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Norwich Selectboard
300 Main Street
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Selectboard:

Due to a prior commitment, I will be unable to attend the Selectboard meeting on 12/9/15.

I want to make the following comment for the record regarding Agenda Item # 9 "Petition to Reclassify Iilsley Road to a Legal Trail or to Discontinue".

At the Norwich Selectboard meeting dated 11/24/15, members of the local snowmobile club stated their desire to have a new bridge installed on Iilsley Road at the brook crossing near Burton Woods Road. They stated that, with the board's approval, they would pursue the installation of a new bridge. I recall that the last bridge that had been installed by the snowmobile club at that area had signs posted on it, restricting its use to snowmobiles. No organization, group, or individual should be able to restrict the use of a class 4 road in Norwich by limiting access of a bridge to a specific type of vehicle. Any bridge or other structure on a Town owned road should be restricted only by weight limits, set by the Town of Norwich.

I firmly believe that if a new bridge, culvert or other structure is installed on Iilsley Road, its ownership and management should fall to the Town of Norwich. Ownership would include inspections, repairs, maintenance and liability. The Town already maintains bridges and culverts on class 4 roads, and this one should be no different.

Sincerely,



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