

### Roads

- Our biggest project for this month has been cleaning the driveway and cross culverts on North Shore Rd. This was primarily done with the 120c and Fred (dump truck). Along the way any dead tree (mostly birch) that was leaning into the road was knocked down to help prevent the tree from falling on to the road. This is a maintenance issue that has not been done since the culverts were installed 20 or so years ago. Several driveway culverts were covered with dirt and debris to almost 100%. This was impeding the water flow in the ditches, allowing the culverts to hold water and freeze solid in the winter. As of July 31, 2014 North Shore and the gravel roads connecting to it have been completed. In August, we will continue this project around the island completing the rest of the gravel roads.
- On Benjamin Blvd. approximately a quarter of a mile on the west side, the ditch was reclaimed and cleaned out to help with water flow especially for the spring runoff. Earlier in the year I had the stop sign moved back away from the corner to allow the wing on the 772 to help keep the ditch open during those spring months.
- The gravel roads are holding up nicely with the application of calcium chloride. Some minor fixing of potholes and washboards was done with the 772.

### Parks

- We have installed a car counter at BBTP to help get an idea on how many cars are going into the park. . The counter is located by the office and only counts the cars that are going around the loop or to the lake. From Monday July 28 at 10am to Wednesday July 30 at 3pm we had 543 cars going in. That is approximately 180 cars a day during the slow days.
- Flashing beacon lights were installed on the crosswalk signs at BBTP. This will help to alert motorists at night that there is a crosswalk and to use caution. The lights were at the shop and had no additional cost to the town. Usually the lights are used on barricades for night time signaling. They are solar powered and come on at night only. They will be turned off during the winter months when the crosswalk is not in use.
- Norvado installed the fiber optics at BBTP.
- At BBTP we are going to relocate the old “pay” phone that is on the west side of the pit toilet to the front/south side of the pit toilet facing the parking lot to help make it more visible to the public in case of an emergency.
- Avery Woods donated an installed AC/heat unit to the Rec Center. It is working wonderfully and is much appreciated by Patty and the kids. Thank you, Avery, for your generosity.
- A boom truck was rented to replace the light bulbs at the Rec. Center parking lot. One light needs a new ballast, so we are looking into installing halogen bulbs to help cut the cost of operation and eliminate the need of a ballast. Ultimately I am going to try and budget for LED replacements for all of our town lighting.
- The Rec Center playground had some repairs done including: 10 new floor boards, securing the ramp better, and various screws to tighten up the structure. A new swing will soon be installed allowing the use of 3 big kids and one baby swing. (This is how it was originally designed).

## Equipment

- The 9N Ford tractor had new breaks installed, they have been nonexistent for many years. The blades on the brush hog mower were sharpened also
- We have compiled a list of all the VIN numbers of trucks, cars, and equipment the town owns and submitted it to Napa. They are going to put a booklet together for us with all the different filters, belts, etc. This will allow us to easily reference what is needed when PM's are due. We will also be able to cross reference Napa's numbers with other manufactures to get the best possible price, but Napa has historically been cheaper and more reliable.
- The 98 dump truck had bad injector O-rings and are in the process of being replaced. The U-joint on the drive shaft, passenger window and air governor was also replaced.
- Fred needed a new starter solenoid and a battery.
- All mowers have been maintained with sharpen blades, etc.
- The 96 pickup needs a new radiator, tires, and some front end work that we are not fixing until next year's budget.
- 120c had 76 hours put on it totaling 4094
- TV 145 had 33 hours put on totaling 1870
- 772 had 8 hours put on totaling 5031
- 410 had 7 hours put on totaling 1157

## Administration

- Emmer Shields, Ashland County Hwy. Commissioner, came to the island to meet with me about the use of the north shore pit, aggregate piles, and other miscellaneous county info. The county will be sending over a loader with a scale to weigh out and move its portion of  $\frac{3}{4}$  gravel.
- I've contacted Norvado to have all of the towns buildings hooked up to the new fiber optics. This should start happening around mid-August.
- White construction will be back on the island on August 4, 2014 to start cleaning up their work from installing the fiber optic cables.
- I've spent a considerable amount of time familiarizing myself with our reservation system for BBTP and try to edit the website. The company that we have a contract with is extremely inefficient and impossible to get a hold of. Their program is not compatible with Mac software (I-pads, and safari) or Google Chrome, this is ridiculous and they need to figure it out. My suggestion is to eliminate them and find a new company to deal with that values its customers, and who has a program that is user friendly.
- The new generator at the airport is scheduled for startup on August 20, 2014.
- I have requested from Xcel Energy to move a couple transformer boxes out of the ROW on South Shore Rd. to help allow better and safer snow removal.

Respectfully submitted,

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