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**TOWN OF ACTON  
INTERDEPARTMENTAL COMMUNICATION**

**Date:** 8/25/2005

**To:** Don Johnson

**From:** Engineering Department  
Bruce M. Stamski, P.E., Town Engineer/Director of Public Works

**Subject:** Private way plowing for upcoming year

Don,

I have reviewed the private way program and the fees charged to the participants.

Operationally the program went well with few problems. Dave Brown reported the only problem was in the Drummer Road area. At times the contractor plowing the parking lots had residents park in the street while he plowed the lots. This interfered with our plowing the streets. We will work with the condo representative to minimize this problem.

With respect to costs, the fees charged last year were in line with actual costs. In determining the charge per foot last year, the costs for FY2003 were used. This was a heavy snow year, as was last year, with very similar costs. In determining charges for this year, escalating costs, especially fuel costs should be factored into the fee. Last year we charged \$1.23 per foot. This year we estimate the costs to be \$1.29 per foot. This is a 4.7% increase.

The following are the suggested fees for FY2006 for those who participated last year.

Heron View Road	\$617.00
Windcliff Drive	\$1623.00
Audubon Drive and Brewster Lane	\$3579.00
Drummer Road and Meetinghouse Road	\$3670.00

I would recommend the program continue this year for the fees above.

Sincerely,

Bruce M. Stamski, P.E.  
Town Engineer/ Director of Public Works

Cc  
David Brown  
John Murray