

From the Mayor Elect Douglas A. Dahlgard

Dear Friends,

Winter in Head of the Harbor is a beautiful time, but after this past winter we welcome springtime with joy and a sigh of relief. Winter was a continuous loop of ice, snow, and frigid winds leaving us weary and yearning for the time of renewal.

Our highway department was called out 22 times to salt/sand and plow. Therefore, it is fitting that we mention Jack Precht, Mike Sweeney, and Eric Precht who together with our outside contractor, Alexander Sonnenberg, worked to clear the roads while we slept. Highway Commissioner Ted Naughton, Village Clerk Margaret O'Keefe and our dedicated team of police officers supported the storm response.

Almost all of the roads within Head of the Harbor are village owned, resulting in over 20 miles of roadways to maintain. To appreciate this, a drive from our Village Hall to Cold Spring Harbor would be about 20 miles.

The Head of the Harbor Highway Department has four trucks that plow snow and salt/sand our streets. These large commercial trucks must be handled safely at all times. They are much larger than the trucks used to plow individual driveways.

The disposal of the over sixty inches of snowfall this winter season was tricky. Despite the severity of the winter, no storm related accidents were reported in the Village.

Now that the snow season has passed, the Highway Department will focus on other tasks. Following Department of Environmental Conservation regulations, the village's sweeper will remove and dispose of the sand/salt mix. The Village has over 100 catch basins that must be cleaned of winter debris. Downed trees will be removed, overhanging branches trimmed, potholes patched, equipment and vehicles maintained. As the warmer weather approaches, the men will concentrate on roadside mowing, street sign maintenance, and the care of the village hall property.

An employee for 28 years, no one knows the village like Highway Superintendent, Jack Precht. With 12 years of dedicated experience from Michael Sweeney and 7 years assistance from Eric Precht, they form a highly knowledgeable and skilled team. Next time you see the men, please give them a friendly wave, they certainly have earned our respect for a job well done.

Sincerely,

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