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# SPRINGY POND ASSOCIATION

## NEWSLETTER

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### Annual Assessment Increased

*Fourth documented increase in 35 years*

At the 2003 Annual Meeting, a motion was made to have the annual assessment due in January instead of during the summer months. This motion was seconded and passed. Since the person responsible for mailing the assessment notices is behind the eight ball, as usual, the assessment will be due in February. The purpose of the change is to have the treasury balance at its highest in the spring, when the most work typically needs to be done to the road. A motion was then made to increase the annual assessment from \$50.00 per year to \$100.00 per year. That motion was seconded however; it did not have enough votes to pass. Another motion was made to increase the annual assessment from \$50.00 per year to \$75.00 per year. This motion was seconded and passed.

Most in attendance were in general agreement that an annual assessment of \$50.00 per year was not sufficient to generate enough income for the Association to maintain the road, hence the increase. Available Association records indicate the following sequence of assessment increases since the inception of the Association in 1968.

1968- 19??	\$5.00
19??- 1991	\$10.00
1992-1998	\$15.00
1999-2003	\$50.00
2004-	\$75.00

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.

### New Winter Crew

*Permanent Springy Pond residents pool their resources*

For many years, Springy Pond resident Gary Grant had taken on the responsibility of plowing snow from the Springy Pond Road. During those years, he did an excellent job for which we greatly appreciate.

David Brooks, Duncan Jordan and Tony MacDonald have pooled their resources, both financial and physical, to assemble the necessary equipment and materials to keep the Springy Pond Road passable this winter.

The crew first purchased a used plow truck with a wing and sander, and with some paint, parts and much work, brought the truck back into good working order. They also stockpiled salt and sand, and collected some funding from the permanent residents of Springy Pond to achieve their goal.

They have been diligently clearing the road of snow after storms, and have been spreading their sand and salt recipe on the icy portions of the road as conditions warrant.

#### **Springy Pond Association Annual Meeting**

Our Hosts: Duncan & Carol Jordan

On one of four Sundays in July 2004 yet to be scheduled.

Potluck Dinner at 1:00 p.m. sharp.

Meeting will be called to order at approximately 1:45 p.m.

We are once again planning either a 50/50 raffle or a raffle of Springy Pond clothing.

Some of our favorite "old timers" are planning to once again roast a pig for this year's dinner.

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# Winter Taking Its Toll

*Ice buildup made for treacherous travel*

If you plan on traveling to your camp or home at Springy Pond in the next few weeks, please do so with caution. Before this past weeks ice removal and culvert installation, there were several areas on the road where ice buildup had made driving difficult along the west shore of Lower Springy Pond. The three worst areas were near the residences of Joe & Cathy Jordan, Eben & Jean Ellis, and Chris & Rhonda Cassum.

Abundant rains last fall, followed by sub-zero temperatures, had overwhelmed the undersized culverts at these locations. As a result, water had flowed over the road and frozen. Freeze-thaw cycles had caused the buildup of ice, greater than two feet in many areas, on the roadway.

Bob and Sheldon Beal took the initiative to get Harriman Brothers Construction of Winterport to remove the ice from the roadway at these three areas. After the ice was removed, HDPE culverts were installed at two locations to provide adequate drainage so ice does not build up once again. This work was done on February 13 and 14, 2004.

Springy Pond is on the World Wide Web at:

**[www.springypond.com](http://www.springypond.com)**

On our site, you can find our meeting schedule, browse both past and present newsletters, and find related links.

We are compiling historical information about the Association, Springy Pond, and its residents. If you have any information, stories, or photographs to share, please pass them along to us.

We are always open to suggestions for new or additional content for our web site and newsletter. Please send your ideas to [info@springypond.com](mailto:info@springypond.com).



Ice buildup on the road has been spreading and encroaching on the camp of Eben & Jean Ellis.



Sheldon Beal, Dave Brooks, Bob Beal and Edith Brooks observed the placement of the culvert in the trench near the Ellis camp.



Many cubic yards of ice were removed and piled near the road before culvert installation.

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