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Statement in support of LD2225 “An Act to Provide Funding to Rebuild Infrastructure Affected by Extreme Inland and Coastal Weather Events”

The Town of Mariaville would like to express our support for the Maine Infrastructure Adaptation Fund (MIAF). The Town of Mariaville’s Volunteer Fire Department is located on Olive Carr Road; a gravel road that was constructed over 100 years ago and was not built to today’s standards. The \$36,000 in MIAF funding that the Town received will be applied to reconstructing the Olive Carr Road from Mariaville Road to the Volunteer Fire Department and rebuilding it to modern standards.

When the Olive Carr Road was constructed over 100 years ago, Winter used to be synonymous with snow and deep freezes. The road may have had a short ‘mud season’ in the spring when the snow melted, but a gravel road can be as hard as concrete when it is frozen solid.

Due to Climate Change, specifically winters that are much warmer than they were 100 years ago, the Olive Carr Road is becoming muddy and unstable over the winter months. Today, Winter storms with rain are becoming more common. This road that was frozen solid in past winters is now muddy and unstable. The Road Commissioner has been spending numerous extra hours on the road. If this trend continues, Olive Carr Road risks becoming impassable for heavy Fire Department vehicles. The Fire Department could be prevented from responding to calls in a timely manner.

Reconstructing the Olive Carr Road includes removing existing (substandard) material, installing adequate culverts, installing geo-textile, installing an adequate base layer, and installing a top layer that meets modern road construction standards.

These MIAF funds will be applied toward the Reconstruction of the Olive Carr Road. This should protect the road from the effects of the warming winters and ensure that the fire department can respond to emergencies when called.

The MIAF is proving to be a truly valuable program.

Thank You for your Time,



Craig S. Noble,
Town of Mariaville Third Selectperson

A muddy road can be a problem for Emergency Vehicles.

