

Roads

- We were able to replace the 30" cross culvert on South Shore Road by Nick Brown's with a 36" double wall plastic culvert. This new culvert will move more water, is 10 feet longer and more than likely will last forever. The added 10 feet allowed us to have a more gradual shoulder for the road, for both safety and water shedding. This replacement has been needed since July when we noticed the pavement weakening and starting to fail, indicating a void in the road base. After further investigation the old culvert was rotten and failing on the bottom of it, allowing water undermine the road. At the time we quickly cut out the pavement and filled the void with gravel, which got us through the busy summer. We had three days of dry weather in the forecast early this month and decided it was time to dig it out. We were able to dig out the old culvert and set the new culvert in one long day and had the road back open to traffic by that night. We returned the following day to finish removing the old material and repacking the road with gravel. We allowed this gravel to settle for a few weeks and the weather continued to cooperate allowing us to pour cold mix asphalt to patch the road. The cold mix patch should last for at least three years but I hope for eight. This time frame should allow us to budget for a proper hot mix patch and more than likely at that time, we will have other jobs for the paver too.
- All of the gravel roads were graded and snow fences were put up on the open sections of Main St.
- We continued to work on blind intersection and corners by removing trees and brush to give more visibility to motorist traveling in both directions. This is mostly noticed on "Susan Dexter's" corner where several small spruce trees in the ROW were removed, increasing visibility tremendously on this very dangerous corner.

Parks

- At BBTP we cut down several dead trees and removed them. We also improved the remote camping sites with the rental of Evan's mini hoe by flattening and enlarging them. The trail that accesses these sites had approximately 40 yards of wood chips spread out along it to define the trail better and allow for safer travel. The wood chips were dumped for us by Zielies as they chipped the undergrowth around the power lines this fall.
- The Pit Toilets at BBTP were emptied by Dick Coleman's pumping service and hauled to Ashland where land spreading can occur.
- Joni's Beach bathroom had a much needed roof put on, contracted out to Clayton Douglas. This was completed in one day, and looks very nice.

Equipment

- Adam has been doing an outstanding job of keeping our fleet running smooth. No major break down to report at this time.

- Final wiring on our main plow trucks for heated wiper blades, strobe lights, and back up lights has been completed. All of those additions will help make our fleet, crew, and public safer.

Admin/Misc.

- The Pergola fountain was fixed by Tim Sullivan and his crew on November 10th, as scheduled. He did an outstanding job fixing the damages that occurred.
- The Town Hall Vestibule, was completed and installed off the entry to the Town Hall on Dec. 1st. It was immediately noticeable how much warmer the Town Hall became. A bulletin board will soon be installed inside and will be accessible all hours for any public notices and town hall info.
- The Winter Transportation Building's boiler was not operating properly and Adam was able to diagnose that a control board, low temp switch, and a pressure relief valve was needed. These parts were ordered and installed and the system has been working great.

Respectfully submitted,

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