

March 2024 Public Works Report

Roads/Equip.

- On March 3rd, the island had a decent overnight thunderstorm, which thankfully resulted in minimal tree clean-up.
- Throughout the first week of March, the crew worked on additional ditch clean-up and tree trimming, as much as the partially frozen ground allowed.
- The 1994 F-250 pick-up truck was donated to the Roads Dept. from the Fire Dept., re-outfitted, and will be seen around the island this summer as the dedicated new fire-number-sign installation vehicle.
- On 3/13, the TV145 sweeper broom was mounted. Over the week, Main Street, downtown intersections, and the dock were swept off. This is earlier than usual, but downtown was very sandy and dirty. There will be less to clean up when mud season is over.
- The week of 3/25 (school spring break) saw substantial wet and heavy blizzard conditions, which made a mess out of all the roads. Thanks to Pete, Evan Jr., Gary B., and Evan Sr. for all their efforts and the very long days of keeping the roads open. No power outages or downed trees, minimal ferry service cancellations, and the snow will melt soon.

Parks

- Throughout the month, the entire crew worked on and off repairing two rotted sections of the BBTP beach boardwalk, which were buried in wet sand in fall storms of 2018-'19. The job was completed on 3/20. Tripping hazards hopefully are mitigated for another 10 years.
- We plan to open the Rec Center bathrooms in mid-April, after a thorough cleaning and County Health Department inspection.
- The Parks #1 and Parks #2 positions remain open until filled.

Misc.

- Woodstock, the MRF hauling truck, had its tarping arms modified and a new tarp installed.
- Correction from last month's report: Despite my best efforts to convince WISDOT to grant an exemption to the 20-ton limit, for the foreseeable future the MRF truck will have to haul solid waste one-way around the STH 13 truck detour and return through Washburn empty.

Respectfully submitted,
Ben Schram, Public Works Director

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