



TOWN OF UNION *Maine*

The month of February was quite a rollercoaster. We began the month by having some of the coldest temperatures we've ever seen followed by a warmup that had appeared to kick off an early mud season. We posted all town roads and had to haul in stone to help stiffen up some of the worst mud spots on Bump Hill, Miller, and Come Spring. There was even a day so nice that we were able to remove the Christmas trees from the Common and pick up all the electrical cords because there was no snow! Then old man winter made a comeback, and we came out to plow snow or sand, five out of the last six days of the month, including a storm on the last day of February that had the crew out over 24 hours straight.

Luckily, we received our new plow truck this month, just in the nick of time. It's a 2022 Chevy 5500 that was ordered last April but a series of "supply chain issues" and a federal recall, delayed its arrival until now. I'm still we got it in less than a year as I've heard from other departments in the area that they've waited up to two years. The truck comes as just a cab chassis and was sent to HP Fairfield in Skowhegan where the dump body and all the plow gear was installed. We took delivery of it on the 7th of this month and then spent a couple of days in our shop adding work lights, decals, and a two-way radio. We also applied fluid film to the frame and chassis. This truck takes the place of two trucks that were both almost 20 years old and well used by the time we got them. This new truck combined with a part-time driver allows us to add a fifth route during bigger storms which means we can provide better service.

Union residents are welcome to come check out this truck or any of the other equipment, we simply ask that, because of liability issues, you check in at the town office first to arrange a good time for a visit.

Respectfully submitted,

Matt Elwell - Public Works Director



TOWN OF UNION *Maine*



New 2022 Chevy 5500