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APPROVAL, SOME QUALIFIED, GIVEN TO HOWLAND STREET PROJECT

General approval of the project to extend Howland Street to Route 6 was expressed by residents and officials of the Town at a public hearing before the Barnstable County Commissioners on Monday morning in Town Hall. The Commissioners were present at the petition of the Board of Selectmen who stated that "public convenience and necessity" made it necessary to widen, extend, straighten, etc, the road.

Chairman of the Board John C. Snow explained to the Commissioners that it is the Board's feeling the road will eventually be needed as a third access road to the State highway and that it will open up land now unoccupied for development. Mr. Snow pointed out that the Board believed the work should be done at the present time before the area becomes built up and noted that the same job done some years from now would be much more expensive.

Howland Street Project Started Monday

Work on the construction of the Howland Street extension began on Monday, Town Manager Walter Lawrence has been notified by State Engineer Kelleher.

The M. F. Roach Company are contractors for the project, which has been estimated to cost \$40,000. The State is spending some funds of their own, Mr. Lawrence said, on portions of the land still under State control.

Two remedies that always do the job expected of them are castor oil and alcohol.

August 6, 1962

April 11, 1962
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Bids For Howland St. To Be Advertised

Bids for the construction of Howland Street will be advertised on April 21, according to information received by Town Manager Walter E. Lawrence from State District Engineer R. J. Kelleher of Middleboro. Work is expected to get underway soon after the opening of bids, Mr. Lawrence said.

The construction of the access road to Route 6 is expected to begin at the highway and to work toward Bradford Street.

On Monday night, the Town Manager was instructed by the Selectmen to secure definite figures from abutters on Howland Street of the amount they expect for land damages. Mr. Lawrence had written to the Board asking that a meeting be set up with some of the abutters to settle the question of damages.

August 9, 1962

Howland Street Work Started

State engineers have informed Town Manager Walter E. Lawrence that work on the construction of the Howland Street extension began Monday. M. F. Roach Construction Company is contractor for the project, which has an estimated cost of \$40,000. The State will spend some funds of their own on portions of land still under State control.

The final decree from the County Commissioners on the Howland Street Chapter 90 project has been received. The next step will be to put the project out for bids and construction should start in about two months, according to Mr. Lawrence. The project will create an access road into town between Route 6 and Commercial Street. At present the only access roads in the east end of town are at Conwell Street and at Snail Road. About \$40,000 is available for the job, according to the Town Manager. April 27, 1961

THURSDAY, MAY 11, 1961

This Distracting Town By Joyce Koch

Sonny Tasha moved into the house at 15 Howland Road fifteen years ago. It's a rambling affair sitting on top of a hill. The hill in those days was covered with brush and a ricketedly flight of wooden stairs scaled its side.

Over the years Howland Road came to be known as Howland Street, though it was still unpaved and leads only into the woods. Eventually it caught the eye of the Town planners as being a logical route for another through road to Route 6. Public hearings were duly held and a vote taken at the last annual Town Meeting. Everyone agreed that we should take advantage of the financial assistance offered under the Chapter 90 program to lay Howland Street out to a fourteen foot width, pave it and push it through to the highway.

The hillside has changed a lot in fifteen years. The ricketedly steps have been replaced with a fine flight of bricks, each one individually chosen and put into place. At the foot of the steps is Herman Tasha's Hairpin Shop, where he welds bronze ornaments and belt buckles and holds unique court. The informality and warmth of "Tasha's Hill" have attracted an avalanche of Summer visitors each of whom remember it as something special and important in their lives.

The new road will slice off ten feet of the hill and then veer off to the west. Sunny has received a form letter from the County Commissioners advising her to remove her plants from the hillside.

Work Divided On New Street

A letter has been received by Town Manager Walter E. Lawrence from R. J. Kelleher, State District Highway Engineer of the Middleboro office, containing a summary of items under Chapter 90 of work to be done by the State, County and town relative to Howland Street construction as an access road to Route 6. This work has been discussed previously by Mr. Kelleher and the Town Manager.

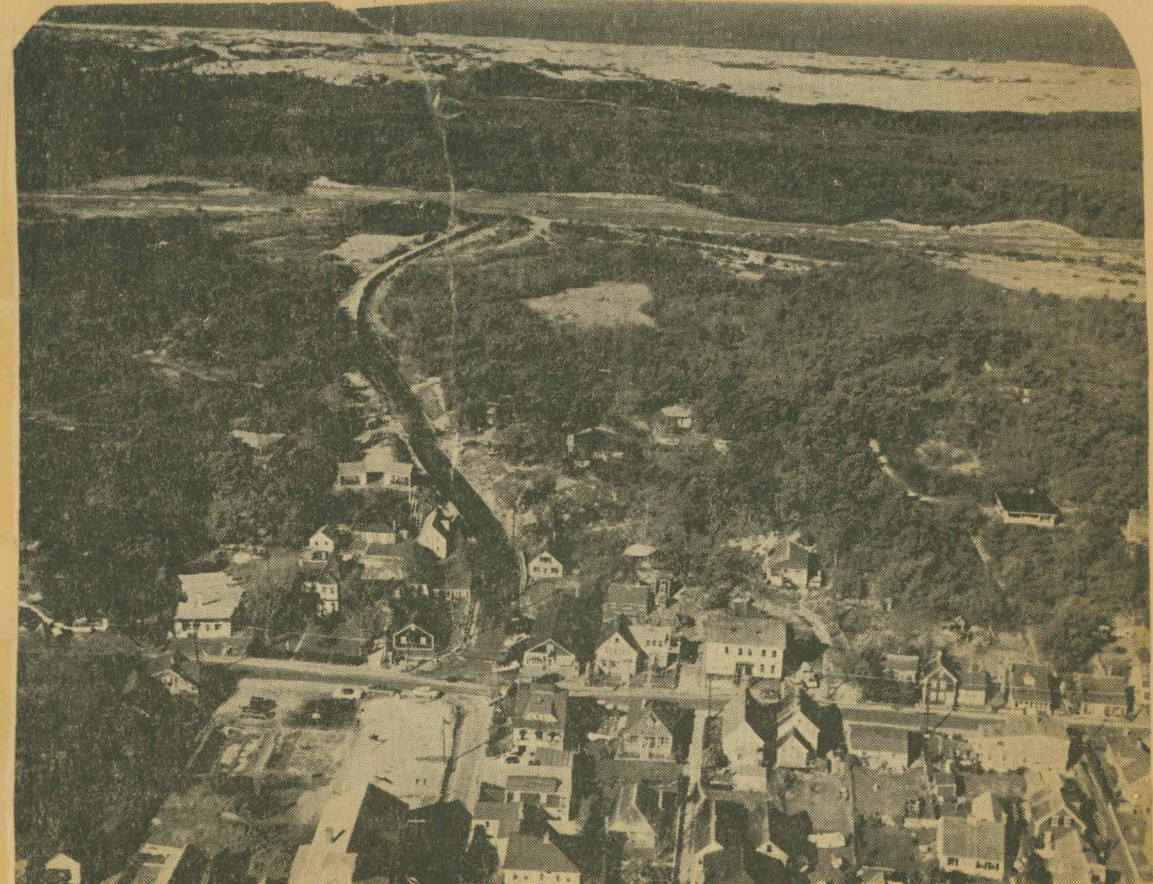
According to the State engineers the State would build only the necessary retaining walls for the protection of the roadway and a section in front of a cottage. The town, or the town with the county, would acquire sloping rights or land and assume any damages to property for roadway slopes extending beyond the limits of the roadway layout.

The Chapter 90 project would construct Howland Street north of Bradford Street into an access road to Route 6. The entrance to Route 6 would be the east-bound lane and no crossover or access would be provided to the west-bound lane. The town would like the project completed by June, 1962.

Work By Town

It was also noted that the town would move the craft shop building, now in the roadway layout, and take care of a brick patio, if necessary, in front of this building; the town would take care of hedges, shrubs, vines and plants in way of construction; a water main would be installed by the town during construction; the town would like to use material from the High School athletic field, known as Motta Memorial Field, at the rear of Winslow Street, town-owned land within one-half mile of the project. This material would be available free of charge.

The width of the proposed road-



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Provincetown-Boston Airline Photo

With the black-top now in place, cars and trucks have already begun to use the new addition to Howland Street from Bradford Street to the main highway Route 6. The curb laying job is practically completed and the new street is winning comments of approval from many. Patrician on right corner of new street