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May 18, 2026

Municipality of Windham  
8 School Road  
Windham, ME 04062

RE: Jones Bridge #0234

Dear Municipal Officials,

Enclosed is a copy of the 2025 Bridge Inspection Report for the bridge(s) above that have identified deficiencies or preventative maintenance issues that should be addressed by the Town. Listed below is an itemized list of the deficiencies.

Jones Bridge #0234

- Undermining at both abutments
- No bridge rail posts at east end of the structure.
- West end has 2 bridge rail posts not connected and no offset blocks.
- Bridge rail is offset from the pavement 8-12 inches and can easily be pushed away from the roadway.

Varney Mill Bridge #0256

- Approach rails have moderate flattening and scattered minor impact damage.
- One gabion basket on the SE wall has been damaged and missing most of its rocks. Ends of broken gabion basket wires look cut.
- West end has 2 bridge rail posts not connected and no offset blocks.
- Bridge rail is offset from the pavement 8-12 inches and can easily be pushed away from the roadway.

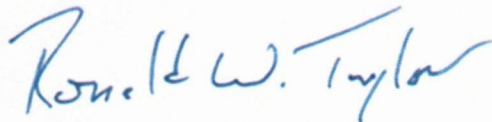
The bridge and guardrail deficiencies should be addressed as soon as practical to ensure continued safe use of the bridge. Neglect of these deficiencies may result in a diminished function of the bridge(s) through load posting or even closure.

Due to bridge legislation, effective July 1, 2001, there is no funding mechanism for the bridge, which is considered a Minor Span on a Town Way. The Municipality will continue to have maintenance responsibilities for the bridge. The bridge will be inspected again in 2027.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me at 624-3246 or [ron.taylor@maine.gov](mailto:ron.taylor@maine.gov). In addition, the Local Roads Center has a free service where its "Bridge Ranger", Jim Foster, can provide free technical assistance or onsite advice to you on this structure. If you want Jim's

services or their Bridge Maintenance workshop manual notebook, call the Local Roads Center at 800-498-9133 or email them at [local.web@maine.gov](mailto:local.web@maine.gov). Jim may be reached directly at 207-248-7372.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Ronald W. Taylor". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial 'R'.

Ronald W. Taylor, P.E.  
Assistant Bridge Maintenance Engineer

Enclosures

cc: Road Commissioner / file