

## Public Works 2006 Projects

As in the past, we usually start out right after the winter plowing season with maintenance on our equipment. This year we put a new dump body and stainless steel sander on our 1996 International truck. We also purchased a new Holder sidewalk tractor with mower, snow blower, plow and aerating unit. This machine has multiple functions and was purchased with CIP funds. It's important to note that we are on schedule with the CIP, and actually have been able to keep equipment in use longer than anticipated in many cases, thereby delaying new purchases with those funds.

Next, we fixed a drainage problem with the new Little League Ballfield behind the high school on Connector Road. This required a couple hundred feet of drain pipe and stone. After the drainage was completed, we had to put a lot of loam out to shim the Ballfield, so that the water would get to the drainage areas in the future.

After this, we had Bigelow Paving come in and grind up 1600 feet of Pollard Road. We were very involved with this project. We had to get rid of excess materials and dig out some poor sub-grade material before hot top could be put down. When it was all done, it came out very well. Our crew also constructed a new driveway and employee parking for the Father Rodger Bilodeau Community Center.

Next, we did a drainage and paving job on School, Church and Pollard Roads. Caulder Construction was the primary contractor on this project. The old culvert had rusted through from all the years of salt being applied to these roads. We replaced the aluminum and steel pipe with a new plastic pipe, and also put in nine new catch basins. Also, we did an experimental drainage and paving patch at the end of Maple and Pollard. This was done in hopes of eliminating the bad frost heaves that have been such a problem in the past years. We also were looking to eliminate the problem area before we put a lot of money into repaving Pollard Road in this area in the near future.

A new pump station was put in on Louann Lane. This has been a problem area for the last 20 years or more. This sewer pump station will serve at least 4 homes. Caulder Construction was also the primary contractor on this project. I'd like to thank Rex Caulder for all the work he did for the town in 2006. It was a pleasure to work with his crew.

We did a lot of work at the water department this year, relaying the telemetry lines to the water plant because of Centex's new road design. This underground wire had to be lowered at their expense. We also finished replacing and rebuilding the main river pumps to the water treatment plant. The reservoir was also cleaned this year. It has been four years since we drained it and cleaned out the debris and leaves that build up on the bottom.

This has been just a quick overview of some of our summer projects for 2006.

I would like to take this time to thank everyone in town for their support. Thank you, as well, to John Lynch for the work he has done this year as our new cemetery groundskeeper. Also, thanks to my regular crew for a fine job. Finally, thank you to the selectmen and town manager for supporting us and giving us what we need to do our jobs.

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