

# ROAD COMMISSIONERS REPORT

March 30, 2020

- **Equipment:** Excavator has been serviced, speed trailer repaired and installed the new sign on it. New F-250 and (one ton) Truck-6 have been lettered. Old Truck-5 is being lettered now.
- **Poland Road Multi Plate:** Still waiting on the Army Corps permit.
- **Winter Sand/Salt:** We should be able to finish the winter with what material we have stock piled.
- **Plow Equipment:** Pressure washer repaired; new check valves and installed water filter for inlet side due to rust in water clogging check valves. More debris was found in check valves it works now.
- **Follow up on F-250 with Rowe Ford:** Lettering and radio are installed. Truck goes to Trafford Supply on 4/1 for warning lights and plow installation.
- **RFP for roadside mowing:** Posted on MMA website and mailed 6 RFP's out to mowing contractors. Proposals due by 4/10/20 to be opened on 4/13/20 at Select Board Meeting. I have received 1 bid so far.
- **Working with MEDOT:** The Select Board does need to sign the agreement that shows that the town is willing to work with the DOT and future paving contractor. The Bond would be set prior to work starting with the help of MDOT.
- **Inspected roads and telephone poles.** No activity from Consolidated.
- **Working on Master road maintenance plan spreadsheet. *Still working on this***
- **Meet with Select Board via ZOOM.**
- **Update Culvert List** into a spreadsheet and add the new culvert information (we changed or added 14 culverts last summer. *Still working on this.*
- **Post Roads:** Freeport, Yarmouth and North Yarmouth are removing posting on some roads on 4/2/20. I agree to remove ours on paved roads except Merrill and Outer Lawrence and keeping all gravel posted except North Yarmouth side of Chadsey for a few weeks more.
- **Contact ESTES Trucking regarding trucks on Posted Roads:** A complaint was forwarded to me specifically for the Poland Road.
- **Meet with All States Material Group Re Pavement treatments FY 20/21:** Get updated quote for proposed work of Spot Shim and 1" shim and Chip Seal on Merrill from Hodsdon to Verrill and Chip Seal from Verrill to Freeport Town line. Also, Chip Seal from Elmwood to Yarmouth Town Line on Hodsdon. I will be requesting that surplus funds from FY 19/20 be held to cover the shortage of \$ 24,000. This will cover almost 5 miles of road treatments as well as complete the South side of town paved road treatments.
- **Tree Work on all town roads:** We have begun pruning low branches and removing Widow Makers. We are also targeting standing dead trees that would cause power failures. So far, we have removed 13 dangerous trees and pruned several low branches and widow makers.
- **Request for Hidden Drive signs on Hodsdon Rd.:** Have been installed We will cut some brush back also to improve the sight line also.
- **Adding Gravel to roads:** 300 yards of gravel has been spread and roads graded as best they can be. Snow/Rain has set us back. We are stock piling in the yard during bad weather.
- **Order Culverts for Poland Road.** Culverts are here, waiting on the weather.

- **Request to improve the line of sight of Beechwood onto Brown road:** This has been completed 6 large Beech trees were removed and brush cut.
- **Shouldering around town.** We have started shoulder repairs and are stockpiling material in the yard to complete Chadsey Road and other areas of need.
- **Dig Safe signs/culverts in town.**
- **Design a Posted Road Exemption Permit.**
- **Haul Millings** from Poland Road stock yard to yard for use with ¾” gravel for shoulder material.
- **Wash trucks.**
- **Provide MCDC information for the employees.** As well as rubber gloves, hand sanitizer, disinfectant spray. Each employee to use the same equipment and disinfect when done using it before another operator uses it. No use of the break room until further notice.
- **Received a call from MDOT about hauling Millings into the Dugas Pit.** I have not been able to connect with the person.  
**Bonding/speed limits** are on page 65 of the bid documents  
**Pug Mill is to be ready by May 11, 2020** page 67

The road crew has taken the social distancing and its crucial importance to our responsibility to maintain the town's infrastructure and winter roads. We have several projects to do if we can get the weather to cooperate. This week 3/30/20 is a wet one with wintery mix weather. My priority is to get back on the gravel roads as soon as they are dry enough. Poland Road and parts of Upper Minot are some of the worse ones. Our work usually keeps us distant except using the break room. We now use the shop area to gather.