

August 2022 Public Works Report

Roads

- All shoulders on the County and Town roads were mowed once more with the airport tractor's disc cutter.
- Pete graded North Shore Road whenever possible, as the month was dry and traffic counts were very high.
- We continued to work on replacing non reflective signage and/or fix and replace crooked signposts. It is tedious and time consuming, but very necessary. My goal is to finally have North Shore and South Shore completed by the end of October.
- A gate was installed at the beginning of the private cut-off road in between the ESB and Winter Transportation Building. This was part of the land swap agreement between the Town and Evan Erickson Sr., which took place a year and a half ago. The intention was to deter summertime traffic cutting through the western ESB parking lot to Voyager Lane.

Parks

- The new Rec Center bathrooms are open to the public after three years. Thanks to the crew, especially Ray and Evans, who did a fantastic job on the Town end of the project. Thanks to the independent donors, Carl Brooks for his drywall lift, Island Septic for three years of potty maintenance, Arnie's cookout, and the Chamber for a generous donation. Thanks to neighboring business owners who had to field questions or complaints from people needing a restroom. Your patience isn't overlooked or forgotten. I hope the remodeled building serves the public and community for another 40 years.
- The ballfield was thoroughly turned over with a skid steer as we tried to surgically remove the infield weeds with equipment. Time will tell. The team benches were straightened out and re-set in new concrete.
- Big Bay Town Park had a very busy month, but overall, the physical infrastructure fared well, and the crew has done a great job keeping up on the constant trash hauling and bathroom maintenance.

Misc./MRF

- Marty will have details in his report, but the glass crusher move at the MRF was a monumental, decades in the making, successful multi-department team effort. Great job to everyone involved in making the facility safer.

Happy September,
Respectfully submitted,
Ben Schram
Public Works Director