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Monthly Report to the Town Manager and Town Council March 2023

Hopefully March saw the last of our major snow events. We had 4 or 5 events, with a couple of them being major, long term events. We have now transitioned to sweeping and clean-up. Some areas will need a lot of TLC this spring. The last snow events were not kind to shoulders and lawns.

The corridor removal project at Orion/Johnnys is basically complete, other than some finish sitework when the ground dries out. I believe we are still waiting for a ramp on the Orion side.

The week of March 13 was a busy one for me. I submitted three applications for Congressional earmark requests to Rep. Pingree, Sen. Collins, and Sen King. These requests were for the Sunset Heights Development project. I have received phone calls from all three offices requesting further clarifications. I hope that these calls are indicators that they are considering including our project in their requests for the upcoming federal budget.

On March 28, Erica and I attended a four hour meeting with Cianbro and MDOT concerning final planning on the Ticonic Bridge project. Cianbro is scheduled to start the project on April 3. Their main priority when they start is to install new duct banks so Consolidated Communications can pull and splice replacement cables to allow decommissioning of the cables in the old arch bridge. Consolidated has 540 days to accomplish this task, so their crews and equipment will be in Winslow and Waterville for an extended period of time.

On March 29, Maine Local Roads held a work shop on Work Zone Safety here in Winslow. We had 50 public works employees from around the region attend the class. We plan on hosting more classes in the future. The cost is minimal to the Town, but the benefits to the area are great.

On April 22, KVCOG is hosting a Household Hazardous Waste collection at the China Public Works facility. Winslow is a participating member of this collection. KVCOG received a grant that is covering the majority of the cost, so our cost is minimal.

On April 6, we will be opening bids for the Cushman Road storm drain project. We postponed the bids by one week due to some contractors having difficulty receiving pricing on some items. It is anticipated that the project will not start until mid to late summer, with completion in 2024.

Next week on April 10, Public Works will be switching to our summer schedule of Monday thru Thursday, 6:00 am to 4:00 pm.

Finally, on March 27, Erica and I held interviews for the Public Works Foreman positions. I am happy to report that we have hired two of the candidates, We are promoting Trevor Tucker, one of our senior operators, to the Public Works Foreman position, We have also hired Karl Morse to be the Foreman for the Sewer and Parks division. Karl comes to us from the City of Waterville.

Respectfully submitted by,
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