

February 2020 Public Works Report

Roads/Equipment

- Snowfall was minimal and there were only a few plowing days over the course of the month. All pick-ups and the tandem plow trucks have fared decently well despite being stored outside. No major repairs have been needed. Andy will be going through all trucks thoroughly for the annual DOT inspections.
- The Griggs Approach was flooded by the Town crew a few additional times, but the shifting temperatures and wind have not been conducive to the creation of an ice road, so as of mid-February flooding operations have ceased.
- Pete did a complete full service of the JD 410 loader backhoe, including all filters, fluids, axle fluid, etc.
- McCoy had a technician come over to complete the first full service on the leased JD 444 wheel loader.
- The JD 772 grader had both batteries replaced and an electric heat blanket installed to help keep them happy.
- Pete and Evan Jr. spent a few days in the grader benching the snowbanks on every road possible. The grader's tire chains were removed as most of the paved roads have become bare and dry.
- As the temps increased the crew has been out scraping the slush and opening downtown storm drains whenever and wherever possible.
- The Town Dock approach area near the ticket booth continues to deteriorate as temps rise, and I expect this to continue. I am waiting to hear back from the State about the Multi-Modal Local Supplement Grant in regard to repairing the area. For the time being and into the foreseeable future, the Town crew will continue to monitor the deterioration and band-aid with gravel until a hopefully permanent solution can be funded. No major repairs will take place until the dock project is completed and Wren Works has taken their equipment off-site.

Parks

- With public safety in mind, I will be implementing monthly water quality testing this summer at three beach locations – Big Bay, Joni's Beach, and Grant's Point. This is an inexpensive and simple way to monitor E. coli and other bacteria during the most active months.
- Job postings for the 2020 Parks Crew should be active at the time of this report. Please contact Town Hall for more information.

Misc./Admin

- The Town shop, myself, and the crew will forever remember the unflinching crusty humor and kind, caring heart of Mr. Carey Baxter. Condolences to his family, he will be missed.

Respectfully Submitted,
Ben Schram
Public Works Director