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Monthly Report to the Town Manager and Town Council February 2023

February turned into a fairly active month weather wise. We had 6 treatable events. To date, we have not had any major equipment issues nor material acquisition problems. Our salt supplier has plenty of product, the only issue is when the weather events come back to back and the trucking company has trouble keeping up with demand. We have a small salt shed so we are more sensitive to receiving timely deliveries.

At the beginning of the month, I participated in a pre-construction meeting with MDOT and Cianbro regarding the Winslow/Waterville bridge replacement project. Cianbro plans on mobilizing at the beginning of March. MDOT indicated a completion date of May, 2027. They also indicated that the bridge would not be closed to two traffic until September 2023.

As mentioned in last month's report, we have begun advertising for a Public Works Foreman that will hopefully commence in April to allow some training with the existing Foreman. To date, the response has been poor.

Our contractor, Peachey Builders has started the corridor removal project at Johnnys/Orion. The necessary concrete has been cut, new concrete has been poured, and the permanent walls to close off the two buildings have been built. Steel removal is scheduled to commence on March 8 and should be mostly complete this week.

The storm drain project on the Cushman Road has gone out to bid with the bid opening scheduled for March 30, 2023, at 2:00 pm. I am told we have had good interest in the project by prospective contractors. As part of this project, we have designed and planned for the replacement of the remaining clay sewer main from Lessard Street to the connector, approximately 2000 feet. This portion of the project has not been formally approved by the Council and would still need to be funded. I would like to discuss this portion of the project at the Council meeting. My ultimate plan is to complete all the sub-surface utility with this project so we can request a paving project from MDOT in the near future.

Finally, in closing, on February 17, we had an unfortunate incident with one of our plow trucks. The driver was sanding the three lanes on Benton Avenue at the traffic light. This usually entails

making multiple passes, requiring the driver backing up to the Marden's entrance to make another pass. While the driver was backing to make another pass, a young man crossed behind the moving truck and was somehow struck by the truck. Emergency services were immediately requested and the gentleman was transported and treated for minor injuries. Waterville PD was requested to handle the investigation and the State Police commercial division was contacted to ensure all necessary steps were taken to protect the victim and the Town. At this time, we have not had any contact with the victim. From my view point, I would say the gentleman is at fault for crossing behind a moving truck in the dark.

Respectfully submitted by,
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