BY ALICE TAN

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Backyard Boardwalk Plan To Help Fix Private Ways

By KATIE GOERS

A new policy that provides a means for residents living along private roads to get the needed repairs to their roads has re- ceived unanimous support from the board of selectmen.

The process that residents of a private road would need to go through is similar to roughly 20 steps to follow, but would ultimately result in the improvement of those private ways with some assistance from the town. First, property owners would need to determine that repairs needed to the private way are up to the capacity of the individ- ual owner and then to do the town’s Temporary Repairs to Private Ways program through the Betterment Act. The residents would then need to schedule a meeting with the town’s engineer to review the program and deter- mine potential costs.

The residents would have to file a petition at the town’s office to use the program and detail the proposed work, which would require an additional $10,000 to move forward. Families of abutters would need to petition the town for the work no later than 10/15 of any given year for consideration at the fol- lowing year’s Town Meeting. After receiving the petition, the town would need to be certified by the town clerk and town assessor. Once the petition is certified, property owners would then be re- quired to hire a private engineer to provide detailed cost estimates and determine the cost range of the project. The scope and cost would need approval of the town.

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