HIGHWAY HAPPENINGS

January 2017

January started off very busy with a few snow events, but mostly rain. Rain this time of year is very time consuming for the highway crew due to continuously treating roads so ice does not build up.

On January 17th the Selectmen approved hiring part-time side walk plow driver, Doug Howard as a full-time truck driver. Welcome Doug!

Mother Nature easing up the last two weeks has given us time to service all equipment and take care of potholes around town.

February 2017

The start of February was very active with snowfall which kept the department busy clearing roads and sidewalks. After a heavy snowfall the department will clean up snow piles downtown and behind the library. We also had to do a cleanup and snow removal from Riverside parking lot.

The week of Presidents Day Mother Nature went polar opposite and gave us record breaking warmth that allowed the crew to push back intersections and road edges with the grader. The weather also allowed for the grader to do a very light grade of some dirt roads that were riddled with pot holes and the never ending patching of pot holes on paved roads was started.

The Highway Department hauled winter sand from the towns pit back to the garage.

With the warmer temps and frost coming out of dirt roads very quickly and creating mud, I decided that own roads will be posted to a 6 ton weight limit until further notice effective March 1, 2017.

May 2017

Two culverts on Shaker Hill Road were replaced due to rusted out bottoms.

Continued the battle with the beavers in multiple locations around town. A trapper was called to assist!

Cleanup of downtown was done in preparation for street sweeping and line stripping.

Gravel roads were graded and york raked.

Silt fence and silt sock for the Western Ave road project was installed.

Pot holes on paved roads were patched.
Western Ave Reconstruction
  Silt sock
  Fence installation
  Installation of cross culverts

Continued battle with beavers and plugged cross culverts around town

Continued grading of dirt roads

Crack sealing of roads
  Western Ave
  Old Hillsboro Road
  Deer Run
  Bacon Road
  Davison Road

Accurate Tree Service was hired to take down trees on Hemlock Corner Loop