

Road Commissioner's Report

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 was awarded a Municipal Roads Grant in Aid Pilot Grant in the amount of \$15,875.00, with a 20% in-kind match for the Leonard Hill Road Erosion Project to aid in erosion control.

The Town was awarded a Better Roads Grant in the amount of \$20,000.00, with a 20% in-kind match to continue the work on the Leonard Hill Road Project. Slope stabilization and lining the ditches with stone were done.

The Town has applied for another Better Roads Grant in the amount of \$20,000.00, with a 20% match for Shadow Lake Road to aid in erosion control.

The Town along with Heather Johnson, District Manager of the Essex County Natural Resources Conservation District and Amy Macrellis, Sr. Water Quality Specialist, 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.

TOWN OF CONCORD

WINTER OPERATIONS PLAN

1. A winter parking ban is in effect from November 15th to April 15th. 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. and 3:00 a.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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