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Monthly Report to the Town Manager and Town Council January 2024

The month of January has been fairly quiet weather wise. We did get a few weather events, but mostly we have been able to accomplish other important tasks. We started the month by clearing the storm debris at Fort Halifax. The crew was onsite for two days and removed 53 truck loads of tree debris. We also hauled two loads of trash to the transfer station in Waterville.

The remainder of our non-snow related time has been spent on clearing a site at the Town Forest on the Albion Road for a future parking lot for the trail system. The crew has also started cutting the remaining right-of-way on the Nowell Road. We are planning on paving the remainder of the Nowell Road this summer.

Our two large construction projects have both shut down for the winter. The contractor at Chaffee Brook has removed the pipe from the river and stored it onsite. They have removed their barge and have hauled all their equipment to their home base. We are presently in talks with the regulatory agencies to obtain a new permit for the river crossing. We are aiming for a new in water work window in October with a possible mid-September date for shoreline work.

The contractor on the Cushman Road was able to meet our target of removing the Cushman Road storm drains from the stream that impacts McDonalds. They plan on returning at the end of March to resume the project.

Another project that was completed in January was the installation of a Wi fi network at Public Works. The major incentive for this project was to have Wi Fi service through out the entire building to allow the School Department to utilize the Public Works facility as a rendezvous location in case of an emergency evacuation at one or all of the schools. It also allowed us to set up the office in the Parks & Rec section with a phone and computer for the Parks foreman.

Finally, on the last day of the month, we had a major traffic incident at the Augusta Road/China Road intersection. An over height load took down all the lights and some of the poles. The contractor, Dagle Electric, responded quickly and was able to re-install all the hardware and get the lights functioning by Friday night. At this time, it appears the truck had a legal over height permit and the lights were too low. MDOT will probably have to cover the cost of restoration.

Respectfully submitted by,
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