

May 2024 Public Works Report

Roads

- The second week of May saw the entire Town crew working on the annual downtown clean-up tasks, such as sweeping Main Street with the TV145 broom and cleaning debris from curbs and gutters.
- Three additional culverts of Hagen Road were replaced, on 5/13, 5/29, and 5/30. The sixth and final replacement will take place in early June due to rainy weather and no Parks staff yet.
- The intersections around the downtown area were swept with the JD 444 broom, removing much less salt sand and pebbles from previous years.
- Pete was out in the grader as the weather allowed, and other than the need for gravel lift and additional ditching on every gravel road, the road network is in pretty good shape after the mild winter. Additional ditching on North Shore, Schoolhouse, and other problem areas will continue this season.

Parks

- All downtown bathrooms were open to the public by 5/3. Big Bay Town Park officially opened for the season 5/6, with all bathrooms and showers open.
- The first mowing of the season was 5/6. We anticipate May to be a busy mowing month, and I am hoping to hire a seasonal Parks crew very soon.
- The veteran BBTP all-star crew of Rand, Fern, and Bill are back, and the Park is on track to break records again, currently with 6,025 registered campers through the fall.
- The running Marathon took place 5/18 and I believe it was a huge success with no major issues whatsoever.
- The Solar arrays were adjusted to the summer position at the school parking lot and the Town Hall on 5/21.

Misc.

- The Town crew did a great job throughout the month while being short staffed, having multiple rain days, and having the MRF hauling truck out of service for major repairs. Many of the usual annual tasks were completed by Memorial Day weekend, but some were not and everything crucial to public transportation and the standard of recreation was functional. We'll have more help in June, and it's going to be a busy summer.

Drive safely,
Respectfully submitted,
Ben Schram, Public Works Director