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Boston Town Board mum on Chestnut Lane turnaround

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The Boston Town Board is supporting installing a turnaround at the end of Chestnut Lane to make it easier for snowplows and other emergency and town vehicles to maneuver safely.

But town officials were tight-lipped when Chestnut Lane resident Bryant Burns questioned them Wednesday night about a petition he brought forth against the town seeking to have the property abandoned. This came moments after Supervisor Martin A. Ballowe announced before the meeting that residents could discuss only items on the board's agenda.

"I am questioning about my property," Burns said. "It's on the agenda."

Burns' petition was on the agenda under old business and was later tabled by the board.

Town Attorney Michael L. Kobiolka advised Burns that although he has a right to question the board, members could not respond because there is pending litigation.

Another Chestnut Lane resident, Daniel Kurek, then questioned the board, noting that he does not have any pending litigation with the town.

According to Kurek, it has been close to three years since Highway Superintendent Robert Telaak allegedly damaged the property.

He said he noticed that pink and orange markers were recently placed on his property.

Town Board Member Jeffrey Genzel said the markers are there because the town is working with surveyor Richard L. Aronica to do a topographic survey of the land.

"To put a turnaround in there adequately," Genzel said.

Genzel said he, Ballowe and Kobiolka recently visited the site and currently the town is awaiting a map from Aronica so it can start putting together a plan on how to build the turnaround. He said that once the plan is complete, the town intends to reach out to Kurek to get his input.

"Try to come back with a solution. It's been almost three years," Kurek said.

Ballowe responded that the town also wants to see a solution to the problem.