

Public Works Department  
2007 Annual Report

March of 2007 was a little slower than an average year. The snowfall was a little short of our usual amounts, so we cut trees on Riverside Road to widen this section of road out. This kept us busy when we were not plowing.

This is also usually a good time for some schooling to take place, so Daryl Hart was sent to a Public Works Academy for five days. This school has safety classes, flagging classes, personal protective equipment, trenching and excavation, basics on roads and drainage, etc. This class also touches on basic water and sewer treatment.

We had a nor'easter in April; it took the public works crew about two weeks to clean up all the blown down trees and limbs. We made use of all the downed trees from the Nor'easter by having them sawed up into lumber and timbers, with which we built another much-needed storage shed. We also had a water break up at the Village of Loon. In May, Dave Beaudin and I went to water treatment classes in Franklin, Littleton, and Concord. The classes are mandatory for us to keep our licenses. June was a busy month in the cemetery; we had quite a few burials, along with the usual fertilizer and lime spreading that we do annually to keep it looking nice.

By this time, Lyman Construction had started the roads and utilities improvement on Pleasant Street. This was an on-going demand on my crew during the summer, just dealing with the water stoppages and sewer breaks associated with this type of work. The job was about 95% complete by late August, and we were able to get pavement down by Labor Day. This was ahead of schedule and was very much appreciated by the residents on the street. I would like to thank all of the people on Pleasant Street for their patience while the work was being done. It was because of this that the job was completed early. We did quite a bit of paving this year in different sections of town. The Community Center parking lot was completed, along with Liberty Road and Coolidge Street repairs. We also did a sewer main up-grade on Cross Street in late August, and repaved that road. This year the EPA and NHDES issued a new permit for our wastewater plant. The permit requires that we develop an Operation and Maintenance program for our Sewer Collection System. This requirement is being placed on all communities nationwide under the EPA's new permit requirements. The Operation and Maintenance program will require us to evaluate the condition of our existing system and complete system rehabilitation to address any leaks to the system that we may find. Leaks can come from groundwater and surface water runoff as well as direct connections such as sump pumps, cellar drains, roof drains and area drains. This means getting cellar floor drains and roof drains out of the sanitary sewer, along with ensuring properly sized and maintained grease traps be installed for businesses connected to our system. As part of the program we will be completing infiltration and inflow monitoring town-wide, looking for leaks that are adding unnecessary demands on the treatment process. You will be hearing more about this in the near future as we develop our plan.

Thank you for all your help throughout the year. It is greatly appreciated,

Bill Willey, P.W.S