

We started the month off by completing our winter sand stockpile. We put up 5000 yds. this year. We then utilized Fairfield's shoulder machine to place gravel along the new pavement on the Garland Road and the Heywood Road. This machine saved us a lot of time and hardly any clean-up compared to doing it with a grader.

We hired two new employees in November to replace one that had been terminated and one that left to move out of state. They are Lucas Fortin and Jesse Dodge and will both be on the rubbish truck. Trevor Tucker is still out on worker's comp for an injury sustained in July. It looks good that he will be able to return around Christmas time.

As I mentioned last month, I had two pieces of equipment out for major repairs. Both the Case loader and the Volvo dump truck are back and in service.

Our new wheeler, a Western Star, has been delivered and placed into service. Anyone who wishes to check it out is welcome to stop by Public Works and do so. It should serve us well for many years to come.

Not lucky enough to start the winter with all our trucks and equipment at 100%, we had an accident with our 2012 Freightliner wheeler. On November 14, 2013, the operator attempted to bring the truck into the garage with the dump body raised. The resulting collision damaged the building and garage door as well as the headboard and cylinder on the truck. The truck sustained \$6500.00 damage and the building sustained approximately \$10,000.00 damage. The truck has been repaired enough to enable it to be used for the winter. Final repairs will be done in the spring. Peachey Builders has ordered materials to repair the building and hopefully the building and door will be repaired before year's end. The employee, Nick Shaw, has been issued a written reprimand and given a three day unpaid suspension.

Finally, on a brighter note, we have been informed that MDOT is planning to pave Route 201 from the Vassalboro /Winslow line to the Bay Street/ Clinton Avenue intersection in 2014

Respectfully Submitted by,

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