



## TOWN OF WINSLOW DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS

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### Monthly Report to the Town Manager and Town Council      April 2022

The first week of April was the last week of our winter schedule. On April 11, we switched to our summer schedule. We are here Monday thru Thursday from 6:00 am to 4:00 pm.

Our contractor, Pike Industries, has resumed work on Benton Avenue. They are currently building new sidewalks and adjusting the street entrances. Shortly, they will mill the area from the Elementary School to the Roderick Road, in preparation for the finish surface. My crew has been lowering manhole covers prior to milling and will have to re-install them before paving.

Outside the Benton Avenue work, my crew is split between sweeping and repairing winter damage caused by our plows. We got a late start in-town due to the delay in obtaining a sweeper attachment for our new sidewalk machine. Weather permitting, we should be done in another week or so. For the last three weeks, we have been open on Saturday mornings from 7:00 am to noon to accommodate residents dropping off yard debris. This Saturday, May 7, is our last Saturday to be open.

On Saturday, May 14, we have a crew of volunteers from T-Mobile that has offered to come in to do some roadside clean-up for 4 hours. I think we will send them out on the Cushman Road. This is the first year they do this, so I am anxious to see how it works out.

The separation project between Johnnys and Orion is out to bid with the bid opening scheduled for May 19. With all the supply chain issues and worker shortages, I'm really nervous about what the prices will be. I believe we only have two prospective bidders.

The two older plow trucks that were sent out for new dump/sander bodies have come back from the vendor. These bodies should last the remaining life of these two trucks. It will also increase the reliability of these units for the winter operations.

Our generator at the Chaffee Brook pump station should be re-installed within the next couple of weeks, allowing us to return the expensive rental unit that is presently on-site.

Finally, in closing, some good news regarding the project at the Chaffee Brook Pump Station. We have been awarded a \$200,000 grant through Maine DEP. With the original federal grant, we now have \$1,200,000 in grant money for this project. We will continue to explore all funding options to reduce the cost to Winslow residents.

Respectfully submitted by,  
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