

Walpole Highway Department

This past year the Walpole Highway Department continued our quest to maintain and improve our road and drainage system.

We started a road-shimming program in an effort to resurface as many roads as possible with money allowed. We covered approximately nine miles of road in this fashion. We also paved Center Street in North Walpole. We intend to continue the same program this year.

The headwall failure on March Hill Road was repaired with money from an article voted on last year but another headwall on March Hill Road was in danger of collapsing and needed emergency repairs.

On Mill Road the bridge near Bridge Street became undermined and started to collapse. That bridge is unsafe to travel across and is closed to traffic until it can be replaced.

On North River Road an old stone culvert collapsed and had to be replaced. Several other drainage areas showed the stress from the increased rainfall we have endured the past several years. We are addressing these problems, as we are able. We replaced several culverts in town and did headwall repair. Under drain was installed where applicable.

Other work this year included catch basin repair, equipment repairs and upkeep, snow plowing and removal, brushing, grading roads and cold patching. Also included were tree removal, cleaning culverts, lawn mowing, leaf removal, line painting and sweeping roads.

I would like to thank the highway crew (Jim Maclean, Bruce Russell, Mike Symonds, Mike Rau, Ralph Campbell, and Nate Westney) for their dedication and hard work this past year.

Thank you also to the residents of Walpole for your continued support of our work and us.

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