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December was fairly quiet month as far as weather was concerned. We only went out one time to plow and six times to sand, two of those times were to sand the dirt roads only. A “quiet” weather month is good for the salt and sand budget as well as the overtime and fuel budget. But if I were a gambler, I’d bet that mother nature will eventually make up for the lack of snow before winter is over, so we’re enjoying the “boring” weather pattern while we can.

We did have a major rainstorm on Christmas Eve-eve, that had it been snow we’d still be digging out from it. The heavy rainfall did cause some minor to moderate washouts on Pound Hill, Clarry Hill, Miller Rd, Carroll Rd and Rabbit Farm Rd, that took us over a week to fully repair all the spots.

And this month I was voted on to the board of directors for the Maine Chapter of the American Public Works Association. The local chapter exists to provide immediate, easy, and cost-effective opportunities to exchange information with colleagues and to keep up to date on the latest public works technologies and management trends; the opportunity to attend local educational programs, symposiums, and equipment shows; and the chance to network with colleagues and peers in a professional setting. This is a two-year term and I’m looking forward to the opportunity to serve on the board with other public works professionals from departments big and small across the entire state of Maine.

Respectfully submitted,

Matt Elwell - Public Works Director



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Repairing the washout on Rabbit Farm Rd