



## **DPW Department - Highway and Buildings and Grounds**

### **Q2 FY2020 Report**

**Buildings and Grounds** - Repair to the roads in Pine Grove to deflect water and provide a swale for less erosion. New covers were made for the permanent A/C units at town hall. The new foreman is developing a maintenance schedule for all equipment and has issued each vehicle a number for tracking purposes. He will work with the mechanic on maintenance as needed. The generators were tested and tuned up to assure they run when needed. The waste oil burner that heats a portion of the highway barn was put out of service. Replacement is ~ \$8000.00. Salt buckets were placed at all common buildings as winter is steadily approaching. The new foreman has begun mapping of areas in both Green Lawn and Pine Grove cemeteries. He intends to mark areas for easier identification for lot owners. Assisted in preparing the Christmas lights in the 4 precincts for the December 1<sup>st</sup> tree lighting event.

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**Highway** – The hotbox has been utilized around town in addressing pot hole situations, as well as in other areas in improving drainage issues and installing pipes. 3700' of Partridgeville Road was reclaimed and resurfaced. Road work on Barre, Depot and Pail Factory was completed as well. Royalston road had many tons of asphalt added to shim and level, improving water runoff. A class on Spreader calibration was done @ the DPW by U-mass Amherst and Bay State roads. This training gives the employees a better understanding of how salt is used and measured for proper spreading and amount to be applied. The new chipper is here, and training has been provided. The crew loves the new chipper with it being a safe piece of equipment to operate. Just a reminder, with the high-water table from now through the winter months, we are experiencing a lot of bleed out with the temperatures going up and down, freezing the water to ice on the roadways. Along with residents illegally discharging water into the roadways., which creates a lot of work scraping and trenching these areas.