

## **ROAD COMMISSIONER'S REPORT for 2017**

Dane Thorgalsen, Road Commissioner

This past year has been busy as always for the Road Crew. Winter work requires many overtime hours with road plowing and sanding/salting. Summer work consisted of several projects in conjunction to the usual road maintenance.

The Town purchased a new 2016 Caterpillar 12M3 Grader in June 2017.

The Beach Drive Reclaiming Project has been completed. New culverts were installed, reclaiming, paving and new guardrails were also done. This project was funded by a State Roadway Grant Program in the amount of \$175,000.00, with a 20% in-kind match.

The Prospect Street Box Culvert Project was also completed. This project was funded by a Structures Grant in the amount of \$81,000.00, with a 10% in-kind match. We have also extended School Street from the school parking lot to Prospect Street to enhance safety issues.

The Oregon Road Paving Project was also completed by paving one and a half miles of the road with one inch of new pavement. This project was funded by a Class 2 Roadway Grant in the amount of \$35,000.00, and \$49,801.82 from the Infrastructure Fund.

The Town was awarded a Municipal Roads Grant in Aid Pilot Grant in the amount of \$14,040.00, with a 20% in-kind match for the Long Hill Road Erosion Project to aid in erosion control. Trees were also cut and chipped.

The Town was awarded a Better Roads Grant in the amount of \$19,200.00, with a 20% in-kind match for the South Street and Prospect Street Projects. Slope stabilization and lining the ditches with stone were done at both locations.

The Town along with Heather Robinson, District Manager of the Essex County Natural Resources Conservation District and Kevin McCaffery, PE, Senior Civil Engineer from Stone Environmental are in the process of creating a Stormwater Master Plan and Design Assistance proposal for the future work to be done on Folsom Avenue and High Street.

Trees were cleared and stumped on Streeter Road and Bombard Road and resurfacing was done where needed.

Editor's Note: The following page contains the Winter Operations Plan for the Road Crew.

## TOWN OF CONCORD

### WINTER OPERATIONS PLAN

1. A winter parking ban is in effect from November 15<sup>th</sup> to April 15<sup>th</sup>. No vehicles are to be parked on Town Roads or Sidewalks during these months. **VEHICLES WILL BE TOWED AT OWNER'S EXPENSES.**
2. Plow routes are set up to open major traffic routes and school bus routes first. The road crew usually starts operations at 3:00 a.m. to have these roads clear by 7:00 a.m. In most cases, there will be no maintenance between 8:00 p.m. in an emergency, call 535-0187.
3. Each road crew member has a specific route that takes approximately 6 ½ hours to complete. After 16 hours on the job, they are required to stop operations and take off a minimum of 6 hours.
4. Salt will be applied to paved roads with a minimum amount of sand added as necessary. (Salt is not effective when the road temperature is below 20 degrees.) Sand will be applied to gravel roads when the storm is over. No sanding will be done during a storm.
5. Please note: according to 23 VSA #1126, it is **ILLEGAL TO PLOW SNOW FROM PRIVATE PROPERTY ON OR ACROSS PUBLIC HIGHWAYS.**
6. The road crew makes every effort to avoid mailboxes. However, because of snow conditions or on-coming traffic, the plows occasionally hit them. The Town has permitted mailboxes to be located in the Town Right-of-Way. If the mailboxes are damaged as a result of snow or ice clearing operations, the Town **WILL NOT** repair or replace them.

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