



Road Assessment For Garfield Point Road Assn.

This document was prepared for the Garfield Point Road Association per their request. On October 12, 2013 the fire chief met with Ellen Koivisto-Fletcher, Chair Woman of GPRD, along with 2 residents of the association and a tree contractor. We discussed accessibility of the road for fire apparatus and used a fire truck to show how lack of tree and shrub maintenance has led to poor road conditions for emergency apparatus.

cap. As we went through the roads, we discussed problem areas and made suggestions on how to fix them. Everybody quickly realized how big the truck is and how overgrown the vegetation is on the road. As we proceeded inward, we found that the overgrown brush and hedgerows got worse to the point where going down Point road is almost impossible due to a large rock on the corner and a hedgerow of overgrown hemlock trees. We proceeded on and parked the fire truck to just walk the remainder of roads. We found that even a little brush is a major road block to having access to homes on the side streets. In the event of a fire there would very little or no emergency traffic flow, and without that effective operations would be hindered tremendously. After all, it took an eight point turn to get the tanker turned around at Point Road.

XB In the end, everybody realized there needs to be work done. We discussed the areas of concern. I made suggestions of cutting brush back a minimum of 3' off the edge road and up 15'. Ideally it would be 5'-15' up, but there are areas where that won't work due to property lines and other issues. This would open up the passing areas for vehicles to pass and having a good place to turn around. It was suggested to start having yearly maintenance program for brush removal so that way it wouldn't be a major overtaking when it becomes a problem like it is now. Another suggestion was also made to have an association bylaw created to only allow plantings of shrubs and trees at a certain distance to a property line so when they become overgrown it's not in the roadway.

Understanding that budgets aren't huge these days, I have prioritized the problem areas and would like to work with the Association in getting good emergency services to the residents on these roads. Even though there will be resistance in bettering the road by some, safety by all will be gained on these roads by quicker emergency services and to local traffic flow being safer.

Sylvan Rd

needs heavy brush removal on both sides of road for the entire length of road.

The following hedgerows on Sylvan need trimming:

Around #26 and #28

#45-47

At Harbor Lane and Sylvan

There is one leaning tree at #47 Sylvan needs to be removed.

The Point and Sylvan Road intersection needs brush removed along with a 12" pine on left side, also there is a large rock on the right that needs removal for ease of entering and exiting.

There are 3 pull offs (or passing lanes) that need brush removed

Point Road

Needs extensive brush removal in the area #8 with hedgerow and around cul-de-sac
Leaning oak in the beginning of circle.

Worth Lane

Needs light brush removal

Ash Lane

Light to moderate brush removal

Brewer Circle

Light to moderate brush removal with a few small trees to cut

Gardner

Moderate to Heavy brush removal

Harbor

Light to moderate Brush removal

Scotts

light brush

Lads Beach

Light Brush removal

There are multiple telephone poles that need to be removed but can't due to Verizon wires not being moved to the new pole in place already. Some of the following poles are impeding emergency traffic flow on Sylvan Road:

National Grid Pole Sylvan Rd

3-is in the travel way

#8

#12 Worth Lane

17- Needs wires moved to new pole, so wires can be raised. Telephone is very low!
Point Rd
#08

The highest priorities for the road would be as follows:

- 1-The hedgerows and brush on point road
- 2-Hedgrows on sylvan
- 3-The intersection at sylvan and point roads, to remove large rock and tree in intersection
- 4-Finish cutting the rest of brush on all roads

Fire Chief



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