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## **Barrington Highway Department Bridge and Culvert Capital Reserve Fund 2024**

There are a large number of big culverts in Barrington that are in failure at some level. The culvert on Little Long Pond is one of the worst, followed by the first causeway on Swain's Lake. Others on the list include the second and third causeways on Young Road, Old Settler's Road, Lakeside Oaks Road, and Tolend Road which is somewhat structurally okay, but needs to be widened or perhaps be replaced by a bridge if we are ever going to rebuild Tolend road to handle the ever increasing thru traffic that travels down it. One huge, nagging expense of these deteriorated culverts is the jagged edges within them that the beavers jam sticks into to dam up the pipes. This results in one or two people patrolling these culverts every day to make sure it doesn't get to the point where we can't unplug it because there is too much water to get to it. We used to put someone in a survival suit in the opposite end of the culvert to crawl through and remove the blockage. I stopped this practice two years ago because of the obvious safety concerns, but the need is still there for constant vigilance which expends a lot of time and manpower.

Because of the proximity to waterways for all of these projects, the price tags are enormous, including the engineering to accompany them. We acquired some SB 401 Bridge money that we are currently putting to work on the engineering of the Young Road culverts. We may also use these funds to get some of the other culverts shovel ready to start work. We need to have our funding in place to start these projects upon completion of engineering. Even if we receive state or federal funding for any of these projects, our portion will still be significant. It is for this reason that I am requesting that this years contribution to the bridge and culvert capital reserve fund be \$300,000.

Respectfully Submitted

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