

How can town afford rail trail maintenance given current state of its roads?

Dear Editor:

I am writing to you today to express my concerns over the proposed Rail Trail. My neighbors and I have gone before the DPW and have spoken to a Selectman in order to have our road repaved. We were told at town hall that our street was 48th on the list and that there were roads in far worse condition than ours. We were also told that because it is not a main road it would not be repaved anytime soon. It was also explained to us that although state funds may be-

come available, that due to the high cost of repaving, only a few streets could be repaved each year.

We on Perry Avenue are concerned about the safety of our residents, especially with the plethora of children playing on Perry Avenue as many vehicles drive on the wrong side of the road in order to avoid the worst potholes. Yes, our road has been patched and re-patched many times over but what we really need is for it to be repaved.

Now, my question is this, "How can we maintain a bike trail when

we are having a difficult time maintaining our roads?" What happens when the funding runs out? Who will maintain this trail? I can only see our taxes increasing with the addition of this trail. We were promised our taxes would be reduced once MarketStreet was established but all I've seen is increases. The Rail Trail will only add to our tax bills if it goes forth. I have many unanswered questions about this trail. Don't you?

Thanks for reading.

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