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I am Gail Haskins, a resident of 17 Wynkoop Lane who has lived there most of my life. All of the residents of the road were happy when we heard that the road was to be repaved this year, since it was terribly deteriorated. I specifically spoke with the Village prior to the paving, due to the fact that the incline on my driveway has increased each time the road has been paved making it harder and harder to get out, especially in the winter. The driveway was originally almost even with the road, but with each repaving the egress has become steeper. I was informed that this would be addressed in the process. The Village Foreman spoke with someone from the Town in my driveway and said they had a plan to address the situation. I was asked if it was ok for the paving to come down into my driveway to alleviate the incline and I said of course. I called the Village Foreman on July 23rd to ask about the paving as I was informed by another resident that it was done. He also informed me that it was complete. No attempt was made to alleviate the grade that was made to my driveway. I am left with a drop off of 4" on one side to 10" on the other side. No attempt at an apron was made for me as it was for other people's driveways. I will never be able to plow my driveway now.

I have never seen a more unprofessional job than the one done on Wynkoop Lane. No attempt was made to even the pavement at resident's mailboxes down most of the road. No attempt was made to make a shoulder down the road. There are spots where the drop off where a shoulder should be is close to a foot. If you go down the road you can see where the last time the road was paved there is a shoulder, the pavement goes up to the mailboxes, and an apron was put in for the driveways.

I was told on July 24th by the Village that my driveway would be addressed the next day with an apron. On July 25th I was informed that the Town Highway Foreman stated that it was not their responsibility to fix my driveway, even though they created the problem. I do not want my driveway fixed, I want my access to the road made so that I am not damaging my car each time I have to leave my home.

Let this letter serve as notice to both the Village and the Town that anyone driving down Wynkoop Lane, who has to pull over to avoid other vehicles and damages their car because of no shoulder that the Village and Town should be held accountable and pay for repairs. Anyone walking down the road who has to step off to avoid vehicles and is injured because of the lack of shoulders, the Village and Town should be held accountable and pay for any bills. When the Post Office determines that they will not deliver the mail because of the drop off at mailboxes the Village and Town should be held accountable.

I invite you all to come walk or drive down Wynkoop Lane and see the issues for yourselves- the large drop offs where there now is no shoulder, the drop offs in front of residents' mailboxes and driveways and the places where you can see there was a shoulder that no longer exists. It is my hope that you address the problems with this unprofessional paving job as soon as possible, to avoid the instances I spoke of above. Any private contractor who had done such a job would never get paid.

I will be providing all of the residents of Wynkoop Lane with copies of this letter, so they are aware that you have been given prior notice in case they have any issues with the condition of the road, the way you have left it.

Gail Haskins

