

# ROAD COMMISSIONERS REPORT

October 28, 2019

- **Verrill Road Slow Children signs:** Are in and need to be installed.
- **Equipment:** Truck 2 being checked over at Mid-Coast. Maine hydraulic pump shaft/ pump to be replaced due to excessive wear. Truck 4 hoist ram failed a replacement was found and to be reinstalled. New snow tires for Trucks 2 & 4.
- **Pressure Washer:** Sent to Maine Oxy for repair, (not building pressure)
- **Andy Wyatt:** Provided guidance to set up an Excel spreadsheet for individual vehicle maintenance costs. (yearly/long term costs per truck)
- **Developed a monthly truck maintenance check list for each truck**
- **Working on a group training on vehicle maintenance:** For all employees we will be changing to a monthly group/team service/maintenance program.
- **Chadsey Road:** Connected with Bob Mosley waiting our turn.
- **Leighton Hill:** Crooker to lay reclaim with live bottom trailers and we will grade and compact roll the hill. Albert Blackstone to supply the roller.
- **Loring Lane Extension:** Adjustment in pitch needed but will wait for spring as vegetation has started.
- **On Call list from November 2019 to May 2020:** Complete and will be sent to County.
- **Poland Road Multi Plate:** Staying in contact with AE Hodsdon regarding the Stream Smart Poland Road grant request. Deadline is November.
- **Poland Road Ditching:** Still have a 15"x 50' plastic culvert to change out. Will wait on the three 24" metal culverts until next year.
- **Winter Sand/Salt:** Winter Sand is put up, 160 ton of Salt has been treated and put up. Need another 100 ton to fill the salt bin.
- **Pownal Center Water Assoc:** An on demand propane generator should be installed to maintain instant power and dependable operation during long power outages.
- **Plow Equipment:** Trucks 1, 3 and 4 are ready with headgear on. Truck 1 has plow and wing installed.
- **Storm on October 16-17 2019:** Roads closed, Merrill, Allen, Tuttle, Hodsdon, Libby, All roads but Merrill and Allen were open by 4:30 pm October 17<sup>th</sup>. Allen and Merrill were opened on October 18<sup>th</sup>. Public works worked together with Deputy Hoague and the Fire Department to assess and support public safety. County Dispatch was informed of all road closings in town and when they were reopened. Storm Debris was cleaned up and disposed on October 21
- **Special Appreciation to Erik Nielsen and Matthew Nielsen:** For going above and beyond with the Fire Department and Pownal Center Water Association.
- **Innovative Surface Solutions:** To provide a new 3000 gallon tank for anti icing liquids.
- **Weekly crew goals list:** A weekly goals/work list has been reinstated to measure progress and workload each week and what is ahead for us to achieve. (see attached)
- **Tree Pruning on Lawrence Road:** Request for Service by a school bus driver.
- **Updates to Selectman O' Brian:** As things progress/change I keep him informed so he has no surprises and is aware of the achievements and forward direction that public works is heading. A good working relationship is crucial for the town.