



## MEMO

**TO:** Mayor and Town Council

**FROM:** Joseph A. Fivas

**DATE:** December 9, 2010

**SUBJECT:** Snow and Ice Removal Contract

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Last year, the Transportation Advisory Committee recommended to the Town Council to consider a snow and ice removal contract. This was a pilot project and was meant to be very narrow in overall scope, and the intent was to reevaluate the program and decide whether to move forward with the project. The Town Council did adopt a snow and ice removal contract for last year. The contract only included 2 streets in Indian Trail, and the Town spent \$6,834.

In reviewing this pilot project and discussing with staff who were involved in the implementation of this project, it has become clear that the program had several implementation concerns, and probably did not deliver the service that was anticipated. One of the major concerns was that we were not providing the same level of service for all Town residents, especially those who live on Town-owned streets.

I would recommend that the Town **not** enter into a snow and ice removal contract at this time. I also recommend that staff will continue to review this issue for future budget discussions, and look at different options to provide a better service for more residents, and at a better cost-to-benefit ratio. If the Town Council would like to approve a snow and ice removal contract staff can have a contract ready for the next regular Town Council meeting.

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