



Bridgton Public Works Department
Monthly Activity Report for November/December 2019

We saw small accumulations of snow, but the crew was able to maintain the roads with little issue. When snow removal, sanding/salting is not needed, the highway department is helping with various projects around town. Our Parks and Cemeteries crew had some lighting and decorations to display for Christmas, the Town Hall is being renovated for a new office space to house the Recreation Programs Coordinator and was just about complete. They will continue working into the space behind the new office that houses maintenance items and hopefully button up the Town Hall Project come January 2020. In addition to the changes happening at the Town Hall, the Town Garage is getting a little makeover as well. Driven by the lengthy hours that are inevitable during Maine winters for our Highway crew, we are installing bunks to allow for the MDOT mandatory rest periods, a proper kitchen/break area, and a much-needed shower/bathroom renovation. Our new Public Services Director, David Madsen, has completed his first month as of mid-December and seems to be catching on quite nicely. The Director's office is the final project that is currently in the works at the garage. The crew scrubbed, moved furniture, painted, installed pine boards, built a channel for cables that stretch the span of the office, to protect them and make them more aesthetically pleasing, heating was updated, and January will bring a much more efficient and presentable work space.

The Transfer Station will say goodbye to our long-time Foreman, Bob "Fitzy" Fitzcharles as he announced his retirement this month. We wish him well and after posting the position, David has selected Forrest Kollander as his replacement. Forrest will be transferring from our Parks and Cemeteries Department and has previous experience at our transfer station. With new energy in the office, we hope to make some needed improvements in this area as well.

The Water Reclamation Department continues to march forward in excited anticipation of our new Treatment Facility. We had an issue at our Depot Street Pump Station, but after a Pipe-Line Inspection, we were able to identify the problem and rectify the situation. The pump station is back to operating at its previous capacity.

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