



## TOWN OF WINSLOW

### DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS

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

We started the month off by submitting our annual CSO report to the Maine DEP. This is a report of the frequency and volume of untreated sewerage discharges from our collection system. We had three discharges in 2021, two in July and one in October. These were all due to extreme rain events. This is less than previous years. The goal is zero discharges which is one of the reasons for the upgrades at Chaffee Brook.

The weather in March took a turn for the better. We had a few snow events at the beginning of the month, but the second half was quiet. It allowed us time to get equipment ready for spring clean-up as well as save ice control materials and overtime wages.

The quiet time allowed us a chance to get a jump on our annual employee training. Some of the training repeats yearly and some was new for the newer employees. There are still a few hands-on training to be done. We will wait for warmer weather for the outside training.

The news on the stand-by generator at Chaffee Brook has gone from bad to worse. The service techs from CMD Power Systems initially began the rebuild process on-site until they realized the crankshaft was compromised. The decision was made to remove the generator from the pump station and transport it to their facility in Hermon. They will have better ability to do what is necessary and it will allow them to test run the unit before they re-install it at the pump station. We also had to replace the temporary generator with a third unit. The second unit had an emission sensor issue that prevented it from starting automatically when needed.

Finally, in closing, thank you to the Town Manager and Town Council for the difficult task of preparing the budgets for the upcoming year. Thank you for supporting the Public Works department with funding for paving, equipment, and wage increases for the crew.

Respectfully submitted by,  
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