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We were able to put winter behind us this month and start thinking spring! We took all the plows and wings off the trucks and got ready to tackle some spring projects. We cleaned up the ball courts and town office and repaired some roads that had washed out in Lakeview and East Union cemeteries.

We started grading dirt roads this month and were able to get quite a few miles done including Butler, Barrett Hill, Overlock Hill, Bump Hill, Happy Hollow and Come Spring. The rain we had this month slowed down the process as we try to not grade if its going to rain in the following day or two as the freshly laid dirt will turn to slime if its not packed down enough by traffic. We will continue grading next month until we get all the roads finished.

We also began an extensive drainage project on Coggins Hill which included replacing three culverts and ditching both sides of the road on the dirt part. Culvert projects are drastically slowed down due to underground wires (which Coggins Hill is full of) so it basically takes one whole day to change one cross culvert when wires are involved. If mother nature cooperates, we will hopefully be able to finish up on Coggins Hill in the first week of May and then head over to Overlock Hill to do the same thing.

And lastly this month I was able to attend a very informative bridge maintenance training session on zoom which was put on by the Maine Local Roads Center. For someone still relatively new to this position, the training was filled with valuable information on how to take small steps to maintain the town bridges and what resources are out there when the bridge needs a more in-depth repair.

Respectfully submitted,

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Grading Come Spring Ln