

Highway Department

Road Projects

In 2016 pavement and construction projects were performed. A final coat of blacktop and guardrail completion took place in the spring of 2016, at the Tinkham pond culvert.

In conjunction with the Water Department a complete re construction of Mechanic St. was started in 2015. 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 took place in the spring of 2016 with a final coat of blacktop.

A total re construction of Barstow St. (Church St. to Water St.) Cannon St. and Pearl St. (Church St. to Main St.) beginning with drainage and water main replacement in the fall of this year. Completion of these roads with new curbing, sidewalk and blacktop road surface is planned for the spring of 2017.

Maintenance

Our routine maintenance in 2016 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 2016 we were called out 23 times for snow and ice removal. This accounted for the use of 488 yards of salt / sand. Our records indicate a total of 42 inches of snow for the season.

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

Barry J. Denham
Highway Surveyor