



Request for action

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Cc: Josiah Gibb <gmmpitkin@gmail.com>

Fri, Jun 28, 2024 at 9:46 PM

Mayor and Board of Trustees -

On or about May 28, 2024, Chad Varnell parked an excavator and tandem axle in the traffic pattern of Quartz Lane directly across from our home. These items blocked between 2 feet (downstream) and 7 feet (upstream) of the driving surface. Shortly thereafter, a large boulder was added to the road. Despite the Town's verbal and written requests, Chad has refused to move these items from the road.

Today, June 28th, 2024, Chad and Starlene Varnell augered 3 holes in the road and placed 2 poles in the road (the 3rd is in the grass, slightly off of the driving surface). We contacted the building inspector, who informed Chad that he did not have a permit, but the installation continued. We contacted Ed Pianalto, Zoning Board Chairperson, who confirmed that a permit was required before building but declined to assist.

For the past month, we have observed the following: drivers taking wide turns to avoid the obstacles in the road and driving into the branches of the tree, drivers attempting to turn onto Quartz, then backing up and adjusting their driving angle in order to avoid the obstacles, delivery vehicles parking on 5th and walking to our home rather than driving around obstacles/through the tree branches, people driving very close to the tree due to the obstacles and having branches break (at least once into the open driver's side window of the vehicle), and drivers making wide turns onto the grass in front of our home where our children play daily.

Having lived through nine winters in this home, we also have serious concerns about winter access with the posts narrowing the driving surface.

We respectfully request that the Town remove the poles from the road. State statute clearly defines Quartz as a public highway. We request that the Board of Trustees honor their oath to uphold the Colorado Constitution and the Ordinances of the Town of Pitkin.

Thank you,
Josiah and Sara Gibb



Second Request for Action

Sara Gibb <sarabgibb@gmail.com>
To: Town of Pitkin <thetownofpitkin@gmail.com>

Wed, Sep 11, 2024 at 7:24 PM

Mayor pro tem and Board of Trustees,

On or about May 28, 2024, Chad Varnell parked an excavator and tandem axle in the traffic pattern of Quartz Lane directly across from our home. These items blocked between 2 feet (downstream) and 7 feet (upstream) of the driving surface. Shortly thereafter, a large boulder was added to the road. Despite the Town's verbal and written requests, Chad refused to move these items from the road.

On June 28th, 2024, Chad and Starlene Varnell augered 3 holes along and in Quartz Lane and placed 3 posts in the holes. One post is in the grass, one is at the driving surface, and one is within the driving surface. We contacted the building inspector, who informed Chad that he did not have a permit and should stop, but the installation continued. We contacted Ed Pianalto, Zoning Board Chairperson, who confirmed that a permit was required before building but declined to assist in any way.

We are now into our 3rd month of navigating around a post in the road. It is unreasonable that the post was not immediately removed from the road by the Town. Quartz Lane as it currently exists is a fully legal public right-of-way.

We respectfully request, for a second time, that the Town remove the posts from the road. State statute clearly defines Quartz as a public highway. We request that the Board of Trustees honor their oath to uphold the Colorado Constitution and the Ordinances of the Town of Pitkin.

Thank you,
Josiah and Sara Gibb