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KENSINGTON DRIVE

SANDWICH, MA – The Town of Sandwich Board of Selectmen is taking action to help solve the long-standing pothole problem on Kensington Drive.

The Board has voted to provide an opportunity for voters at an upcoming – yet to be scheduled – Special Town Meeting to decide if they want to accept the privately-owned stretch of Kensington Drive by eminent domain.

This private portion of Kensington Drive runs from Quaker Meetinghouse Road to house numbers 38 and 39 Kensington Drive, or approximately 200 feet before it intersects with Buckingham Drive.

A small portion of this stretch of private road has been plagued with severe potholes for many years, causing damage to vehicles and hampering the ability of police, fire and ambulance rescue vehicles, and the general public, from accessing the neighborhood. In addition, Sandwich school bus routes have been altered to avoid this portion of the road, creating a strain on families with young school-age children in the area.

If adopted at Town Meeting, all future maintenance of the road will be the responsibility of the Town's Department of Public Works. "The Town is taking action to provide an opportunity for Sandwich voters to decide if they want to use eminent domain to solve this problem once and for all," said Board of Selectmen Chairman Susan James.

Town Manager George "Bud" Dunham, Sandwich Fire Chief William Carrico, Police Chief Peter Wack, Superintendent of Schools Dr. Pamela Gould, and DPW Director Paul Tilton, P.E. all strongly support this action to greatly improve safe access to the adjoining neighborhoods.

Questions about this action should be directed to the Town Manager at (508) 888-5144 or 888-4910.