

Statement to be Read at Selectman's Meeting

Regarding Salt Shed Issue

I would start by saying good evening but I know that to those of you who came out on this snowy night, it just became a good evening. Congratulations to the residents of the Meadowbrook Road neighborhood and the citizens of Bedford who were concerned about the impact of the proposed relocation site of the Salt Shed.

Thank you for your patience. I know it was tough for you to wait while I was engaged in sensitive negotiation, but it was also tough for me not to just break down and tell you where we were headed. Thank you to Chair Margot Fleischman who came with me during much of my research. Thank you to the selectmen for working together with me on this issue. And thank you to Senator Barrett for your support and counsel.

And thank you to MassDOT for coming to Bedford not to conduct a dog and pony show, but to listen to our concerns and respond.

And a big thank you for the drivers, maintenance workers and supervisors at MassDOT and Bedford DTW for keeping us safe in these next few days.

What I did was create a path for MassDOT other than their plan to come to Route 3 and 62. What you did was put them on that path with your calls, letters, petitions, emails and by showing up. We did this together, working as community organizers and your elected government. That's the way it's supposed to work. So stay warm as the snow falls and if you need any help during this storm, you all know how to find the selectmen and how to find me. Thank you.