SPRINGY POND ASSOCIATION NEWSLETTER

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Annual Meeting for 1998 Coming Soon

The first meeting since 1994 scheduled for Saturday August 08

Springy Pond Association has been unable to have an annual meeting for three years due to lack of volunteer hosts. The Association attempted to communicate business via this newsletter last year. Since no feedback was received, the success of this method of communication is unknown.

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. Although membership is voluntary and payment of dues is currently not required, please remember that maintenance of the road is the responsibility of Springy Pond property owners. This task is most easily accomplished if everyone contributes his or her fair share.

Our 1998 annual meeting has been is scheduled for

Saturday, August 08, 1998 at 6:00 p.m.

at the camp of David & Edith Brooks. The Brooks camp is located on the western shore, between Murray's camp and the lot where Dave Sanzaro is building his new camp. In case of rain, we will be able to meet in the Brooks new garage. The Association is thankful for their hospitality. Immediately preceding the meeting is our traditional potluck dinner. We will provide a gas grill, condiments and beverages. Please bring your favorite dish for everyone to enjoy. To make it easier for the hosts, we ask that you provide your own seating. If you need suggestions on what to bring or wish to help in any way, please let us know.

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).

Proposed Pipeline Located Near Springy Pond

Maritimes & Northeast investigating potential alternate route

A portion of the natural gas pipeline proposed to run through the State of Maine will be located within of the Springy Pond watershed. Maritimes & Northeast currently proposes to locate the pipeline along existing Bangor Hydro transmission lines in portions of Penobscot and Hancock Counties. Near Springy Pond, the pipeline would be 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 is investigating an alternate route that would locate the pipeline to the north of the Clifton-Otis area. The proposed route would 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.

Phase I of the Maritimes & Northeast Pipeline consists of approximately 66 miles of 30-inch diameter natural gas pipeline and associated facilities between Dracut, Mass., and Wells, Maine. Phase I would deliver up to 60,000 million British thermal units per day (MMBtu/d) of natural gas to markets in New Hampshire and southern Maine.

Phase II of the Maritimes project, which is on schedule to provide access to natural gas supplies from the Sable Offshore Energy Project in 1999, will interconnect with Phase I in Wells, Maine and extend through central and eastern Maine to the New Brunswick border.

The Canadian portion of the Maritimes Northeast Pipeline will connect with the U.S. pipeline and move through the Maritime Provinces of New Brunswick and Nova Scotia, terminating at Goldboro, Nova Scotia, where it will connect with the Sable Offshore Energy Project. More than 440,000 MMBtu/d of natural gas will flow through the Maritimes & Northeast Pipeline when fully operational. ❖

Road Needs Work

Road condition deteriorating due to lack of funds

The Association Road Commissioner, David Brooks, continues to attend to the business of road maintenance. David has been able to keep the road in good shape considering the weather we have had last winter and this summer.

However, due to limited funds, David has been unable to complete needed maintenance and upgrading on some portions of the road. David is aware that the road near the outlet, near Middle Springy Pond and the hill near the Grant's camp need substantial work. There are also several areas that need culvert replacements or additions as well. All he has been able to do this year to date is some grading. With all the rain we have had recently, more grading is needed. Planning of future projects will depend upon our treasury balance.

The Association has been fortunate to have Dave Sanzaro as a gravel pit owner. With the equipment available in his pit, he has been able to keep the road in excellent shape for many years now. He has done well to complete many needed maintenance projects at little cost to the Association. When the road is in use by his trucks, he has done grading, ditching, brush clearing and filling. Compensation he has received from the Association does not adequately cover maintenance that is needed due to wear and tear caused by the camp owners. \clubsuit

Treasury Balance Low

Few property owners willing to pay annual dues

As usual, the Association has had limited success persuading Springy Pond property owners who use the road to contribute to the Association for the purpose of road maintenance.

The Association has expended only \$200.00 so far this year on road maintenance, and the current balance is less than \$300.00. Annual dues have historically been only \$15.00, or any affordable amount, payable to Springy Pond Association. Payment can be made at the annual meeting. Those unable to attend the meeting this year may submit your payment to Todd Sekera or David Brooks. <u>Please</u> make an effort to contribute to the Association. The Association may entertain the idea of raising the annual dues at the meeting in August.

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