

WAITSFIELD ROAD DEPARTMENT 2010 Annual Report

The winter started warm and stayed that way. It is the first time in memory that the road crew did not plow our roads in March. The savings of our dollars shows in the budget. Spring came with an average mud season, to which the crew did a fine job of keeping our roads passable.

Spring turns to summer and like everyone does we sprang to life grading roads, maintaining brush, and cleaning up after some pretty fierce storms. We had a couple of storms that gave us a one two punch. Both of those times the, Waitsfield-Fayston Fire Department helped out with road closures and tree removal.

The Town gravel pit has been working well. With the completion of a new road and bridge, the Town now has their own access to the pit. We have crushed, as of now, 10,000 yards of material. So far the material that is coming out of the pit has worn quite well. It packs well on the roads and is clean enough not to mud up and get greasy. This will continue to be a very valuable resource to the Town for many years to come.

We completed two large jobs this year. One was the construction of a new bridge and new road to access our pit. Our road crew did the work including a large clearing job that was part of this project. Hats off to our guys for a great job and much money saved. Our other project was a "bid" job for the North Road box culvert. That was overseen by the Town and a good job was done. The culvert and the road got a much needed upgrade. This was funded through a 90% State grant, and the rest, from the Town. We are going to apply for another grant for a large culvert on Brook Road.

We took delivery on a new truck this year. "Ol' Red" as Rodney would call the truck, left the fleet after eight years on the job. It has been replaced with a slightly larger version and the same teal color as the other trucks. We have well-equipped trucks that get used nearly every day, and we have kept our other equipment current and maintained.

The building received a energy audit this year. There are many areas that we can improve upon. We have put money in our budget for insulation, windows, and a new roof. With trim work and a coat of stain, we will

have our building in pretty good shape. The landscape around the area has been getting some sprucing up. Scrap metal is being recycled, grass is being mowed, and a storage shed will be built by the crew in the spring that help the yard have a nice, neat appearance to it.

We saw some personnel changes this year in our 3-person department. Rodney Jones of Waitsfield, who has been with the department since 2005, was promoted as Road Foreman in August following the departure of Stuart Grandfield. We welcomed in Ken Bagley from Granville on the crew in October. This coming June will mark two years Adam Magee of Duxbury has been with our crew.

Cheerfully,

Charlie Goodman
Road Commissioner



Waitsfield Town Garage and Ol' Red.

Photo: R. Jones