

March has finally left. Unfortunately, winter did not leave with it. We are still dealing with early morning ice and some light snow. On the positive side, we managed to end the winter season with a small surplus of sand and salt. We also fared well on the equipment repair side with no major failures to date. With the plan to replace some of the older equipment conditionally approved, we plan on minimizing the usage of the equipment that is slated for replacement. The only exception is the street sweeper which we do not have a choice but to use one more season.

At this time, we are prepping for the spring clean- up season. We have not yet started sweeping because of the prospect of having to spread more sand due to the unseasonably cold temperatures. This coming weekend has a forecast of more seasonal temperatures that should enable us to start cleaning up next week.

As I mentioned in last month's report, we are utilizing Shredding On Site in Waterville for our recycling needs. To date, it is working out well for us.

On the personnel side, we conducted interviews on March 24, 2015, to find a new employee for the trash truck. We have hired a young man that was previously employed by MDOT in Knox. He already has some plowing experience and some specific training that we normally require our employees to obtain. He should be an asset for us in the coming years.

One of our developers, Doug Dixon, has started his project off Whipple Street. The prospect of new development is good for Winslow. Mike and I also met with Mike Mullins and Al Hodsdon to discuss the proposed development off Kidder Street. I believe this project will also happen in time.

Respectfully Submitted by,

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