



## TOWN OF WINSLOW

### DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS

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### Monthly Report to the Town Manager and Town Council      January 2021

January was another quiet month weather wise. We had some snow but nothing serious. This has been good for our sand and salt stockpiles as well as our overtime line item, not so good for the crew's bank accounts. I'm sure they will make it up as winter progresses. To keep the guys productive, we cleared some of the driftwood at Fort Halifax. Quite a few large trees had floated in during the last highwater event we had. We also cleared some of the trees in the area of the old bridge abutment between the road and the railroad tracks. We plan on finishing the job in the spring. I would like to pull all the stumps along the fence. This may require replacing some of the chain link fencing, since the trees are tangled in the fence.

Another project we had the crew do was to paint the interior of the Public Works and Parks & Rec offices, break rooms, and bathrooms. The building is 12 years old and had never been repainted. It was time for a face lift.

Wright-Pierce, our engineer on the Benton Avenue project, is presently finalizing the contract documents with our contractor, Ranger Contracting. Weather permitting, we are aiming to start digging around April 1<sup>st</sup>.

On the agenda for February are two capital items for Public Works. The first is a contract with Comprehensive Land Technologies to clear the right of way from Lithgow Street to our Main Pump Station, a distance of 7000 feet. Maine DEP has been pressuring the Town for a couple of years to clear this right of way. This contractor is one of the contractors clearing along the interstate. They are very well equipped for this project. I would like to move this project along while we can still deal with the Pan Am crew in Waterville. They are very agreeable to work with the Town to get this project done. This will also help them eliminate blow downs onto the tracks.

The second item is permission to sign an engineering agreement with Wright-Pierce to design a replacement sewer project for the Sunset Heights development. At this time it is design only with construction dependent on funding. Requests have been made to rehabilitate the streets in this development, but improvements need to be made in the sub-surface infrastructure before that can happen.

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