

HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT

The Winter of 2006 gave us 17 different events of precipitation to deal with here in town. 7 of these storms had this department out plowing the streets in full force and at the end of the winter season we saw an unofficial total of about 55" of snow.

All throughout 2006 this department spent quite a bit of time trimming roadside trees and brush. A total of 6 ½ weeks were spent cutting roadside brush, removing fallen trees and limbs from the streets, and cutting down and removing 18 dead or hazardous trees from the roadsides around town.

Beyond our routine maintenance of the town's roads and infrastructure, this department had Randall Road resurfaced with bituminous concrete from Gleasondale Road to Edson Street. We also completed the construction of Kettell Plain Road, which involved the installation of bituminous concrete berm, a finish coat of bituminous concrete on the road, the installation of trees along the roadside and filling shoulders along the road with loam or fill as needed.

During the Fall, we assisted a private contractor in the construction of the Highway Department's new sand/salt storage facility located in back of the existing Highway Department garage. We also assisted the Stow Garden Club in the removal of several shrubs deemed invasive species' that were in the gardens in front of the Town Building. We will continue to assist the Garden Club in the installation of new plantings at the Town Building in the Spring of 2007.

In August we took delivery of the departments new JCB backhoe/loader. Money for this purchase was appropriated at the Spring Town Meeting. This replaces our 1993 Caterpillar Backhoe, which was purchased back in FY 94.

In closing I would like to thank all of the employees here at the Highway Department for all their dedication and hard work and I would also like to thank the Town Administrator, the Selectmen and their administrative assistant, and the Police and Fire department's for their continued support.

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