

Highway Department

Road Projects

In 2015 pavement and construction projects were performed. After the closing on Acushnet Road due to the failure of an old stone culvert at Tinkham's Pond, a new culvert was put into place. This project included, removal of the existing culvert, replacement with a new precast concrete box culvert, including headwalls, guardrails, with roadway and drainage improvements. A final coat of blacktop will take place in the spring of 2016.

In conjunction with the Water Department a complete re construction of Mechanic St. was started. This included new drainage pipes to the existing system, the replacement of the Town's water main, new curbing and sidewalk and a new blacktop road surface. Completion of this project will take place in the spring of 2016.

In addition, the replacement of the sidewalk on Shaw St. from Route 6 to Old Hammond Town School was completed before the start of the school year.

Maintenance

Our routine maintenance in 2015 included, cleaning catch basins, sweeping streets, cleaning drains and drainage ditches, general road and sidewalk repair. Approximately 20 miles of our roadways were striped with a center line and we hand painted crosswalks, no parking areas, handicapped spaces and stop lines. The Highway Department crew replaces and repairs traffic control and street name signs. We also maintain lawns at Town Parks, squares, and buildings, emptying Town trash barrels and picking up litter. We grade dirt roads and trim back roadside brush while helping the Tree Warden. Many hours are spent assisting other Departments with various duties.

Snow and Ice Removal

From January to April 2015 we were called out 55 times for snow and ice removal. This accounted for the use of 806 yards of salt / sand. Our records indicate a total of 92.5 inches of snow for the season. A record amount of snow, for such a short period of time.

I would like to thank Rob, Jay, Fred, Rocky, Garrett, Nick, Matt Duff and Kim for their hard work and welcome our new employee Matt Borges to the Highway Department.

Also thank you to the Board of Selectmen, other departments, boards and committees for their help and cooperation this past year.

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