

WAITSFIELD ROAD DEPARTMENT 2014 Report

The year started warmish and wet. There were a lot of freezing rain events that are worse than snowstorms, and, it is more expensive. These storms require more sand and salt in order to keep our roads drivable. These storms make it much more difficult for our drivers to maneuver their large trucks. As we worked our way through winter, Mother Nature kept on coming with several snow storms, and, the cold weather kept winter around through April. Well, finally, spring rains lead to May flowers.

The very busy summer season started with the usual grading, ditching, and general clean up from the winter. When ditching is done now, we stone- line the ditch which helps reduced silt run-off into our streams. Extra time was spent by the crew making room for the solar array. Old junk was collected from the weeds and scrap steel was sent for recycling. Gravel bunkers had to be moved for the one acre site which took up all the storage space we had. We also had to update our old military storage container, (that leaked like a sieve), with a new 40' container that holds our tires and signs. Summer continued on and the Town completed two large culvert projects-one on Tremblay Road, the other on Brook Road. We paved three small roads-Bragg Hill, Carroll Road, and the Airport Road. The crusher came in to our gravel pit this year to crush another 5,000 yards of grade-able gravel for our dirt roads. Several roads received gravel during the summer. The pit continues to be an incredible source of material for our gravel needs.

The days started growing shorter and the nights started getting cooler... fall is in the air. So, it was time for firewood. The crew put up five cords ++ to keep the shed warm, and proceeded to finish up the summer work. New wood runners were put on the Butternut Bridge and deck work was done on the Floodwoods Road bridge. They finished several culvert crossings. The roadsides got a second mowing.

Then, that all too familiar air started to work its way down the mountains and into our valley, bringing on the next season...winter. And how it did! We stared off with a bang, seeing nearly 4 feet of snow, all before the New Year. It kept the crew very busy.

So, another year of hard work completed by our trustworthy road crew. They are led by Forman Rodney Jones, with Josh Rodgers and Ken

Bagley filling out the crew. My hat goes off to these men for their incredible dedication to our Town. They commit to being on-call for 6 months, 24/7, during the cold times, ready to go when Mother Nature dictates. Then, they keep things functioning and beautiful during the warmer times . Thank you very much, Rodney, Josh, and Ken!

Charlie Goodman, Road Commissioner



Site prep at Town Garage.

Photo: Aegis Renewable Energy



Solar array at Town Garage.

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