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Hello Select Board

As you should be aware we are having a very icy winter . We are encountering some issues with the winter sand we put outside of the gate for Local Residents. This past fall we piled around 300 yards of sand there in addition to what was left over from last year. It has always been my understanding that this was done as a courtesy thing. It was for residents to get a couple of 5 gallon piles full for their walk ways, steps and door yards, Not their 1/2 mile driveways. What we are seeing is truck load after truck load going out of there , private contractors shoveling sanders full, tractors bucketing sand out , pick-up trucks returning 3 and 4 times a day and non-residents . This has gotten to the point that the pile outside the gate is gone , now we are seeing cars and trucks in our sand pile and also finding trucks in the salt shed and that being taken as well.

We have been talking to some that we catch , some are ok and some return when we not here or argue they paid their taxes. It is one thing for them to get sand outside of the gate but when they are coming inside it creates a dangerous situation for us working. The Highway crew does not want to have to police this pit all day long or have to open and close the gate every time we go in and out .

Should we put more sand out there or stop? I have talked to other towns and their having the same problems . Some have stopped all together saying the sand is for the use to maintain the town owned roads . Some have put doors on their salt sheds and lock them, some are looking into electric gate openers .

What would you like to do ?

Thank you

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