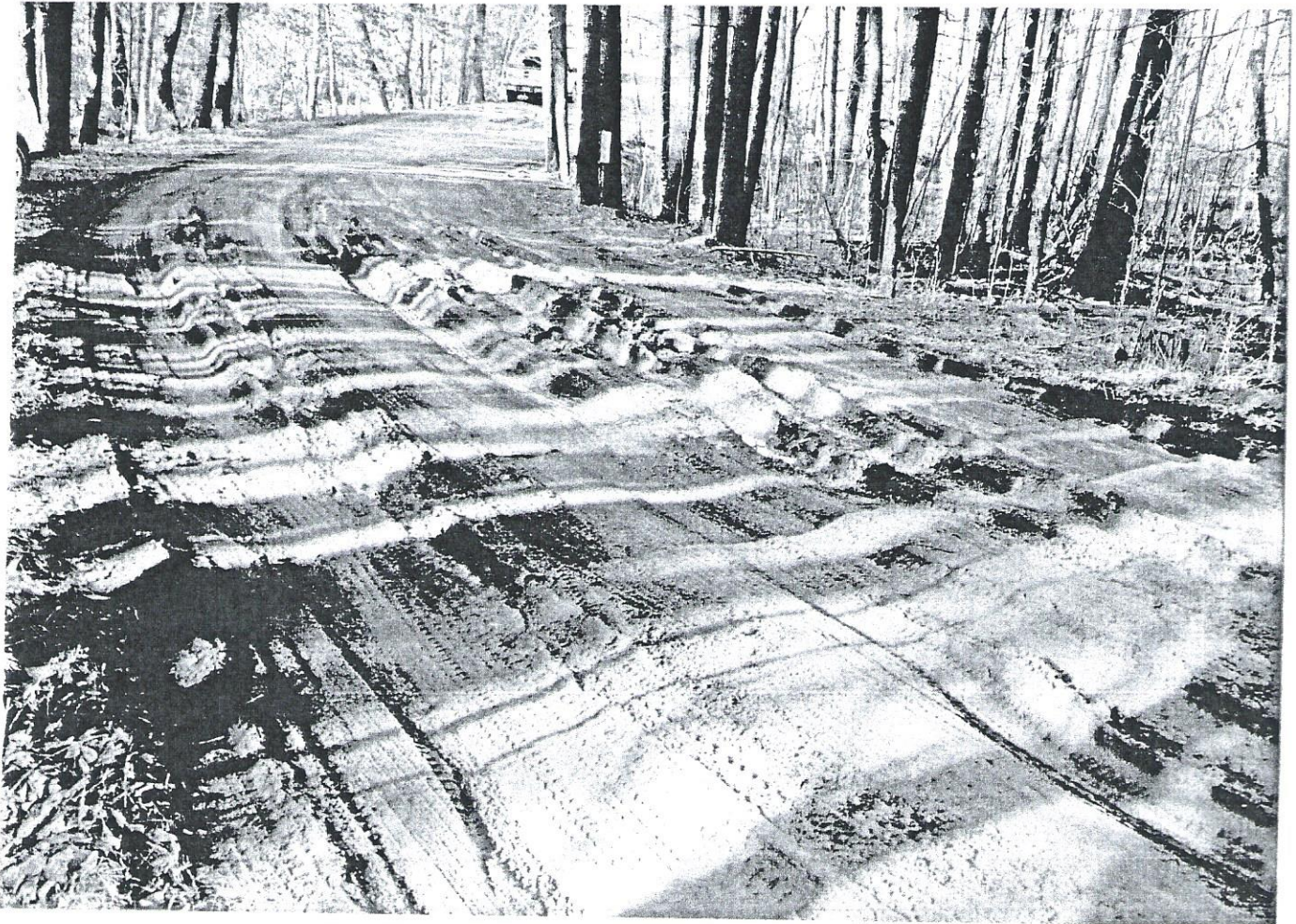


YOUNG ROAD

COMMISSIONER'S REPORT

JULY 2014

We had the worst winter in 47 years, according to the news media. We got lots of snow in December with an ice storm and 4 days without power over the Christmas Holiday. We never did have the usual January/February thaw. In April when the ground finally begun to thaw Young road was in the worst condition anyone living on the road had ever seen. There were some 14 days when the road was almost impassable by any vehicle that wasn't 4-wheel drive. Many of us left our cars in the parking area on Weeks Mills road. I counted 12 cars there on one evening. We either had to walk through the mud or get a ride from someone with a capable vehicle.



A year has passed since I accepted your nomination for road commissioner. Much has happened since then.

Last August the city superintendent, Leo Dostie, was contacted to check if Young road was ready for winter plowing. The road was checked and we were advised that everything was in order for plowing. Dean had opened up two areas for gravel to be stored for filling potholes. A half load of gravel was deposited in each of the spaces. Several times in the fall, a group of us got together and filled potholes. We also smoothed out and seeded an area where material had been deposited. Bob MacDougall with his new scrapper filled potholes and smoothed the road. John Poor graded the road before heading south for the winter and this spring when the road was finally dry enough. Thank you to everyone who has given of their time, talent, energy and dollars so that we can have the road we have. Lets not forget to say thank you to Tim Ellis for all the fine work he does to keep our road looking so neat.

Mud season this year has been like no other. The first problem area was by Karen Cross's house. Again Greg came to the rescue by moving the mud off the road and making it passable. Greg also moved mud off the road in other areas as needed. In the middle of April the frost started to come out at the entrance to the road. That is when things really got out of hand. The road was not passable. On April 17 I called Tobey, he was there the next morning with his bulldozer. He cleared the mud and added 3 loads of grave, making the road passable again. When the road was dry enough we had Tobey do the initial grading. Total cost for Tobey's work this spring was \$1215.50.

The section from Finnegan's to Uecker's that was completed last fall had no problems this mud season. This section was a trouble spot in the past.

The spring chipping bee has been postponed until fall, when poison ivy is no longer a problem

In conclusion I would like to say thank you to all who have helped me with suggestions and advice when asked. I hope to have you all as resources as I continue as commissioner this next year to keep our road safe and passable.

Bob Pomerleau

Road Commissioner