



## TOWN OF WINSLOW

### DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS

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

The crew spent the majority of the month of May ditching and replacing culverts on the Bassett Road. The Bassett Road is ready for reclaiming and paving. We now have both ditching crews working on South Reynolds Road getting that ready for reclaiming and paving. It is anticipated that Pike Industries will be onsite in July to complete these two roads. After these roads are ready for paving, we will turn our attention to the Town Office parking lot. By that time, Ranger Construction will be clear of this area.

As part of our roads program, on May 18, we received a large shipment of culverts that were purchased through KVCOG's cooperative purchasing agreements. Luckily we ordered early enough to avoid a 5% price increase. As the council is aware, commodity are rising at unrealistic rates, which is affecting current projects and future projects.

On May 11, we had a Shape audit for our training, safety policies, equipment, and facilities. We were cited for various training records and some missing training, which was partly due to last year's shutdown. We have until July 16, 2021, to correct the deficiencies.

On May 19, 2021, we opened bids for two new plow trucks. We only received one bid from Daigle & Houghton in Bangor. At this time they cannot give us a firm delivery date but they are willing to honor their quote. The anticipated delivery is in the first quarter of 2022, likely February to April. Therefore, we have signed a purchase agreement with them for two truck chassis. I have just also sent out bid requests for the plow and body equipment to our two area vendors.

Our Benton Avenue sewer project is progressing well. The contractor is slightly behind schedule but they are planning on bringing extra crews to catch up. I have received zero complaints about their work sites and traffic control. They have been attempting to pave trenches every week, weather permitting, to minimize the amount of unpaved trenches.

Finally, two items on this month's agenda for Public Works. Both will be coming from the Sewer Capital account. The first is for \$50,000 for four control panels for the China Road, Verti Drive, Clinton Avenue, and Benton Avenue pump stations. This a part of the pump station upgrades including transfer switches which were previously approved. The second item is for \$75,000 to complete a total survey of the Sunset Heights development for the sewer and storm

drain replacement project presently being designed. It was originally hoped that enough existing survey information would be available to avoid a complete street survey, but that is not the case. The bright side to this is that it will provide a very accurate survey of this development.

Respectfully submitted by,  
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