

January 2023 Public Works Report

Roads/Dock/Ice

- The month began with some sufficient snowfall throughout 1/4 and 1/5. It was nice and fluffy, easy to plow away, and there were no equipment problems within the Roads Dept., or any reported power outages. That was a good way to start the year.
- The crew continued to clean up and push back snow piles throughout the month, and this will linger on as needed. When we run out of room to push snow back, it then takes considerably more time to move snow elsewhere, but that's what is needed in some areas for visibility, especially at intersections.
- The new passenger shelter was freed from impressive ice cover with Evan up in his Genie lift for two days, running the Town's hot water pressure washer/culvert steamer. Thanks to Ray and Evan for some long, cold, and wet days, and the designers of the shelter will be notified that their product withstood many thousands of pounds of solid ice encapsulation.
- The fluctuating temperatures and constant traffic created a less than ideal but expected snowpack on the paved roads. Pete scraped off what he could with the grader when temps allowed. The crew has kept up on sanding the intersections and curves as needed, but ultimately sunny days and higher temperatures will clear the icy roads.
- 1/17/ 1/18, and 1/19 brought a decent blizzard that will keep us busy moving back snow for the remainder of the month.
- On the last day of January, the Town crew worked in conjunction with Windsleds Inc. crew to prepare the windsled landings and hopefully ice road approaches. Evan Jr. sculpted the ice at each landing with the Town's JD 120 excavator while Pete and Ray spent a cold day using the flood pumps out on the ice. With the forecasted temps, especially at night, these efforts should be very successful.

BBTP

- With 1,034 reservations for 2023 to-date, and multiple weddings scheduled, BBTP is shaping up to be a busy season once again. As expected, the peak summer months are booking up earlier and earlier. I will be thoroughly reviewing our reservation system booking strategies and camp host job descriptions next month and plan on bringing new approaches and operations protocols to the TB before hiring this year's Park staff.

Stay warm,
Respectfully submitted,
Ben Schram, Public Works Director