

October 2014  
Foreman Report

Roads

- Northwoods Paving is planning on putting a temporary patch over the culvert on Penny Lane in the early part of November to get us through the winter. In the spring they will be back and will be able to put hot mix down to patch and fix the road properly. The costs associated with this job are all going to be billed to White Construction for damaging the cross culvert last fall while installing fiber optic cables.
- I have placed "No Parking" signs at the back edge of the school parking lot off the edge of the pavement. I would like to say this area is becoming a mess, but to my knowledge has always been a mess and a place for people to store their camper, extra boat trailer, broken down truck or whatever else they could fit in there. The police have helped to notify the owners to please move their stuff. On Friday November the 7<sup>th</sup> the town will move anything still there into the impound lot and the owners will be responsible for the associated fees. This area is going to allow for ample room to plow the parking lot snow into and eventually we will expand the lot to allow for more parking in the summer months.
- The County is fixing some erosion problems at Russell Bay. More rock has been hauled in and will be placed by Nelson construction in the beginning of November, the town is assisting where needed.
- We mixed 60 yards of salt/sand in preparation for winter.

Parks

- At BBTP we expanded each RV site to include an area for a fire ring, picnic table, and possible screen tent. These areas add just the right amount of character to each site allowing privacy, and room to enjoy the wonderful nature Madeline Island has to offer.
- We expanded the south bathroom parking lot to accommodate three more parking spaces. We now have enough parking spaces for the six remote site camp sites and hikers that would like to hike on the Lagoon trail.
- The biggest news for the month is that the grant for BBTP can be closed, and we will soon be reimbursed somewhere in the neighborhood of \$370,000. Barb is working on the exact number and should have the paper work done in a couple of weeks. It was thought that an additional boardwalk was needed on the north side of the lagoon to complete the trail system. This would have included 750 feet of boardwalk in the water and another 700 feet on dry land. This project would have cost \$20,000-\$25,000 more in just materials, at a time when the town is already stretched thin.
- The bathrooms at BBTP, Joni's Beach, and the Rec. Center have all been winterized along with the sink at the Pergola. We are waiting until the last minute to shut down the school parking lot bathrooms, as they are used daily with workers coming and going.
- The gardens at the town hall have been pruned and look amazing.

- Wheeler Walkway received a major pruning and a new bench for resting. The brick walkway was reduced to less than 3 feet wide in spots from overgrown plants, and is now cut back to its designed width of 6 feet.
- The bushes around the Pergola have been pruned and linseed oil was applied to the Pergola logs to help preserve them.

#### Equipment

- The siren control module for the summer EMS rig was replaced.
- Fred has major brake problems which we are budgeting for in 2015. Until then, the truck will be out of commission.
- The TV145 brush cutter needs a new hydraulic solenoid control valve. This is a minor expense but we are holding off until next year's budget to fix it as the grass cutting season is over.
- The parks ATV has a recall on the front gear box, we will make arrangements to get it to the dealer this winter and have it fixed.

#### Misc.

- Nelson Construction has completed the dredging project in the harbor. We received 1400 yards of sand which will be used for future projects.
- Adam used a fifty foot camera to confirm that the conduit that supplies power to the two dock lights at the end of the dock is indeed damaged and not passable. Currently MIFL uses two halogen work lights with an extension cord. I am trying to figure out the most economical and practical fix for this.
- North Shore Pit had more work done to expand it. The brush pile area has been cleaned up, and we will slowly burn the enormous pile that has been accumulated.
- We have been working on expanding two more sites at the industrial area, we should be done with these two lots in the beginning of November.
- The 2015 Roads, Parks, Rec. Center, and Winter Transportation budgets have all been presented to the Town Board.

Respectfully Submitted,

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