

SWARM winter board meeting
January 15, 2023
3 pm at Fish residence

In Attendance

John O'Claire, Catrina Fish, Paloma Hill, Laura Corben, Chuck Ferguson

Current Road Upkeep

There was a short discussion concerning damage to the roads from the most recent storms. There were no problems from fallen trees or severe erosion reported. Several culverts on First Gate were not functioning and had to be cleaned as well as side trenches dug out. John O'Claire had already ordered sufficient fill for pot holes which will be used in the coming weeks to finish work on the roads.

Finances

Catrina Fish had finished the billing for 2023 which will be sent out as soon as an accompanying letter is written and approved. She passed around a listing of properties that are in arrears. If the outstanding amounts are approximately \$500, the owners are one year behind in payments, \$1,000 two years. Amounts ranged from \$14,000 to \$300. John O'Claire spoke about the process of putting a lien on a property after a certain amount is owed. What usually happens when a property is purchased the new owner has to pay off what is owed to the association to clear the title. The most pressing need for full payments is to come up with funds to fulfill the grant for road improvements.

The Grant

Paloma Hill has been the liaison with the Resource Conservation District and Joe Scrivens concerning the upcoming grant. She reported that work should begin in July and possibly be completed by early October. The grant is for \$600,000 worth of work and materials. The Association now has \$90,000 saved for this work but will need to come up with additional funds to contribute a total of \$115,000 towards the project. Additional funds should also be on account just to keep us solvent and ready to respond to whatever might come up. It was suggested that we might encourage people double up and pay ahead towards the next year's road dues.

There was further discussion about what the grant will accomplish and a proposal that we schedule a meeting in early June for all residents to discuss the road work and meet with Joe Scrivens who will be able to inform and answer questions.

Paloma Hill agreed to write a letter explaining the timeline and details for the grant roadwork to include with the billing letter that will be mailed to all property owners. Chuck Ferguson is working on the renovation of the website that will also give detailed information about the planned work. The roads will be inspected in the spring to reassess changes that have occurred and modify suggestions for the road work.

The meeting ended with those present putting stamps on the mailing.