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Monthly Report to the Town Manager and Town Council July 2023

Did anyone see the month of July go by. It seemed like a blur here at Public Works. A lot of work was completed during July.

We complete prepping Halifax Street for paving and our contractor, Pike Industries, was in on Saturday, July 8, to start paving. It was completed on July 11. It will be striped as soon as Lucas Striping can get to us. They were also thrown behind by the wet June weather.

The improved weather allowed our crew to complete most of our in-house striping, i.e., crosswalks, stop bars, and arrows.

The separation project at Johnnys/Orion has finally been completed by our contractor, Peachey Builders.

Our crew has begun work in the Smiley Development in preparation for paving. We replaced a rotten cross culvert and approximately 300 feet of failing storm drain. We also repaired a half dozen sewer issues to prevent a re-occurrence of the issue we had earlier this year. After further investigation, it was determined that Getchell Lane was not in need of re-paving and we removed it from this year's list. In the spring we will look to reallocate these funds to another street.

We have finally been able to start our roadside mowing and should be mowing until October. We got a late start this year due to sending out our older front end loader for a new transmission. This meant we had to keep the other loader available in the yard for loading trucks and could not send it out mowing.

In the middle of July, the other two pickups we were authorized to purchase were delivered. We are presently completing the transfer of equipment from the old to the new trucks. We should be good for many years with these new vehicles. Thank you to the Council for your support.

On July 1st, we transitioned to a new fuel supplier. Dead River Company will now be our supplier of heating oil, diesel fuel and gasoline. It took a little fine tuning to get the logistics straightened out but we should be good to go for the rest of the year.

At the end of July, we scrapped the old Cub Cadet mower that was no longer worth repairing. I checked with Erica and was able to determine there were sufficient funds in the Parks Capital account to purchase another mower like the one we purchased this past spring. The unit is on order and hopefully will be delivered in time to use this fall.

Finally, we hired a new “old” employee. Adam Corey has returned to work for Winslow after being gone many years. Adam brings with him a knowledge of how we function and is already a competent truck driver and plow operator. Welcome back.

Respectfully submitted by,
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