

Town of Windham

Department of Public Works
185 Windham Center Road
Windham ME 04062

Doug Fortier, Director

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To: Tony Plante, Town Manager
From: Doug Fortier, Public Works Director
Date: August 25, 2014
Re: Winter Maintenance for Loon Lane

On August 25th Nancy Goslin brought in release forms signed by residents from Loon Lane to apply for winter maintenance. I have inspected the road using the council policy regarding winter maintenance. I have found the following issues that do not meet the policy

- #2 This road has not been through the towns subdivision review
- # 4 The ROW per the deeds is only 20 feet
- # 5 The travel portion of the road is 10 foot wide
- #6 There is no way to know if the gravel base is built to a minor road standard
- #7 There are trees, rock wall and phone poles that could be easily hit with a plow and wing

Attached are the signed releases

"Working in the Public interest"

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5 Loon Lane
Windham, ME 04062
August 26, 2014

Doug Fortier
Department of Public Works
Town of Windham
Windham, ME 04062

Dear Mr. Fortier:

We, the residents on Loon Lane (formerly known as Lake Avenue) which is located off Sandbar Road are requesting that Loon Lane be included in the town's winter maintenance program for snow plowing. Loon Lane is considered a private road but it does qualify for winter maintenance on most of the 10 criteria set forth in the council policy. There are the minimum 5 separate dwellings served by Loon Lane and the road is in very good repair with an adequate gravel base with no trees or other obstructions which would obstruct or damage a plow blade. The road surface is graded and there are no objects protruding out of the road surface and there is adequate clearances so that there would not be any danger of damage to any plow equipment. There is a large turnaround at the end of the road that would allow plow trucks and all emergency type vehicles as well as service vehicles more than an adequate area to safely maneuver a turn and exit from the road. We are concerned that without proper plowing as is done on many of the other similar roads off Sandbar Road, that our residents might be in danger if they needed fire, police, or rescue services quickly. We also need to have repair and service vehicle access to our homes that are located along Loon Lane. Central Maine Power, Telephone and Cable Repair and Heating Fuel (oil and propane) trucks are just a few of the vehicles that would need access quickly soon after a winter storm. We feel that each of us pays a large amount of property taxes for services rendered by the Town of Windham and winter maintenance is one of those services that should be included for our residents. Please feel free to contact me and come join us on Loon Lane to walk the road and determine that YES, we should be eligible for winter maintenance.

Sincerely,



Nancy Goslin
207-408-1980
mamagoose6@hotmail.com

We have had 3 rescue/ambulance calls in the past 2 months. If these were during/after a winter storm it would be a public safety issue.

(Approved December 13, 1994)

Town of Windham
Release Form
Permission to Enter Road and Release of Liability

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Loon Lake
(Print road name and description of section to be included)

in order to provide winter maintenance services. I/We represent that I/we, or a representative road association of which I am a member, owns, manages and controls said road, and that I/we do hereby recognize that the Town's responsibilities are limited to the conditions of said "Policy", including the right to terminate winter maintenance services at any time, to hold the Town harmless regarding any liability contention, to recognize that this document is not a contract between the Town of Windham and the undersigned, to maintain the roadway in good repair and free of visual obstructions, and to acknowledge that in allowing access for winter maintenance, there is no presumption in any way of its acceptance as a public way by the Town of Windham.

This form is simply an inducement to the Town of Windham to provide winter maintenance services for said road section in accordance with the conditions and stipulations of the "Policy".

I/we have read this document carefully, and sign it voluntarily with full knowledge of its significance on this date of 8/16/14.

By: Edward M Durrell
3 Loon Lake
Windham, Me.
(Print name and address)

E. M. Durrell
(Signature)

By: _____

(Print name and address)

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By: Nancy Goslin
5 Loon Lane
Windham, ME 04062
(Print name and address)

Nancy Goslin
(Signature)

By: Richard Goslin
5 Loon Lane
Windham, ME 04062
(Print name and address)

Richard Goslin

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By: DAWNE M. BROWN
7 LOON LANE
WINDHAM, ME
(Print name and address)

Dawne M Brown
(Signature)

By: _____

(Print name and address)

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By: Pauline Hall
11 Loon Lane
Windham, Me
(Print name and address)

Pauline Hall
(Signature)

By: _____

(Print name and address)

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By: Theodore Brissette - Theodore Brissette
12 LOON LANE
WINDHAM ME.
(Print name and address)

Theodore Brissette
(Signature)

By: _____

(Print name and address)