

Greensboro Association  
Greensboro, VT 05841

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Mr Larry Lumsden, Chairman  
Greensboro Select Board  
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Dear Mr. Lumsden

I am writing to you as President of the Greensboro Association because I know that the Select Board is struggling with the issue of how best to solve the problem of repairing the bridge underneath Breezy Avenue between Willey's Store and the Miller's Thumb.

It would seem to me that maintaining a workable roadway during the period of repair is essential to the well-being of the town of Greensboro. The following are my reasons for coming to this conclusion:

First is the issue of safety. If the Fire Department cannot get to the Greensboro Nursing Home or the Lakeview Elementary School in the minimum amount of time, then all those people are being put at risk by closing Breezy Avenue. In addition, of course, there are all of those folks who live north and east of town as well as the farms and other places of importance such as the church and Highland Lodge. Equally, I believe it is important for the police to be able to get to any location in Greensboro as promptly as possible. This would only be possible if Breezy Avenue is not closed.

Second is the matter of financial impact. Even with one way traffic through the center of town the disruption will be substantial. This would affect Willey's Store and the Miller's Thumb primarily, but there is little doubt in my mind that Highland Lodge would be affected as well. And how about the farms that need the large milk trucks several times a week if not daily? Closing Breezy Avenue could prove devastating.

Finally, there is the matter of convenience. If Breezy Avenue is closed, all those who live south and west of the center of town will have to find a new route to the Post Office. That will mean going through Greensboro Bend or around Caspian Lake, both of which could lead to more accidents, greater wear and tear, and certainly substantial frustration. Putting up with a one way traffic pattern is something everyone would understand and appreciate. It would only be inconvenient, not substantially disruptive.

I hope these observations are helpful as you decide on a plan of action. Spending some additional money to keep things as close to normal as possible would be a very worthwhile and valuable investment.

Sincerely yours,

John B. Hewett, President  
Greensboro Association