



DPW Department - Highway and Buildings and Grounds

Q1 FY2020 Report

Buildings and Grounds

July: The new year began with many changes in the Buildings and Grounds and cemetery department in personnel aspects. Mark Moschetti and his crew were successful in removing the large boulder that had been placed on Boynton Street. The B & G crew worked with the Highway crew in cutting some trees and removing the debris in Green Lawn cemetery. Staying busy with mowing and trimming.

August: The new cemetery foreman has started and brings with him a lot of experience. Air Conditioners were replaced, and one added in the CERT building. This of course excludes service dogs. The crew addressed some safety issues for the recreation department at Gilman Waite field in removing some old sono tubes and chain that were buried. Busy trimming bushes and cleared around the library

September: The signs were placed in all cemeteries stating, "No dogs Allowed" Except for Service dogs. The response this action has been positive. A maintenance schedule is in place and the equipment is now numbered for identification and tracking. An old waste dumping area has been cleared in Green Lawn cemetery and the plan is now to address this type of waste by distributing to proper locations such as scrap metal and wood chipping. People on four wheelers in Green Lawn cemetery ran over flat markers and they had to be reset. Four wheeling in the cemetery is not permitted.

Highway

July: Catch basins cleaning, roads side mowing continues. The DPW garage is running smoothly with a new mechanic on board. The mechanic has been busy and doing a great job.

August: Much road side work was done on Hubbardston road to improve drainage aspects in many areas. Three Project requests were made to Mass DOT for various types of road work, all 3 were approved. The mechanic is preparing plows and sander s for the upcoming winter months. Road side mowing and catch basin cleaning is progressing. A sink hole formed on Baldwinville road caused by a failed collar on a drain pipe and was repaired.

September: The new Hot Box has arrived and is registered and is on the job already. Familiarization is being done currently with the Hot Box in repairing some pothole issues. Extensive pot hole repair was done on South Road, French Road and Farnsworth Road. We have posted on the town web page that there will be a neighborhood meeting on October 1st so the DPW director can go over the work being done. all residents can express concerns and questions on the roads that have planned construction. The new Refurbished sweeper has been delivered and training was given to all employees. The foundation for the salt shed is in place and the next step will be to place the asphalt base.