

HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT FACTS

DID YOU KNOW:

- APPROXIMATELY 1-INCH OF SURFACE GRAVEL IS LOST FROM THE SURFACE OF OUR GRAVEL ROADS EACH YEAR? THIS IS TYPICALLY CAUSED BY EROSION FROM STORM EVENTS, FROM VEHICULAR TRAFFIC, AND BY WINTER MAINTENANCE OPERATIONS. WHEN NOT REPLACED, UNSUITABLE SUBSURFACE SOILS (I.E. CLAY, SILT AND LARGER STONES) PENETRATE THE SURFACE LAYERS OF GRAVEL ROADS DURING THE FREEZE THAW CYCLE. UNSUITABLE SOILS ARE MORE SENSITIVE TO EROSION, TYPICALLY REQUIRE MORE FREQUENT AND TIME CONSUMING MAINTENANCE, HAVE THE POTENTIAL TO CAUSE DAMAGE TO THE TOWN'S VEHICLES AND EQUIPMENT, AND TO RESIDENT'S VEHICLES. WE WILL CONTINUE IMPROVING AND MAINTAINING OUR GRAVEL ROAD SURFACES AS NECESSARY WHICH MAY INCLUDE ADDING CRUSHED STONE, GRADING, SHAPING, CLEANING DITCHES, AND APPLYING DUST CONTROL. THANK YOU FOR YOUR QUESTIONS/COMMENTS, PATIENCE, AND UNDERSTANDING DURING THIS PROCESS.
- WE JUST COMPLETED THE THIRD YEAR OF PAVING ROADS THAT WERE PLANNED TO BE IMPROVED IN THE TOWN'S 15-YEAR PAVEMENT MANAGEMENT PLAN? WE RECEIVED EXCELLENT PRICES FOR PAVING MATERIALS THIS YEAR, AND THEREFORE, WE WERE ABLE TO PAVE THE ROADS THAT WERE IDENTIFIED IN THE PLAN WHICH INCLUDED NUTTING ROAD & MESSER ROAD. ADDITIONALLY, WE WERE ABLE TO CONSTRUCT PAVEMENT LEVELING COURSES ON THREE SECTIONS OF STAGECOACH ROAD AND ON ONE SECTION OF JOBS CREEK ROAD THAT WERE IN POOR CONDITION. WE WILL CONTINUE ADDITIONAL MINOR PAVED ROADWAY IMPROVEMENTS (I.E. PAVEMENT PATCHING) THROUGHOUT THE SUMMER.
- WE HAVE 24 BRIDGES IN THE TOWN OF SUNAPEE THAT THE HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT IS RESPONSIBLE FOR MAINTAINING? WE ARE IN THE PROCESS OF DEVELOPING A CAPITAL RESERVE PLAN FOR THE FUTURE MAINTENANCE, REPAIR AND/OR REPLACEMENT OF TOWN BRIDGES. A DRAFT OF THE PLAN WILL BE COMPLETE IN SEPTEMBER/OCTOBER 2015.

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IF YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS, COMMENTS, OR SUGGESTIONS.