

Highway Department

The year 2011 was another busy year for the Highway Department. We worked a total of 1,667 man hours. During this time our duties included, operating Highway Department equipment for mowing parks and roadsides, collecting trash, replace street signs, sweeping, catch basin and drain cleaning, brush cutting, snow plowing, painting of crosswalks, no parkings, handicapped areas and stop lines. We graded a total of 31.75 miles of public and private dirt roads for 2011.

Snow and Ice Removal

From December 2010 to March 2011 we were called out 41 times for snow and ice removal. This accounted for 1,936 equipment hours and 745 cubic yards of sand.

Road Projects

A final coat of black top was added to Hi-ona-Hill Rd., Tara Rd. and Anchorage Way. Drainage pipe and resurfacing of black top on the cul-de-sac at Eldorado Dr. was done. Oliver's Lane also received new drainage and re-surfacing with black top. Annually, we paint more than 20 miles of yellow center lines on our main roads.

Assist Other Departments

This year we assisted the Harbormaster and Police Department with the preparation for Hurricane Irene, removing and securing floats and putting out detours for traffic control. We also worked with our tree warden for many weeks, cleaning up debris from our Town Streets after the storm.

In closing, I would like to thank our crew, Rob, Jay, Fred, Derek and Rocky for their good work and devotion to The Town of Mattapoisett.

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