

We started September off by hiring two new employees. They are Robert Quirion and Richard Rodgers. They will both be working the back of the trash truck. They replace one employee who was terminated and one that left voluntarily. We are finally back to a full crew. It has been challenging this past summer to get work done when we have been short-handed.

We have completed our paving projects for 2014. These were a section of the Taylor Road, Robert Street, a portion of Beck Street, a section of Clinton Avenue, and a section of Leland Street at the entrance of Norton Field. If the weather holds, we hope to repave a dozen utility trenches on the Cushman Road. This will be a joint project with Kennebec Water District. These are their trenches that have settled over the years. They have agreed to cover part of the costs. Robert, Beck, and Clinton were only shimmed this year, not knowing what damage the installation of gas lines will cause in the coming years.

In September, we completed connecting Orion Rope and Johnny's Seeds to the new sewer pump station. The new station is online and working as expected. During the connection of Orion Rope, we discovered a second sewer line that was not going into their pump station. It is planned to connect this line to the new station this fall.

After completing our project on the Taylor Road, we moved up to Maple Ridge and replaced a cross culvert and two driveway culverts, along with associated ditching. We then moved over to the Wyman Bog Road. We pulled a large quantity of tree stumps along the edge of the road and broke up some ledge outcroppings. We may return in November to do some ditching on the Wyman Bog Road, if the weather remains good. If not, we will return in the spring. After our paving projects, we have approximately \$40,000 remaining in our capital account. This will allow us to start rebuilding the Wyman Bog Road in the spring.

Over the course of the summer, we have been evaluating new sewer cameras in partnership with the Town of Fairfield. I believe we are close to making a recommendation and should be making a request to the council before the end of the year.

Finally, October is winter sand month. This year we are hauling sand out of China. The supply in Smithfield nearly exhausted and we decided to find a new location this year. The new pit is considerably closer with less traffic. Consequently, we are averaging 9 loads per truck per day compared to 6 loads from Smithfield. Because of last winter's harsh conditions, I am anticipating hauling 7000 to 8000 yds this year.

Respectfully Submitted by,

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