



TOWN OF UNION *Maine*

The public works department was very productive in the month of August. We spent nine days on Barrett Hill working on drainage which included replacing a couple of driveway culverts. We then moved to Robbins Rd where we replaced two driveway culverts and one 36" cross culvert that required us to close the road for several hours. We don't like to have to close a road, especially a dead-end road, but sometimes due to the size of the culvert and the width of the road it becomes necessary to ensure safety of the crew. Fortunately, we were able to provide advance notice to the affected residents who were all very understanding. It's great to work in a town where the residents support the pw crew and the work that we do.

We added 24 dump truck loads (approx. 170 yards) of gravel to Barrett Hill beginning at the end of the pavement and extended up to the top of the hill. The additional gravel will help maintain a sharper crown to the road and combined with the fresh ditching that was done it will hopefully prevent washouts in the travel portion of the road. Hopefully we add more gravel each year to the entire road.

All States Construction began chip sealing Clarry Hill during the last week of August. Unfortunately, due to a quality control issue with the chips they were delayed three days until another batch of chips could be made, so they won't be finishing up the project until after Labor Day. The fortunate part is that other than having to wait a few more days for our roads to be sealed it doesn't affect the town. A special point that should not be overlooked is that the contractor was the one who stopped the process until they got the proper stone. Because of the longstanding relationship between the town of Union and All States, they wanted to make sure that an inferior product was not being placed on the road. I wish I could say that this would be the case with any contractor, but I doubt we would get that level of service from just anyone. Compared to many similar sized municipalities around the state, our road preservation program has left us with some of the best maintained roads and we strive to keep them that way.

Respectfully submitted,

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Putting in a new driveway culvert on Robbins Rd