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**Subject:** Routine Maintenance Scrubby Neck Road

Hi Jane,

I'm following up on a phone conversation we had on 11/15/2021. At that time I advised you I had met with Lori Ionniu (resident 566 Scrubby Neck) on Scrubby Neck Road on 11/09/2021 to examine and discuss the need for routine maintenance on Scrubby. When viewing the road condition I agreed with Lori that water runoff from the east on Scrubby Neck and from the south on Hughes Thumb Road (reservation summer entrance road) had caused ruts and an uneven surface that could be improved with a routine maintenance procedure of grading the dirt surface with a tractor. Both Scrubby Neck Road and Hughes Thumb Road in this area are owned by The Trustees of Reservations.

Scrubby Neck Road is designated as a Special Way under West Tisbury Zoning By-Law 6.2-4. Section C (Regulations), paragraph 2 of the by-law reads "There shall be no alteration of the width or surface materials of a Special Way. This provision is not intended to prevent the routine maintenance and repair of existing segments of Special Ways consistent with these Special Way regulations.

I've attached an assessor's map of the area in question. The area of Scrubby Neck road that needs routine grading runs west to east from intersection at Waldron Bottom Road along Map 37 Lots 42.1 and Lot 42. I'm proposing the road be graded to smooth out the divots and ruts with the existing surface material. No alteration to the width of the road will be made. No work will be done in the one turnoff in the mentioned area.

Before proceeding with this proposed routine maintenance, I'm asking you to advise the West Tisbury Planning Board of the intention of the Trustees of Reservations to perform such work, and to inquire if there is any objection from the board involving the proposed maintenance. I'll wait to hear back from the board prior to performing the routine maintenance in the area described above.

Sincerely,  
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