

Highway Department Calendar Year 2007

The Highway Department has continued to perform its regularly assigned responsibilities for the care and maintenance of all Town roads. We strive to keep them in the best condition possible within our budget constraints. We prioritize our workload to get as much done as we can.

Personnel: Colin Killay left our department to go to Athol DPW this past summer. We hired Bill Arsenault to replace him and maintain our staffing level at four full-time workers (Bill Arsenault, Vincent Perkins, James Boothroyd, and me) which enabled us to accomplish a lot more than we could have with three.

Paving and Road Maintenance: We reclaimed, added gravel, and paved over 1 mile of Athol Road between Chase Hill Road and the Orange Town Line. We sealed cracks on Athol, Northfield, and Orange Roads to help prevent deterioration of their surfaces. We also cut brush along Athol Road between Hastings Heights Road and the Orange Town Line. We dug out rocks from various roads in town and cleaned out many culverts and basins. We worked diligently to try and correct as many drainage problems as we could, replacing seventeen culverts this year, and noting many more needing our attention.

Cooperation with other Town Departments: To assist the Cemetery Commission and save them money, we cut brush in the cemetery. For the Selectboard, we repaired the handicapped-accessible entrance to the Town Hall and, with the help of the Fire Department, attempted to clear the Town Hall basement drain.

We plan to continue brush cutting and work on drainage issues, our biggest problems throughout the town. We urge townspeople to call 978-544-6349 with questions, concerns or ideas. We will do our best to address them promptly and to your satisfaction.

Respectfully Submitted,
Tim Kihart, Superintendent