SPRINGY POND ASSOCIATION NEWSLETTER

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Annual Meeting Date is Quickly Approaching

A springtime meeting will hopefully increase attendance

Springy Pond Association has traditionally held an annual meeting during a late July or early August evening. This year we will be breaking tradition by holding a springtime afternoon meeting.

Our 1998 annual meeting has been scheduled for

Sunday, June 13, 1999 at 1:00 p.m.

at the camp of Duncan & Carol Jordan. The Jordan's are at the gray camp, located on the northerly shore of Springy Pond, adjacent to the inlet stream. In case of rain, David Brooks has volunteered the use of his garage. The Association is thankful for the hospitality of the Jordans and Brooks. Immediately preceding the meeting is our traditional potluck dinner. Duncan will be preparing his famous bean hole beans for our enjoyment. He expects them to be ready at 1:00 so don't be late. Also, David Brooks will be providing a roasted turkey. We will provide a gas grill, condiments and beverages. Please bring your favorite dish (except baked beans or turkey) for everyone to enjoy. To make it easier for the hosts, we ask that you provide your own seating. We will provide a few picnic tables. If you need suggestions on what to bring or wish to help in any way, please let us know.

For those who have never attended our annual meeting or contributed to the Association, we welcome you to do so. The primary purpose of the Association is to collect funds for maintenance of the Springy Pond Road. Please remember that maintenance of the road is the responsibility of Springy Pond property owners. This task is most easily accomplished if everyone contributes.

Questions and comments concerning the Association may be directed to Todd Sekera by phone (947-5372), mail (241 Silver Road, Bangor, ME 04401), or by email (springyp@aol.com).❖

Annual Assessment Increased

Increase to \$50.00 met with little opposition

One decision made by those in attendance at the 1998 Meeting was to increase the annual assessment from \$15.00 to \$50.00. The \$50.00 amount was decided upon partly due to consistency with other associations in the area. A survey of other associations in the area indicated that annual assessments being paid by members ranged from \$25.00 to \$100.00. The survey results revealed that Springy Pond Association members were paying substantially less per mile of road maintained than other associations in the area. The information presented in the table below was collected in June, 1998 when our annual assessment was \$15.00.

Association	Miles of Road	Annual Collected per Mile
Beech Hill Pd		
Lymburner Rd	1	\$750
West Shore Rd	5	\$780
Phillips Lk		
Daly Beach Rd	1.25	\$800
Branch Lk		
Cove Rd	2	\$2,750
Fire Road 303D	0.5	\$1,600
Sargent Dr	1.7	\$1,412
Springy Pd		
Springy Pond Rd	4	\$101

It should be noted that Springy Pond Road has the lowest density of property owners per mile of road of

the surveyed associations. In recent years, an average of about 28 property owners has regularly paid an annual assessment. With the same number of regular payees, at the current \$50.00 rate we will collect approximately \$1,400.00 per year. With full participation, the Association would collect approximately \$3,750.00 per year or \$938.00 per mile of road.

At the request of some Association members, we are utilizing an assessment payment form this year. The form is enclosed with this newsletter. The form is being sent to all property owners in the Springy Pond watershed that use the road to access their properties.

We hope this new method of collecting annual assessments will serve as a friendly reminder that maintenance of the Springy Pond Road is the responsibility of <u>all</u> those that use it. For property owners who do not frequent the Springy Pond area, please remember that the road provides access to your property. If you are no longer a Springy Pond property owner, please pass this newsletter along to the new owner. Thank you. ❖

Gas Pipeline Routed Away From Springy Pond

Maritimes & Northeast selected an alternate northerly route

A portion of the natural gas pipeline proposed to run through the State of Maine was initially proposed to be located within of the Springy Pond watershed. Maritimes & Northeast had proposed to locate the pipeline along existing Bangor Hydro transmission lines in portions of Penobscot and Hancock Counties. Near Springy Pond, the pipeline would have been located adjacent to the southerly side of the transmission line that crosses the Springy Pond Road near Route 180.

Partially due to local opposition, Maritimes & Northeast selected an alternate route that will locate the pipeline to the north of the Clifton-Otis area. The proposed route will follow near the Stud Mill Road to the Greenfield area, then south along the Penobscot River to connect with the existing proposed route in Orrington. •

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