



December, 17, 2009

Mr. Bryan Lucas
Village of Marblehead

Dear Mr. Lucas,

We appreciate the cooperation of Marblehead in keeping our roads clear and safe in the winter months while taking care to preserve the longevity of our very expensive to replace bridges.

The JI road commission's position on the use of salt on our causeway is simply put – we would prefer it not be used. The replacement cost for our bridges is near \$ 1,000,000, and as we all know, salt and run-off accelerates the end of life of bridges. However, recognizing that on the ground circumstances and public safety are the primary consideration we ask that you continue to follow a process which represents escalating actions based upon conditions and the determination of the Marblehead police department:

1. We do not want salt used on our causeway unless – when severe conditions warrant - the Marblehead police determine there is a public safety concern that requires it.
2. Should there be a determined public safety concern, we anticipate it normally to be related to the inclines on our high bridge. We request a selective use of salt on the inclines ending no closer than 50 feet from the high bridge.
3. Should there be a determined public safety concern beyond the inclines to the level portions of the causeway we request a selective use of salt ending no closer than 50 feet from each of the 4 lower bridges.
4. Should there be a determined public safety concern beyond the approaches and non bridge portions of the causeway, our preference would be to utilize cinders vs. salt and request Marblehead look into acquiring them for use on our bridge surfaces. Absent that, if the Marblehead police determine safety is compromised, then temperate use of salt on our bridges when severe conditions warrant, appears the only remedy available.

It is our understanding that this materially represents the procedures you have been following in the past and we appreciate your past and future care and attention to this important issue.

Thank you for your consideration,

The Johnsons Island Road Commission
David Klugman - Chairman

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