

Town of Georgia Select Board
47 Town Common Rd North St.
St. Albans, VT 05478

Re: Legal Trail portion of Town Trail #4 (Old Route 104A)

Dear Select Board:

As the Select Board is aware, the Water Line that provides the source water supply for the Town Industrial Park Water Treatment Plant and Fire Pump House Facility extends from Lake Arrowhead to the Industrial Park. A portion of that supply line is of concern and is located under the right of way of Town Trail #4 also known as The Old Route 104A.

It has recently come to the attention of the GIDC Board that sometime ago work was performed by one or more of the abutting property owners along sections of the Town Trail to what appears to be an attempt to regrade the surface of the Trail making it more passable for vehicle traffic. In the process of doing so, the minimal 5.5 feet of protective ground coverage that was initially installed has been regraded and in some areas the cover has been reduced by as much as 2-2.5 feet from the original grade when the pipeline was installed. Our Board's concern is that because of the reduction of protective coverage, there is now a real possibility of a freeze up of a portion of the water line and that depending on the weight of the vehicle, the integrity of the pipeline could be compromised and possibly could collapse. It has also been observed that during the winter months, protective snow cover has also been removed (plowed) further exposing the risks of a freeze up. Obviously, if the line freezes, that would be potential cause for a stoppage of services to provide Treated Water for the Park Tenants (including Perrigo) which would interrupt production for all tenants and facilities in the park. In addition, Fire Protection capabilities for could also be interrupted if this water source is compromised.

Since the Town Trail #4 falls under the Town jurisdiction, our Board would request that the Town ensure that sufficient materials be brought in to ensure that the minimal depth of protective coverage be reestablished to meet minimum engineering standards for adequate protection as necessary for the climate and to accommodate anticipated pedestrian and vehicles traffic and weight limits to be allowed.

The Board has conducted preliminary ground radar depth-of-cover samplings that show areas where the coverage has been reduced and can be provided to the Select Board for its use in this matter.

If the selectboard has any questions or needs further clarification, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely yours,

Timothy Smith
President

Georgia Industrial Development Corporation