

# Edgecomb still trying to get nest moved

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The Edgecomb Bypass Task Force will send a letter this week to U.S. Interior Secretary Kenneth Salazar, asking him to move an eagle's nest away from the long bridge bypass route, Selectmen's Chairman Jack Sarmanian said Monday.

The task force has been working on the letter to Salazar for weeks.

The panel also called for the nest's relocation in a February 28 letter sent to Maine's Congressional delegation, Governor Paul LePage, several legislators, and Maine Department of Transportation Commissioner David Bernhardt.

At Monday night's selectmen's meeting, Sarmanian suggested any help the town gets from the Congressional delegation could be crucial to the request to Salazar.

In another development, Sarmanian said the task force has received the information it requested from the state, under the Freedom of Information Act. "We're going to have to carefully go over and research that," he said of the mate-

rial, some of which dates back several years.

Selectmen created the task force last winter, after learning about the nest and its impact on bypass plans.

Also Monday night, Assistant Fire Chief Larry Omland told selectmen the department's "new-to-us" 1991 fire truck might arrive from New Jersey in time for Saturday's town meeting. It will be housed in a tanker bay at the old fire station, Omland said.

"As soon as we can, we're going to get it equipped, and it's going to become our first-out truck," he said. The tanker that has been parked there will now be kept at Fire Chief Roy Potter's house, Omland said.

Sarmanian praised Omland and Potter, who was not present, for keeping the department going during "some hard times" at the old station.

Work on the new station "is coming right along," Sarmanian said. "It's amazing... We're very pleased about it."

Omland said of the new station, "We are hopeful this will be similar

to the movie, 'Field of Dreams' - If you build it, they will come. We can use more members," he explained.

"We can use people from all walks of life," Omland continued. "They don't have to want to fight fires. We can use all kinds of talent."

"I think there'll be a momentum of potential people to join," Sarmanian said.

"We can only hope," Omland added. He noted that Roland Abbott, director of the Wiscasset Ambulance Service, plans to join the department. "That's going to be a big shot in the arm, from the First Responders' standpoint," he said.

Selectwoman Jessica Chubbuck reminded residents that Edgecomb Eddy School students will be selling treats at Saturday's town meeting, to raise money for a trip.

Planning board member Jarryl Larson told the board she is still researching possible changes to the town's blasting ordinance, "to protect our citizens."

"It's important, because we have to protect the community," Sarmanian responded.