

Sawyer Point Road Association Annual Meeting 2022

The Sawyer Point Road Association (“SPRA”) 51st Annual Meeting was held on Saturday, June 25, 2022, at the home of John and Courtney Fiske and called to order by the President, Jay Sweetnam, at 9.30 am. Jay opened the meeting welcoming all members and thanking John and Courtney Fiske for hosting this year’s association meeting in their home.

Jay reminded the membership that SPRA is concerned only with the plowing, sanding, maintenance and repair of the common roadways and removal of fallen trees and obstructing shrubbery. Jay introduced and thanked the current Executive Officers for the past year service:

- Jay Sweetnam – President
- Vice President – Bob Jenkins
- Secretary – Rob Roriston
- Treasurer – Gerry DeGeorge

Jay thanked the road agent Larry DeGeorge for his significant time and efforts in keeping the road in good condition and assistant road agent Rick Anderson for his service. Jay noted that SPRA through the year utilizes the services of David Couture who plows and sands our roads, Kevin Bernier who maintains our roads and Jake Brooks who performs tree work on Sawyer Point. Jay noted we are fortunate to have an excellent group of service providers.

Jay reminded the members of the 10-mph speed limit on SPRA roads. Howard Shane pointed out that the speed limit was not always being observed on the road adjacent to his property and that a baby fox had recently been killed in an area traversed by his family. Howard asked the membership to please observe the speed limit and avoid the future consideration of the need for speed bumps.

Jay thanked Gerry DeGeorge for her care for the flowers at the entrance to Sawyers Point and Donna Jenkins for her care of the flowers at the triangle

Jay noted that there was no new membership at SPRA this year, but that the Davis Family (existing members) had purchased 19 Caverly Point Road. Jay also noted that longtime resident Carol Ladd had passed recently. The Ladd family had built 4 Pine Needle Cove Road and resided there from 1969 to 2018.

Secretary’s Report: Rob Roriston noted that the minutes from the 2021 meeting had been previously distributed to the membership. There were no questions or comments from the membership. The minutes were approved.

Treasurer’s Report: Gerry DeGeorge reviewed the income and expenses of the association for the past fiscal year. Gerry noted that the association is in good financial health, with this year inflows substantially matching outflows at around \$10,300. The year began with reserves of \$18,224 and ended the year at \$18,023. Based on the anticipation of higher costs for 2022/23, the SPRA executive committee recommended that dues be increased back up to their prior level of \$350 from their recently reduced

level of \$325. The four 25 to 31 Sawyer Point homes have a \$300 assessment for 2022/23. The treasurers report and annual fees for 2022/23 were approved by the membership.

President Report: Jay Sweetnam expressed thanks to Gerry DeGeorge for her work in keeping all the SPRA books and records current and accurate. Jay noted that the annual fee level has remained modest for several years, primarily because of the significant contribution to road maintenance of Larry DeGeorge. It was noted that in the future SPRA annual expense levels may need to increase to replace Larry's services with independent third-party service providers. Jay also noted that \$6,300 was being reserved in the 2021 /22 budget for Kevin completing additional road work in August and Jake removing brush along the road.

Jay noted that in accordance with SPRA bylaws the Executive Committee had created a Nominating Committee for the purpose of nominating officers for the three-year term ending June 2025. Rob Roriston was appointed chair of the nominating committee and served with volunteers Donna Jenkins and Patty Mac Hewitt on the Nominating Committee.

Gerry DeGeorge thanked Jay and Bob for their service to SPRA over the past 6 years. Gerry noted Jay's many accomplishments over the time in getting SPRA up to date and operating efficiently. Jay and Bob were each given gift certificates in appreciation of their service and contribution to SPRA.

Nominating Committee Report: Rob reported that the Nominating committee (with the help of Sarah Bird) had conducted a full survey of the membership to seek input on future leadership at SPRA. The survey had a strong response with 22 members providing feedback. The results will be helpful both for this year and in the future. Based on the results of the survey the following slated of officers were nominated:

- Rob Roriston – President
- Dave Jones – Vice President
- Gina Ardagna – Secretary
- Gerry DeGeorge – Treasurer

Rob thanked Patty Mac and Donna for their service on the Nominating Committee and Sarah Bird for her help with conducting the survey and tabulating the results. The membership approved the new slate of officers as nominated.

The next annual meeting of the Sawyer Point Road Association will be held on Saturday, June 25, 2022, at 9.30 am for coffee meet and greet, and meeting at 10 am at a home to be determined (seeking volunteers), which will be noticed to the members in advance.

The meeting was adjourned at 10.30 am