

Highway Department Update

"It sure has been a challenge getting things done, with weather, repairing equipment, vacations, illnesses, etc. Since November 2023: We've had 19 significant or major weather events (snow, ice, sleet and flooding)". "Plans tend to change daily based on what each storm brings".

The town owns and or maintains 62.16 miles of road, 110 miles of lane road. AS you know we have 2 fulltime and 1 Part Timer; Matt Kimball and Paul Kimball and Sandy Porzyzky (PT). That is almost 25 miles of road per guy and to take care of and manage.

At this time, we are still working on flood damage from the July 12th storm.

Culverts

We've installed a 24" Culvert on Nottingham Road, (this culvert stopped road erosion for the December 18th flooding).

Installed a Culvert on Old Center Road

Installed 18" culvert on Cotton Road

2 culverts on South Road

Mark Young put in a culvert on Mountain Road; summer of 2023

The Highway Department and SCI put in 3 culverts on Mountain Road.

Road Work

Built temporary bridge on Range Road, a month long project.

Swamp road repairs, three times between 12/2022-12/2023

Candia Rd, dirt section, laid down 15-20 loads of gravel on a 1,000 feet of road, 4 times between 12/23-1/31/24; caused by flooding

The dirt roads have been graded multiple times as they need constant maintenance.

Beginning of September; 8000 feet of South Road was paved with 1 ½ inch pavement.

Ditching

Mount Delight, Middle Road, Nottingham rd., South Rd, Mountain Rd, Old Center Rd, Blakes Hill Rd, Reservation Rd, Brown Rd, Candia Rd, Cole Rd, Swamp Rd, Currier Rd
Cole Road ditching; to alleviate several inches of ice from forming over the road from private homes water runoff.

350' of ditching on Nottingham Road at the intersection of Harvey Road.

Ditching on Mt Delight in the vicinity of Browns Mill w/ledge removal performed by Glenn Young and the Highway Department guys.

Maintenance

Maintain the trucks and equipment, which Matt and Paul Kimball do a great job.

Plow and sand roads with weather

Clean culverts

Build headwalls

Pull out beaver grates weekly to prevent flooding.
Cold patching roads weekly

Thank you for all the support you give us, through not only phone calls letting us know of problems or potential problems, but to those sharing how much you appreciate our efforts. These guys work hard, given they're the only ones doing it all. Matt Kimball and Paul Kimball have been working for the town for upwards of 20 years, we are so very lucky to have them. We are working on hiring more people, which will help a great deal. Thank you again to the townspeople who understand the practicalities of making all this work! We'll get there.

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