

## Big Sandy Snow Plowing Policy 2010-11

The snowplowing this season will be done by Mike Ward of Harrison. Mike has plowed for us since the '05-'06 season and has done a good job. The cost for plowing the common roads in the association has been \$3025 for the season regardless of how many storms there are. The cost is subject to change based on fuel costs, etc., and I don't have the final contract price for this upcoming season as of yet. However, the cost has increased very little over the past 5 seasons with the exception of the year that gasoline was \$4.00/gallon and there was a shortage of salt and sand. Since many of the families do not come up in the winter, the association felt that it would be fair to contribute 25% of the total cost of plowing the road. This would insure access throughout the winter season to *everybody's* property for emergency vehicles, utility vehicles, and any other vehicles that needed to come down the road should an emergency or untoward event take place at your property during the winter. Since there are 28 families, this assessment is \$756.25 or \$27.01 per family, if the cost remains the same as last year. I will have Mike's proposal for this season by the end of September.

The remaining balance (75%) will be split among the families that use their properties during the winter months, including the Lombard's, who are the permanent residents at the top of the hill and pay \$200 towards this balance. This also includes those who rent out their property or let others use it during the winter months. I anticipate that roughly 12 families will use their property during the winter, but an inventory of who those families are needs to be taken so that an exact cost per family can be calculated. Once you notify me that you wish to participate in the group snowplowing, the association treasurer will then send you an invoice. You can return the invoice and your check made out to Big Sandy Association, to him/her. The treasurer will forward your portion to Mike. This will make it easier for us to keep track of who has paid their share.

In order for this system to be fair for everyone, *it is important that you let me know if you are going to participate*. If you decide to come up to use your property for recreational purposes, but have not participated in the group plowing cost, you will be assessed a user fee of \$50 per usage. You will not be assessed for visits out of necessity, such as repair of frozen pipes, removing snow from your roof, etc. However, so that frictions do not develop amongst association members, and no one's honesty is questioned, it is important that you communicate with me if you are coming up and are *not* part of the snowplowing group. The user fees collected will be split amongst those that have participated in the group effort at the end of the season by the treasurer.

Please let me know by October 30<sup>th</sup> if you would like to participate in the group snow plowing. Any communication with me can be done by e-mail: [eric.miller7@comcast.net](mailto:eric.miller7@comcast.net) or by phone at 603-772-7250 or 603-770-8530(cell). If you want Mike to do your individual driveway you can make your own arrangements with him. He asked that you call him at 207-583-4341. Thank you,

Eric Miller