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DPW – HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT – BUILDINGS AND GROUNDS DEPARTMENT QTR 1 FY 2022 REPORT

Highway Department: We have continued to have issues with the beavers this year, and it is still ongoing on Royalston Road at this time. Our crews have been repairing many potholes, fixing berms as well as apron repairs. Crews have been Street sweeping, cleaning out and repairing catch basins, and clearing pipes. Cut trees, roadside brush cutting, chipping and cleanup. Second phase of signs are still going up. Stop lines and crosswalks have been painted. We are very pleased to have the Chapter 90 paving done on Hospital Road and Hubbardston Road. Painting was done at Houghton Park to clean up graffiti. The mechanic is going through the trucks, plows, and sanders to make sure they are ready for winter. Several employees attended an MS4 class that was held at Town Hall.

Building and Grounds: Several burials and flag duties were done. Assisted patrons with cemetery plot purchases, locating graves and understanding cemetery rules. Clean up and trash removal Pine Grove Cemetery, Greenlawn Cemetery, and Gilman Waite Field. Flat markers and foundations for upright stones installed. A dumpster was rented to do a cleanup at Scouts Hall. Mowing, weed whacking, and trimming of shrubs is an ongoing rotation throughout the spring, summer, and fall. This takes place at all town buildings, cemeteries, and town common areas. Foreman also spent a lot of time going over information & new ideas with the new Cemetery commissioners. Several lots have been sold from the new section at Pine Grove. Fire alarm testing was done on all town buildings. We are very pleased to have a new mini excavator. This makes work much easier when digging graves in tight areas. Foreman and cemetery commissioners are also working with the town administrator to obtain a grant that will allow us to purchase cemetery specific software for mapping existing graves and maintaining additional changes. If this goes through it will streamline the process and allow for better accuracy.