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**Subject:** Right of Way Rte 123 Mason at the Junction of Old Ashby road

Hi Mary,

As we discussed on the Phone, the NHDOT Right of Way (ROW) on Route 123 in Mason is prescriptive ROW. That means there is no official width. In that case the DOT normally looks for old stone walls or markers for ROW widths. If there are none (as in this case) we typically call the ROW 10 to 15 feet from the edge of pavement. In this case it appears the limit of the DOT maintenance has been at the outer limit of the ditch that runs along 123 from your driveway heading down the hill.

The DOT has no offset requirements for our ROW so if you are outside the ROW we have no offset limit for your garden shed and fence. The Department does not allow fencing or buildings within our ROW. In this case if you were a few feet behind the ditch that we have typically maintained we would consider your structures outside of the ROW.

Feel free to contact me if you have any further questions.

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