valley Road**  
**In-person and remote access meeting (see below)**  
**Thursday, March 21, 2024, 6:00 p.m.**

- 6:00 p.m.      **Call meeting to order/adjustments to the agenda**
- 6:00 p.m.      **Opening Public Comment**
- 6:05 p.m.      **Consider fire permit software** – Parker Ripley, Underhill Fire Warden  
Website: [www.burnpermits.com](http://www.burnpermits.com)
- 6:20 p.m.      **Committee, Board, and Town Officials' appointments**
- 6:30 p.m.      **Authorize signature for FEMA grant reimbursement, town incurred expenses for 12 Dumas Road**
- 6:35 p.m.      **April 8, 2024 Solar Eclipse** – continued discussion
- 6:50 p.m.      **Underhill Animal Control issues** – Jennifer Silpe-Katz, Animal Control Officer
- 7:05 p.m.      **Mills Riverside Park dog issues** – Livy Strong, and Kim Spaulding
- 7:20 p.m.      **Town Highway Items** - Russ Clark, Highway Supervisor
  - 2024 crack sealing estimate
  - Discuss excavator mulch head
  - Mud Season update
  - Grader shed, damage from wind storm
- 7:45 p.m.      **Closing Public Comment Period**
- 7:50 p.m.      **Warrants & Minutes: Review/Approve warrants, review/approve the minutes from March 14, 2024**
- 7:55 p.m.      **Member items, correspondence, announcements, schedule. The next Selectboard meeting is scheduled for Friday, April 5, 2024, which will include a public hearing to consider an Implementation Grant and get input from the public regarding the Harvest Crossing Affordable Housing initiative.**
- 8:00 p.m.      **Executive Session: 1 V.S.A. Section 313(a)(3) The appointment or employment or evaluation of a public officer or employee.**
- 8:30 p.m.      **Adjourn Selectboard meeting (tentative)**

**Underhill Selectboard Meeting 3-21-2024**  
Mar 21, 2024, 6:00 PM (EST)

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<https://meet.goto.com/573904869>

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## **Town Officials – Reappointments March 2024**

### **Animal Control Officer**

Jennifer Silpe- Katz – renew for a 1-year term (Expire March 2025)

### **Tree Warden**

Don Tobi – renew for a 1-year term (Expire March, 2025)

### **Development Review Board**

Charlie Van Winkle – renew for a 3-year term (Expire March, 2027)

Dan Lee – renew for a 3-year term (Expire March, 2027)

Penny Miller, Alternate – renew for a 1-year term

Meg Armstrong, Alternate – renew for a 1-year term

Mark Hamelin, Alternate – Renew for a 1-year term

Mark Green – Mark will be stepping away from the DRB (Thank you Mark!)

### **Planning Commission**

Brian Tijan – renew for a 4-year term (Expire March, 2028)

### **Energy Committee**

Steve Webster – renew for a 3-year term (Expire March, 2027)

### **Recreation Committee**

Anton Kelsey – renew for a 3-year term (Expire March, 2027)

Isabelle Tuck – renew for a 3-year term (Expire March, 2027)

Seth Friedman – Will be stepping away from the Rec Committee (Thank you Seth!)



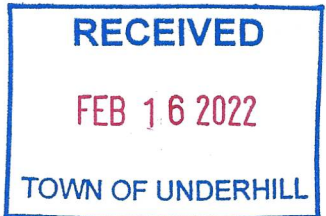
DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY  
FINANCIAL REPORT FORM

INV #34474-004-RPT1

1. SUBAWARD NAME Town of Underhill		2. SUBAWARD NUMBER 02140-34474-004		Report 1	
3. IF THIS IS A CORRECTED REPORT, ENTER THE ORIGINAL DATE OF THE REPORT BEING CORRECTED.			3a. ORIGINAL DATE	4. MATCH REQUIRED 10%	<input type="checkbox"/> FINAL
5. FEDERAL TAX ID NUMBER 03-6000718		6. FUNDING/SUBGRANT PERIOD FROM: 9/15/2022 TO: 4/17/2024		7. REPORT PERIOD FROM: 9/15/2022 TO: 11/9/2023	
8. SUBRECIPIENT NAME AND ADDRESS Town of Underhill P.O. Box 120 Underhill, VT 05489		9. PAYEE (WHERE CHECK IS TO BE SENT IF DIFFERENT FROM 8) Town of Underhill P.O. Box 120 Underhill, VT 05489			
10. NAME OF CONTACT PERSON Brad Holden		11. TELEPHONE NUMBER 802-899-4434		12. EMAIL bholden@underhillvt.gov	
13A. SUBAWARD BUDGET CATEGORIES		13B. SUBAWARD BUDGET	13C. PRIOR EXPENDITURES	13D. CURRENT PERIOD EXPENDITURES	13E. SUBAWARD BALANCE
Budget					
EHP Documentation		3,000.00		1,207.16	1,792.84
Property Appraisal		750.00		600.00	150.00
Title Search		2,000.00			2,000.00
Lead/Asbestos Survey & Remediation		5,000.00			5,000.00
Purchase of Property		195,840.00			195,840.00
Demolition of the Structure		12,000.00			12,000.00
Removal of Demolition Debris		6,000.00			6,000.00
Capping of Utilities		1,000.00			1,000.00
Final Site Work		2,500.00			2,500.00
Equipment		0.00			0.00
Indirect Cost		0.00			0.00
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-		0.00			0.00
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Total Program		228,090.00	0.00	1,807.16	226,282.84
14A. FINANCIAL REPORT SECTION		14B. BUDGET	14C. PRIOR EXPENDITURES	14D. CURRENT PERIOD EXPENDITURES	14E. BALANCE
Recommended Match (To Meet Match Requirement)				180.72	
Non-Federal Share (Match)		22,809.00		180.72	22,628.28
Federal Share		205,281.00		1,626.44	203,654.56
GRANT PAYMENT NOW REQUESTED				1,626.44	
15. CERTIFICATION					
I certify to the best of my knowledge and belief the data included on this report are correct, all supporting documentation is on file and available for inspection, and that all outlays have been or will be made in accordance with the subaward conditions or other agreement, and that payment is due and has not been previously requested. I am aware that any false, fictitious, or fraudulent information may be subject to criminal, civil, or administrative penalties (U.S. Code, Title 18, Section 1001).		SIGNATURE OF SUBRECIPIENT AUTHORIZING OFFICIAL			DATE SUBMITTED
		TYPED OR PRINTED NAME AND TITLE			TELEPHONE NUMBER
DO NOT WRITE IN THIS SECTION. FOR DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY USE ONLY					
The Accounts Payable Office is authorized to process payment to this subrecipient.					
16. SUPPLIER ID/ ADDRESS 0000040164	17. ACCOUNT 550000	18. FUND 22005	19. DEPARTMENT ID 2140031000	20. CLASS 00001	21. PROJECT 34474-004
22. CFDA # 97.039					
Comment:					
ADM-116a - Nov 2022					

	A	B	C	D	E	F
1	4474-4-R	Underhill	Buyout	12 Dumas Road		
2						
3	FRF#1					
4						
5	Invoice	Invoice Number	Date	Amount	Proof of Payment	Note
6	UVM	CAP-0000217	2/16/2022	\$1,207.16	Yes	This is an allowable pre-award expense (Archaeological Resource Assessment)
7	Fay Associates LLC	15312DUM	11/9/2023	\$600.00	Yes	

University of Vermont  
& State Agricultural College  
Consulting Archaeology Program  
111 Delehanty Hall, Trinity Campus  
180 Colchester Avenue  
Burlington, Vermont 05405



Brad Holden, Town Administrator  
Town of Underhill  
PO Box 120  
Underhill, VT 05489

Final Invoice  
CAP-0000217

DATE	DESCRIPTION	CHARGES	CREDITS	BALANCE
2/15/2022	<div>Sponsor: Town of Underhill</div> <div>Award Ref: Archaeological Resource Assessment</div> <div>Award Title: 12 Dumas Road Project, Underhill, Vermont</div> <div>Contract Number: 039216</div> <div>Award Amount: \$1,454.00</div> <div>Award PI: John Crock</div> <div>Project Period: 9/2/2021 - 9/2/2022</div> <div>Bill Period: 9/2/2021 - 2/15/2022</div>			
	<div><div>Expenses this Reporting Period:</div><div>Salaries and wages</div><div>Fringe Benefits</div><div>Lodging Domestic</div><div>Meals Domestic</div><div>Mileage Domestic</div><div>Supplies, Materials and Services</div><div>Van Use/Mileage</div><div>Foreign Travel</div><div>Equipment</div><div>Archaeological Services</div><div>Historic Preservation Services</div><div>CAP Operating</div><div>Total:</div></div> <div><div>Current Period:</div><div>\$0.00</div><div>\$0.00</div><div>\$0.00</div><div>\$0.00</div><div>\$0.00</div><div>\$0.00</div><div>\$0.00</div><div>\$0.00</div><div>\$0.00</div><div>\$586.00</div><div>\$0.00</div><div>\$621.16</div><div>\$1,207.16</div></div> <div><div>Cumulative to Date:</div><div>\$0.00</div><div>\$0.00</div><div>\$0.00</div><div>\$0.00</div><div>\$0.00</div><div>\$0.00</div><div>\$0.00</div><div>\$0.00</div><div>\$0.00</div><div>\$586.00</div><div>\$0.00</div><div>\$621.16</div><div>\$1,207.16</div></div>			
	<div>Current Period Expenditures:</div> <div>Total Payments Received to Date:</div> <div>Total Amount Due:</div>	<div>\$1,207.16</div>	<div>\$0.00</div>	<div>\$1,207.16</div>
	<div>For questions, please call Catherine Quinn (802) 656-4310</div>			

Please return copy of invoice with payment  
or reference the above invoice number.  
Make remittance payable to the *University of Vermont* and send to address above.

100-7-100-30-310.00  
B.H.

12 DUMAS ROAD  
FEMA BUYOUT

# UnionBank

3/8/2024 8:54 AM

ICS Clearing Account

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**TOWN OF UNDERHILL**P.O. BOX 120  
UNDERHILL, VT 05489
 **UnionBank**

CHECK NO. 21662

CTRL NO. 21662

58-110/116

PAY

One thousand two hundred seven &amp; 16/100 Dollars

DATE

AMOUNT

02/24/22

\*\*\*\*1,207.16

TO THE  
ORDER OF
**UNIVERSITY OF VERMONT**  
**111 DELEHANTY HALL, TRINITY CAMPUS**  
**180 COLCHESTER RD**  
**BURLINGTON VT 05405**

  
 AUTHORIZED SIGNATURE

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**Security Features:**

- MP Microprint:** Tiny type on front and back of document that is so tiny that lines when scanned or photocopied.
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- Warning Band/MP Padlock Logo:** Alerts receiver to the absence of detailed security features.
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**UNIVERSITY OF VERMONT**

**TREASURY SERVICES**

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Amount: \$-1,207.16

Statement Description: Inclearing Check

Check Number: 21662

Posted Date: 3/8/2022

Type: Debit

Status: Posted

Fay Associates, LLC  
P.O. Box 4503  
Burlington, VT 05406  
802-658-3040

INVOICE

11/09/2023  
DATE

15312DUM  
FILE NUMBER

MGF  
CASE NUMBER

Client: Town of Underhill  
P.O. Box 120  
Underhill, VT  
05489  
Attention: Brad Holden

Item	Total
APPRAISAL FEE FOR SERVICES RENDERED	\$ 600.00

Intended User: Town of Underhill  
12 Dumas Road  
Underhill, VT 05489  
Volume 65, page 376

12 DUMAS ROAD FEMA BUYOUT  
NOT SURE IF YOU HAD A SUDATE CODE FOR THIS?  
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POSTED TO SIB CONTINGENCY.  
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Total: \$ 600.00

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P.O. BOX 120  
UNDERHILL, VT 05489

**UnionBank**

CHECK NO. **23245**

CTRL NO. **23245**

58-110/116

**PAY** **Six hundred & 00/100 Dollars**

**DATE** **12/07/23** **AMOUNT** **\*\*\*\*\*600.00**

**TO THE ORDER OF** **FAY ASSOCIATES, LLC**  
**PO BOX 4503**  
**BURLINGTON VT 05406**

*San. Almon*  
AUTHORIZED SIGNATURE

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Date 2/20/2024

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**Amount: \$-600.00****Statement Description: Inclearing Check****Check Number: 23245****Posted Date: 2/21/2024****Type: Debit****Status: Posted**



# SPRING REMINDER



- EVERYONE DOES NOT LOVE DOGS & SOME PEOPLE ARE SCARED OF THEM
- EVERYONE DESERVES TO BIKE, WALK, RUN, DRIVE BY YOUR HOUSE WITHOUT FEAR OF YOUR DOG RUNNING OUT. (FRIENDLY OR NOT)
- CLEAN UP AFTER YOUR DOG – 100% OF THE TIME
- REGULAR EXERCISE IS CRITICAL. A TIRED DOG IS A GOOD DOG
- STATE LAW SAYS REGISTER BY APRIL 1 EVERY YEAR
- TOWN'S HAVE ORDINANCES TOO. KNOW THEM.

Underhill: <https://www.underhillvt.gov/ordinance/domestic-pet-ordinance>

Jericho: <https://jerichovt.org/2474/widgets/17190/documents/2949>

Bolton: <https://boltonvt.com/wp-content/uploads/docs/AnimalControlOrdinance.pdf>

Cambridge/Jeffersonville:

<https://cambridgetownvt.documents-on-demand.com/?l=75fee5f65c93e911a2cd000c29a59557&d=ba4eb87e5d93e911a2cd000c29a59557>

*Warnings and Fines may be issued. Keep pets safe. Be good Neighbors.*

Submitted by Jennifer Silpe-Katz, Underhill Animal Control



**Jericho Underhill Park District**  
**2693**

**P. O. Box 164 Underhill, VT 05489**

**802-899-**

**[www.millsriversidepark.org](http://www.millsriversidepark.org)**  
**[JUPDistrict@gmail.com](mailto:JUPDistrict@gmail.com)**

March 14, 2024

Dan Steinbauer, Chair  
Selectboard  
Town of Underhill  
P.O.Box 120  
Underhill, VT 05489

### **Doggie Doings at Mills Riverside Park**

Dear Dan,

First, on behalf of the Jericho Underhill Park District (JUPD) Board of Trustees, I want to thank the Underhill Selectboard for the critical ARPA funding that significantly helps park visitors drive in, park, and drive out of Mills Riverside Park! This is huge as our daily visitation exceeds 380 folks during the warmer months with 100 daily visits, as the low, in the winter. We have a counter at the bridge that helps us with this information. Public access to the park has greatly improved.

As the popularity of Mills Riverside Park increases, we are experiencing some dog issues. The Jericho Underhill Park District (JUPD) board has spent several months discussing the best way to handle dog owners who refuse, repeatedly, to follow simple park rules. Although keeping a dog on a leash until one reaches the "Off Leash Area" is straightforward, some refuse. Occasionally, aggressive dogs may arrive as well. Our JUPD board members' abilities are taxed by talking to individuals who refuse to follow park rules. So, after a lot of board discussion, some of our thoughts include:

1. Increased board member presence during the busiest times.
2. Better social media outreach to inform.
3. Additional signage that will include a QR code for reporting any dog incidents.
4. Empower other dog owners to "say something". Peer pressure.

We are also asking the Underhill Selectboard to consider helping us with the involvement of an Animal Control Officer, when needed. We understand that any response can be costly, and the Park District will cover those costs. We look forward to discussing this further at an upcoming Selectboard meeting.

Thank you,  
Livy

Freshcoat Asphalt Services  
PO Box 7270  
Barre, VT 05641  
+1 8027982885  
freshcoatsales@gmail.com  
www.freshcoatsealcoat.com

## Estimate



ADDRESS
Brad Holden P.O. Box 120 Underhill, VT 05489

SHIP TO
Brad Holden P.O. Box 120 Underhill, VT 05489

ESTIMATE #	DATE	
13280	03/14/2024	

DATE		DESCRIPTION	QTY	RATE	AMOUNT
	Crack Filling	Crack Filling	5	4,700.00	23,500.00

Start after 7/1

TOTAL

**\$23,500.00**

Accepted By

Accepted Date

Thank you for the opportunity to quote this job for you! If you are satisfied with the quote please sign and email to  
freshcoatsales@gmail.com  
or call Shayd at 802 798-2885 with any questions.

03/20/2024

08:02 am

## Town of Underhill Accounts Payable

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Check Warrant Report # Current Prior Next FY Invoices

JSilpe-Katz

For checks For Check Acct 01(General) 03/21/2024 To 03/21/2024

Vendor	Invoice	Invoice Description	Purchase Amount	Discount Amount	Amount Paid	Check Number	Check Date
CTC	ALLEGIANCE TRUCKS C/O CORPORAT 122026991	Trucks	103.38	0.00	103.38	23564	03/21/24
	Invoice from 1/25/2024						
CTC	ALLEGIANCE TRUCKS C/O CORPORAT X122025718-3	from12/15/23	50.95	0.00	50.95	23564	03/21/24
CTC	ALLEGIANCE TRUCKS C/O CORPORAT X122028288	2008 Truck	77.24	0.00	77.24	23564	03/21/24
CTC	ALLEGIANCE TRUCKS C/O CORPORAT X122028307	2021 Truck	278.69	0.00	278.69	23564	03/21/24
	floor mats						
CTC	ALLEGIANCE TRUCKS C/O CORPORAT X122028318	air hoses (return in her	5.52	0.00	5.52	23564	03/21/24
CTC	ALLEGIANCE TRUCKS C/O CORPORAT X12202897	supplies	87.06	0.00	87.06	23564	03/21/24
Check Total					602.84		
BFP	BURLINGTON FREE PRESS 6249574	PZA Adv	486.70	0.00	486.70	23565	03/21/24
	Butler/Forsberg						
CB001	CLARENCE BROWN 415703	Diesel (3.3611/GA)	768.35	0.00	768.35	23566	03/21/24
CB001	CLARENCE BROWN 416691	Diesel (3.311/GA)	1182.73	0.00	1182.73	23566	03/21/24
Check Total					1951.08		
CCA	COMCAST 030724-2868	Internet	269.27	0.00	269.27	23567	03/21/24
FAST	FASTENAL COMPANY VTBUR327107	Eclipse Signs	392.40	0.00	392.40	23568	03/21/24
FWW	FRANK W. WHITCOMB CONSTRUCTION 90023-19654	crushed concrete	3061.67	0.00	3061.67	23569	03/21/24
FWW	FRANK W. WHITCOMB CONSTRUCTION 90023-19702	Mud season stone	2515.86	0.00	2515.86	23569	03/21/24
FWW	FRANK W. WHITCOMB CONSTRUCTION 90023-19724	crushed concrete	3272.00	0.00	3272.00	23569	03/21/24
Check Total					8849.53		
GMP	GREEN MOUNTAIN POWER 031224MP	Moore Park	27.01	0.00	27.01	23570	03/21/24
GMP	GREEN MOUNTAIN POWER 031224SL	Street Lights	193.90	0.00	193.90	23570	03/21/24
GMP	GREEN MOUNTAIN POWER 031324HS	Schoolhouse	68.77	0.00	68.77	23570	03/21/24
Check Total					289.68		
JHH	JERI-HILL ACE HARDWARE 244026	snow shovel	23.99	0.00	23.99	23571	03/21/24
JHH	JERI-HILL ACE HARDWARE 244375	shop organization	106.60	0.00	106.60	23571	03/21/24
Check Total					130.59		
LUCK	LUCKY'S TRAILER SALES INC. 92433	2024 Trailer	55.01	0.00	55.01	23572	03/21/24
NECAPWA	NEW ENGLAND CHAPTER APWA 2024SHOW	Equipment Show reg.	40.00	0.00	40.00	23573	03/21/24
SPF	STITZEL PAGE & FLETCHER, PC 81782	JAN/FEB 2024	2217.50	0.00	2217.50	23574	03/21/24
TCL	T CLARK ENTERPRISES 3180	Contract	1565.40	0.00	1565.40	23575	03/21/24
TIFCO	TIFCO INDUSTRIES, INC. 71952949	supplies	391.25	0.00	391.25	23576	03/21/24

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CUVES	VIKING-CIVES USA	4532503	2021 Truck	274.94	0.00	274.94	23577 03/21/24
WBM	W. B. MASON CO. INC.	245136490	supplies	145.51	0.00	145.51	23578 03/21/24
Report Total			17,661.70	0.00	17,661.70		

Selectboard

To the Treasurer of Town of Underhill, We Hereby certify  
that there is due to the several persons whose names are  
listed hereon the sum against each name and that there  
are good and sufficient vouchers supporting the payments  
aggregating \$ \*\*\*\*17,661.70  
Let this be your order for the payments of these amounts.

Robert Stone, Chair

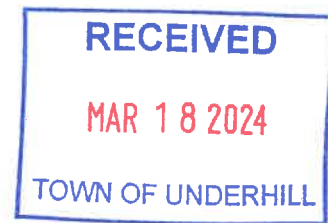
Patricia Richards

Daniel Steinbauer

Vacant

Vacant

32 Mountain Vista Rd.  
Underhill, VT 05489



March 15, 2024

Dan Steinbauer  
Selectboard Chair  
Town of Underhill  
P. O. Box 120  
Underhill, VT 05489

Dear Dan –

I'm writing to you about our road (Mountain Vista, also known as Mt. Vista Road). I am asking that changes to our road be considered, to make our road safer and more stable in the future.

My husband, Gaitan, and I have lived on our road for almost 38 years. While living on a country road has always been challenging, especially in "mud season," things have changed in such a way that our road has become worse for driving conditions.

There is more traffic on our road now, as there are more homes on our road since we first built our house in 1986. The climate has changed; it seems to be getting warmer earlier in the season, and our winters appear to be milder (i.e., more rain). Most of our residents are over 50, some being elderly and disabled. Several (including me) have mobility issues that would prevent us from being able to walk up our road, should our vehicles get stuck in the mud. Our road gets so slippery with deep ruts that I am concerned about emergency vehicles being able to come up our road. I am concerned about accidents occurring when drivers come around the corner, while trying to dodge ruts, veer onto the other side, not always seeing that another vehicle is coming up or down our road. (While residents are aware of this issue with the deep curve on our road, other drivers are not always as conscientious, including drivers in large trucks.)

A few years ago, repairs were made to our road when it washed out around the corner, and these improvements have held. Last week, stone was put down in several areas along the road, which has helped to make it drivable. However, I believe the time has come for a more permanent solution to our road dilemma. I'd like to offer some suggestions.

Firstly, regarding the conditions that affect the drivability, I would like to suggest that something like "Shur-Pac" be put down on our road, with an extra layer of larger stone underneath it. Perhaps this would allow for extra drainage underneath, while stabilizing the surface above.

Secondly, regarding the safety in driving around the deep curve coming up our road, I would like to suggest a convex mirror be installed (perhaps on the right-hand side of the road, as you are coming up), placed in such a way that drivers can see if a vehicle is coming down, as well as traveling up, the road. (For me, this is a year-round safety concern.)

Thank you, Dan, for considering my concerns and suggestions. I have no idea about the feasibility of either of my suggestions; I leave that to the expertise of those in charge. I care about the financial and environmental impact that improvements to our road might incur. I'm not sure how other residents feel about our road. There are most likely other alternatives and considerations. My main concern is safety, not just inconvenience.

Thank you also to Kurt Johnson and to Russ Clark, who I have cc'd here, for all they do to keep the roads in our town safe and in good condition!

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Genevieve L. Mathieu".

Genevieve L. Mathieu

Cc: Russ Clark, Highway Department Supervisor

Kurt Johnson, Chair, Highways, Infrastructure & Equipment Committee



**From:** [Jennifer Silpe-Katz](#)  
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Brad, just keep this one until after they get organized, but I want to the board to know that I reached out to VLCT and am trying to help develop a tool for our resident Dave Martin and something that will benefit all residents who have chickens, goats, sheep, agriculture animals , livestock, etc. I just want the board to know that I am communicating with state agencies and organization about this. I will not incur any expenses other than my time on this without discussion and agreement from the board.

Thank you,

Jennifer