

# LEAVITT EARTHWORKS

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Town of Standish  
175 Northeast Road  
Standish, ME 04084

Town Manager  
Tashia Pinkham

Dear Tashia,

I was hoping with your help that we could ask the council to reconsider the way that our town views our sidewalk ordinance.

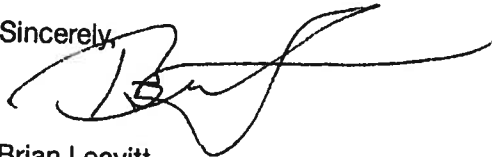
After thinking about this in depth, I feel strongly that we need to look at the sidewalk issue with some common sense and approach the building of them differently than what is proposed now. If these sidewalks are placed as we go they are going to look thrown together, the grade will not line up and the mix of asphalt will be at different levels and will look a mess, not to mention large areas of separation and delays on connecting the sections.

Maybe we could set funds aside in a certain percentage (call it a sidewalk impact fee). These funds could be placed in an escrow account. These funds could grow and when we have funds enough then we could hire an engineer to professionally develop a master plan. We could then install the sidewalk to a certain distance picked by the council. Keeping the sidewalks all in the town right away you will get a much better end product easier to maintain.

If this doesn't happen it will never be right. I would be happy to come to the council meeting and talk about this with the members if you think it would be beneficial. We could discuss maintenance and plowing on this issue as well.

Thank you for your time.

Sincerely,



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