

# SPRA

SABBADY POINT ROAD ASSOCIATION

June 26, 2023

Dear Neighbors:

It has been several years since the Sabbady Point Road Association (SPRA) sent a newsletter (other than the notes that come with the yearly Annual Meeting mailing), so let's get you all up to speed on what's happening.

Last Fall, the long overdue maintenance of Pride Lane was done by D&R Paving, along with some repairs to Sabbady Point Road, at a cost of \$44,000. Paving costs have risen dramatically over the years, a topic that will be mentioned again later.

Also last Fall, you may have noticed signs posted by the Town of Windham on many private roads indicating that the Town would no longer plow snow on that road after the winter of 2022-2023. Our neighborhood did not receive that posting primarily because the roads have been very well maintained.

However, this Spring, we received a detailed notice from the Town with specific recommendations on maintaining the space around the roads that are plowed by the Town. Included is clearing back brush at least three feet from the edge of the road and trim all branches 13 feet above the road surface. In addition, they pointed out specific trees and stumps that are considered a safety issue for Town snow removal.

At this writing, we have contacted several contractors to obtain quotes. We expect that the work should be done this summer. The Town Engineer will be back to ensure that we have met their requirements.

You may be thinking that we used to have a "member" road cleanup day that included brush cutting, but rest assured that the Town requirements are far beyond what we have done in the past which includes large tree removal and stump grinding.

We are budgeting \$4,000 - \$5,000 for this cleanup.

Spring road sweeping has become an issue as most sweeping companies we have used in the past are going out of that business. We have asked the Town to sweep and are awaiting an answer.

The Annual SPRA Meeting will be accomplished again this year by mail. If you have any issues that you would like addressed in that mailing, please send a note via the SPRA website ([www.spraweb.org](http://www.spraweb.org)).

The yearly road association dues notices were sent out in April, if you have not made that payment yet, please do so. **In addition, yearly dues for 2024 will be raised back to the pre-pandemic rate of \$250.**

As mentioned earlier, the cost of everything has increased, and our ability to maintain the roads has increased as well. The Board would like to avoid a special assessment when the next major paving project is needed.

Finally, please observe the 20 mph speed posted on our roads and have a safe and fabulous summer!

On behalf of the SPRA,

Jack Grassmann, President