



OXFORD COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

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VIA EMAIL and First-Class Mail

Dear Mr. Buckley and Mr. Andrews:

The Oxford County Commissioners acknowledged receipt of the petition regarding the allegedly unsafe conditions on Kezar Lake Road, Town of Stow at the regularly scheduled Commissioners meeting on September 15, 2020. This formal action was recorded in the minutes, a copy of which may be requested by contacting the Commissioners' Office. The next step under the statutory process is to schedule a site walk and public hearing.

However, prior to scheduling a site walk and public hearing on this matter, the statute requires that Petitioners post a surety, bond, or other guarantee acceptable to the County, demonstrating that *at least three Petitioners* are liable for the costs associated with conducting the hearing that the petition invokes. The amount of surety required is Three Thousand Dollars (\$3000), which includes, but is not limited to, anticipated costs associated with the need for travel by the Commissioners, professional fees and travel fees for a hearing officer and a court reporter, advertising expenses associated with noticing the hearing, and, costs of renting a suitable location for the hearing if necessary.

Should the Commissioners rule against the Petitioners and find that the road at issue is "safe and convenient" for "travelers, motor vehicles, horses, teams, and carriages," the petitioners are responsible for the costs of the hearing. If the Commissioners rule in favor of the Petitioners, the Town is liable for the costs of the hearing. Please note that only actual costs will be charged and

may be lower than the amount stated above. However, the surety must be in an amount to cover all possible contingencies.

Should you have any questions or wish to discuss arrangements for the surety, please do not hesitate to contact the Commissioners' Office at 207-743-6359.

Sincerely,



Timothy Turner, Chairman
Oxford County Board of Commissioners

Cc: James F. Pross, Esq.
Christine Carone, Clerk of Town of Stow