



## TOWN OF WINSLOW

### DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS

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### Monthly Report to the Town Manager and Town Council      April 2023

I would like to start this month's report with some positive news. We were informed by both Sen. Collins' and Sen. King's offices that they were supporting our \$3,000,000 request for Congressional Earmarks for our Sunset Heights Development project. There are still many steps in the process before we actually receive funds, but getting supported by the senators is the crucial first step.

Our crews are presently out sweeping and repairing winter damage. As many of you may have seen, we are slightly behind for two reasons. The first is a breakdown of our sweeper which lasted over a week since parts were coming from California. The second factor was the need to divert some of the crew to raise and pave the manhole and catch basin covers on Lee, Beck, and Clifford in preparation for paving. An additional factor has been the extreme wet weather which hampers our sweeping ability.

On the subject of paving, our current contractor, Pike Industries, has returned to place the final wearing surface on the roads and streets we based last fall. North Reynolds and Ellis Road have been completed, as well as Lee Street, Beck Street, and Clifford Avenue. There are still some driveway aprons that need to be completed. A separate hand crew will return to complete the driveway aprons.

We have had some requests for Saturday dumping, so we will have someone here for the next two Saturdays, May 6 and May 8 from 7:00 am to 12:00 pm.

On this month's agenda are three items for Public Works. The first is to award the paving bid to Maine-ly Paving Services. They were the lowest of three bids for a three contract. A bid tab is included in your packets showing the pricing from each contractor. The second item is to award the contract for the Cushman Road Storm Drain and Sewer project. A bid tab is included for this

project as well. The third item is to award a contract for Phase 1 at Chaffee Brook for the new force main across the Kennebec River. Those numbers are in your packets as well.

Finally, our new supervisors have hit the ground running. Both Trevor and Karl are embracing their new roles with enthusiasm and energy. Trevor has started a Supervisory Leadership course hosted by MMA. This is a five- day course that covers all aspects of Public Works. Karl is all in with the Parks Department and things should go well this season.

Respectfully submitted by,  
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