

Dear Board of Selectman:

August 27, 2014

It is the unanimous recommendation of the road committee that the following roads be closed for winter maintenance effective immediately.

- 1) John Tarr Rd
- 2) Jungle Lane
- 3) Dingley Lane
- 4) Gustin Rd going up past Nutting Rd
- 5) Mill Rd
- 6) Huff Mill Rd
- 7) Beaver Lane

It is apparent the time and effort that is required to plow and maintain these roads is costing the town in excess of \$30,000 per year as shown in the breakdown below. This breakdown is based on one time plowing of the road per storm.

- Take Mill Road as example (median length of all roads listed above)
- Approximate time to plow and sand per storm is 30 minutes
- Cost per hour of truck, fuel, labor is \$125.00
- Sand/salt mix applied on road is approximately 2 cubic yards with a cost of \$150.00/cy
- Total cost to maintain Mill Rd is \$5,075.00 per year (362.50 x 14 storms = \$5075.00)
- Considering an average of 14 storms per year, (last year we had 25 plowable storms)
- Minimal total cost to maintain all aforementioned roads is \$35,525.00

In summary, closing these roads named above will save the town enough money to properly redistribute the funds into things such as better/more effective sand / mixtures and/or potentially being able to stockpile gravel material in case of emergencies throughout the year.

Sincerely,

Road Committee Chairman