

# Many Oaks Lane Association

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To: Windham Town Council

Subject: Smith Road, Windham, Maine Condition

We, the Many Oaks Lane Association, strongly encourage the Windham Town Council to plan for and dedicate funding for major repairs to Smith Road from Rte 115 west to the end at Little Sebago Lake.

The Many Oaks Lane Association represents seventeen homeowners and taxpayers living on the private road off the end of Smith Road on Little Sebago Lake. Smith Road, like many in Windham, is in need of major repairs. We want to advocate that you strongly consider Smith Road to receive those repairs this year.

Smith Road has deteriorated quickly over the past few years. The road is badly in need of major reconstruction -- not just patching or a coat of paving. Nearly every stretch from top to bottom needs repairs -- with pavement cracking, frost heaves, potholes, shoulders failing and worse. The road condition has become worse with the heavy truck traffic going to new homes in the Cross Ridge subdivision, and now to the redevelopment of Aimhi property on Little Sebago.

Smith Road is becoming increasingly dangerous for drivers, pedestrians and bicyclists. Due to the deteriorating road conditions, cars drive in the middle to avoid shoulders and swerve to dodge frost heaves and potholes. Fortunately, we are not aware of any major accidents, yet. The road is not safe for school buses, emergency vehicles and plows either.

There are many properties along this stretch of Smith Road with an increasing number of taxpayers traveling this stretch of road daily. If repair funds for Smith Road are not available this year, we request that Public Works revisit the road soon to repair the worst of the pot holes, and that the Town Council commit bond funding to complete a major overhaul early in 2015.

We recognize that the Council does the best job possible to address many concerns with limited funding. As you make a decision on which roads to repair, we ask that you take some time to drive Smith Road in the near future to see for yourselves how bad it has become. We think you will agree with our position and we encourage you to support our request for dedicated funding to complete major repairs on Smith Road as soon as possible.

Thank you...

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