

PUBLIC NOTICE

Hubbard Road Condition

A section of Hubbard Road near the bridge has experienced a “slope failure” due to a loose soil foundation on the side where it abuts the river. This matter may jeopardize the integrity of the roadbed and as a result there are presently temporary lights directing traffic down one lane of the two lane road, to avoid vibrations accelerating a potential washout of the lane closest to the river. These lights act as an electronic substitute for the role a flagger at a paving project site might play otherwise.

Although located in Berwick, Hubbard Road is a State Road. The Maine Department of Transportation (DOT) inadvertently neglected to notify Berwick of this matter until a recent inquiry was made. The Town apologizes for any breakdown in communication and/or resultant inconvenience this may have caused.

DOT intends to install permanent lights today, July 10, 2014, to achieve the same result as the temporary lights described above, and it will be evaluating options for longer term fixes including relocating the river to build a sturdier roadway. This process could take months or longer, and in the event a washout of the roadway occurs traffic will have to be detoured onto State and/or local roads.

All questions are best directed to Kyle Hall of DOT, contact information for whom is provided below, but members of the public are also encouraged to contact Town Manager Patrick Venne with questions as appropriate too. He may be contacted by email at townmanager@berwickmaine.org or by telephone at 207-698-1101.

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