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August 19, 1946

Lucius D. Barrows
Chief Engineer
State Highway Commission
Augusta, Maine

Dear Sir:

I have your letter of August 16th, requesting information in connection with the purchase of land on which to erect buildings and places where equipment may be repaired for snow removal and maintenance operations.

The statute provides that the Commission may purchase or take lands for highways and material, and that the Governor and Council may authorize the Commission to sell property acquired by purchase. In view of the fact that there is no provision in the statute for the Commission to purchase land for the erection of buildings, I believe it would be safer to have the Governor and Council, on your recommendation, authorize the Commission to acquire by purchase such land as you need for the purposes mentioned in your letter of August 16th.

While it may not be absolutely necessary it would be a safer course to take in case someone should raise a question at a later date.

Very truly yours,

Ralph W. Farris
Attorney General

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