

The month of April had us in the middle of our post-winter cleanup. We have been sweeping roads and streets, repairing lawn damage, and cleaning catch basins. Next on the agenda will be striping our crosswalks and traffic lanes. We are also servicing our winter maintenance equipment before storing them for the summer and getting ready for the summer construction season.

On April 17, we had Steven's Electric perform some significant repairs to the China Road pump station. The check valves in the wet well both had to be changed which required shutting the station down and hiring Stanley Septic to pump the incoming sewage to a different location. It was an all day affair but turned out well in the end. I still have one of the pumps in this station to have rebuilt. These submersible pump stations tend to be less expensive to install but have higher maintenance costs. Food for thought as we move forward with sewer planning.

In response to the ongoing issue with the Osgood property along the Sebasticook River where our sewer main comes across, I had my crew cut the trees over the existing line so we could lay out the location of the line. I was then able to establish our right of way and determine the location of the access road in relation to the sewer line. I have calculated the material that may have to be removed and forwarded this information to Mike to share with the council.

As the council is aware of, our recycling facility in Waterville is closing as of July 1, 2013. Mike and I have met with a contractor in Vassalboro who is interested in handling our material. If we continue hauling our material as we do now, we stand to save approximately \$8000.00 annually.

Along the lines of spring cleanup and recycling, I am trying something new to handle our volume of brush and branches that come into our facility during the summer. We have found a logging contractor with a large commercial chipper that is willing to come in at the end of the season and chip everything for a minimal fee of \$200.00. To ensure that there is sufficient volume to make it profitable for him, I am allowing Waterville to haul their brush here to Winslow on our pile. It should benefit both communities and our local contractor.

The town bid committee met on April 24 to review specs for a new plow truck. You will see on the agenda my request to go out to bids after the second reading of the budget. I am trying to push the process along so we can have the new truck in service for the coming winter season. The last new truck was delivered in March after the winter season was basically over.

Our upcoming projects will include the following. Taylor Road reconstruction, completion of Robert Street sewer project, replacement of the pump stations at Johnny's Seeds with one new station, a new roof at the Main Pump station at Chaffee Brook, and new electrical panels at the Augusta Road Pump Station on 201. Many of the proposed projects are on this month's agenda.

Respectfully Submitted by,

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