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Monthly Report to the Town Manager and Town Council August 2023

Our in-house projects are progressing slowly. The Smiley Avenue area is ready for paving. Waiting to hear from our contractor. We have replaced all the cross culverts on the Shorey Road and the Nowell Road. We are now ditching on the Nowell Road and replacing driveway culverts as needed. I hope to start a second ditching crew next week. I presently have one crew working in-town on small projects that have been on our to-do list for a while.

Our contractor for the Chaffee Brook pump station project has started slowly. They were onsite recently to clear the trees from the location of the new force main. They also have a water main to relocate on the Waterville side before November. Our contractor for the Cushman Road project is projecting a start date around September 18.

At the Council's request, the old Junior High building has been boarded up by our contractor, Peachey Builders. In my opinion, they did a nice job.

Our roadside mower is still out on the country roads. Since we had a late start, we made the decision to make one pass on all the roads to make sure the vegetation was cleared from the edge of the road. He is now going back and making a second and third pass on these roads. We will continue mowing until we start hauling winter sand.

On the subject of winter sand, there is an order on the agenda for permission to sign a contract with Manter Construction for 4000 yds. of sand from their Summerhaven pit in Sidney. Their price is \$6.75/yd. screened and loaded. Our previous supplier had a price of \$7.90/yd, and his pit was located in Smithfield. The haul distance is comparable so our production should be the same as in previous years.

On the Parks Department side, most of the summer help has departed for school. We will finish the season with a skeleton crew like in previous seasons. The new mower that was ordered for the Parks Department has been received and may not be put into service until next spring unless we absolutely need it.

Finally, on the manpower side, we are still short a full-time truck driver and we have a current employee out on what appears to be a lengthy medical leave. For this reason, I have asked for a discussion item to get the Council's opinion on hiring seasonal help for the winter season.

Respectfully submitted by,
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