

Town of Arkwright
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RE: Town of Arkwright, Current Long Term Road Closures

Dear Mr. Feldman,

A couple of months ago, the Town was asked to provide a list of our projects. Two of them we included are things we definitely cannot do ourselves and are looking for county level advice. When we mentioned them in our last board meeting, one of the impacted residents was present and took the initiative to circulate a petition explaining the local opinion. That petition is attached. The two concerns are as follows:

- A. **The Ball Road Bridge in Ball's Gulf.** This has been closed for about five years, cutting off easy access to Route 83 and beyond and, creating quality of life issues for residents on both sides. The inability to access this road for recreational and other desirable activities (access to Arkwright falls for example) has left it as the road less traveled but a prime area for less than desirable activities. ATV's and Jeeps run across farmer's fields and we are constantly picking up trash, including TV's and mattresses. I think it is safe to say *every resident* wants that bridge **repaired**. We have been told it is "on a list". I think it is fair that we ask to see the list and also be given the opportunity to lobby to move up on the list. We appreciate that this is a small job in the grand scheme of things but that might make it exactly the type of job than can be more easily scheduled and knocked off while preparing for larger jobs.
- B. **Park Road from its Current End to Bard Road.** This road has been closed for decades. When the DEC purchased the land, with no residents to service, the road was closed. We believe the DEC has some interest in this being reopened seasonally and also that the Snowmobile Club would benefit. The residents don't want it though and we believe the Town's right of way has expired. For the benefit of our residents, however, we would like to know of any plans for that road that other parties may have. This should not, however, be considered a Town project despite the previous communication indicating otherwise.

Enclosed is the signed petition from the Ball Road and Park Road residents. The Town agrees with them in principle that ***repairing and reopening the bridge*** would be the best option in terms of safety, quality of life and recreational opportunities.

Thank you in advance for considering our request and letting us know how we can possibly move this forward.

Sincerely,



Brian L. McAvoy
Supervisor

CC: Terry Niebel