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DPW – HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT – BUILDINGS AND GROUNDS
DEPARTMENT
QTR. 2 FY 2024 REPORT

Highway Department:

- Paving was done on Highland Avenue, S. Main Street, and Shore Drive. Highway crew assisted with prep., etc.
- The community sand shed was built. Special thanks to Fischett Construction.
- Crews have been working to get everything ready for the winter, such as plows and sanders.
- While out plowing the roads, H35 caught on fire and received significant damages.
- Beavers are a regular part of the crew's week. They need to check multiple areas regularly, including but not limited to Royalston Road, Gavin Road, & Rte. 68 flats to remove blockages that could cause flooding.
- Crews have been repairing multiple areas of wash outs due to the heavy rains, as well as opening and repairing (if needed) multiple culverts.
- Crews are trying to repair as many potholes as they can.
- The town auction was successful and is complete for this year.
- Several crew members took "All About Liquid Deicers" class that was offered by UMASS, class was held at the UMASS Transportation Center in Chicopee. The feedback from the employees that attended was all favorable.
- The Brine machine and tanks are set up and running with multiple crew members able to make the brine and run it.



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Building and Grounds:

- Pine Grove and Greenlawn Cemeteries both have the water shut off and both been winterized.
- The bathrooms were completed at Gilman Waite.
- Multiple burial duties, and multiple flag duties took place.
- Installed foundations for multiple stones and flat markers and installed some of the flat markers.
- The former elementary school was broken into with severe damage sustained. Buildings and Grounds crew along with Highway crew worked together to clean up and re-secure the building.
- Worked on patching the roads at the cemeteries.
- Assisted Highway department on several projects.
- Working on the replacement fence pickets for the Pine Grove Cemetery.
- Moved multiple items at Senior Center and Town Hall.
- There were 7 Interments, 1 Lot sales, 3 Foundations, and 2 Lots re-deed.

In October Parks & Rec was in the Full swing of the Fall Soccer season. We employed 5 Referees and two coordinators Kayla , Britany and had over 24 volunteer Coaches / Assistant Coaches. Our Soccer Team Sponsors were :Long Long Noodle Restaurant,Caplis Medical, TCTV, Shut Out Screenprinting, The Covers, Lamb City, Country Bumpkin, Hair Loft, Altitude Capital, Brookside Healing, The 100 Acre Wood Playcare , Sparks Counseling Services LLC, Anchor Salon (2 teams), Lawrence Septic, B.Hadley Plumbing and Heating , Candlelite Cafe, Bankowski Oil & Heating , Switchables ,M.P. Gionet & Son Plumbing & Heating, North Central Fire Protection INC., Graves Concrete, Country Cafe, W J Graves Construction Company we like Thank everyone for their support to the Rec Soccer program.

The Gilman-Waite Concession stand was in full swing with Parks & Rec Mangor Joe, We received lots of great feedback from the community. Concession stands served the Narragansett Varsity and Middle school Soccer, Field Hockey games, Parks & Rec Soccer, softball games and movie in the park night. We received a cooler from NRSD, and a portable stove burner from a storage facility at Pine grove Cemetery. Built a wall in the concession stand, The Back Serves window was installed and had our big freezer fixed. Purchased a popcorn Machine, Shelf racks and rolling station tables.

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In November we were closing up the parks for the winter, and the bathrooms Gilman-Waite water was turned off and winterized. The new Batting cage net was taken down and stored. We continued work on planning Town Holiday Tree Lighting and Parade and Winter movie events. Registration was going on for the winter Basketball program.

In December We held the Tree lighting and parade with help of Select member Terry Griffis and local business owner April Cover. We all learned a lot and everyone that attended had a wet fun time. The Cote family was wonderful with stilt walking and Papa Cover “The Grinch”, Diane Haley “Prettiest Princess LLC”, Cert Team, Fire Dept. DPW & Building grounds and light Dept. American Legion. Boy Scouts, TCTV All lent to successful event. We will start planning next year's event in February 2024.

Also in December Catie McClure the Parks & Rec Playgroup coordinator and her family and staff volunteered to do the Holiday movie in the senior center “The Grinch” Catie put together a wonderful tasty hot chocolate bar and fun creative crafts to do for all ages. We are looking forward to summer with the Parks & Rec playgroup.

Winter Basketball Open up December with Coordinator Ray Kauffman and Staff We have 28 teams, 5 Divisions, 265 players Residents / Non Residents from grades Kindergarten to twelve grade register for a successful opening season. Games are held on Saturdays 8am to 2pm in Templeton Elementary Gym, Narragansett Middle and High school gyms. We tried to work on finding gym spaces for practices and had settled with Sundays Mornings because limited gym time available for town.

The Commissioners together have been working on Basketball Policy updates, 2025 Parks and Rec Budget, 2023 Annual reports, Goals for Parks & Recreation for 2024. Voted on the pickle ball court bid, Sign the PARA Grant for Houghton Park. We Currently have three open sports and are looking for new members to join the Parks & Recreation Commission.

-Candace Graves
Chair, Parks and Rec Commission