



Bridgton Public Works Department Monthly Activity Report for January 2020

The crew battled 22 inches of snow and ice this month while maintaining equipment, moving the Public Services Director into his new office, and making major headway with their break area and bathroom. As is true every winter, snow dictates the availability for other projects, but the groundhog predicts early spring and with that hopefully the end of the freezing precipitation. Spring brings new challenges, but our guys are up for it. We had some complaints of potholes near the ball field, the contractor that recently worked in that area returned to patch which eased most of the complaints. We are short-staffed and everyone is pulling more than their weight, but job postings should be forth coming, and we hope to have some new staff to start training soon.

The Transfer Station is almost unrecognizable these days. With Forrest as the lead, they have managed to clean up and remove 75% of the junk laying around inside and out. They sold a whopping \$5020 in stickers as the team works to enforce this policy. Recycling remains a focus as we spend \$60 less per ton for refuse that can be included in the single sort compactor. We still have a small amount of contamination, which is mostly comprised of single use plastic shopping bags and padded mailers. Conditions are improving daily at the transfer station, if you have not visited, it's worth a trip.

The Water Reclamation Department is still working closely with Woodard & Curran to identify and procure future pump station locations. We are striving to maintain the current equipment long enough to see the grand opening of the treatment plant. This month we noted some irregular flow issues at the Junior Harmon Field. We believe this to be a result of recent work done to a small amount of piping on lower Main Street. Contact was made with the contractor, who came out and inspected. We continue to monitor this area closely.

Lastly, our admin assistant is working on some safety training improvements, compiling the final data for budget books, meeting with sales representatives in an effort to standardize our janitorial and paper supply ordering, and creating/updating our asset management system to ensure the Town is prepared for cycling equipment, paving of roads, signs, etc.

Thank you for your time and support.



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