



TOWN OF UNION *Maine*

I think we can all agree the month of July has been on the warm side. I dare say that mother nature is making up for the cool rainy summer we had in 2023. I would like to start off by congratulating the town of Union on reaching its 250th Birthday! We are lucky here in the town of Union to have a strong group of volunteers who led a remarkable celebration on the Common. As the Public Works Department, we were happy to aid the committee with providing an operator to excavate the time capsule, traffic control for the parade, as well as setup and breakdown of traffic control equipment. As they say, "it takes a village," and we certainly have a strong community here that took this celebration and made it unforgettable.

Over the course of this month our mow crew has been very busy with mowing and trimming our cemeteries and town properties. The excavation crew has been working diligently on Middle Road replacing cross culverts and entrance culverts as well as ditching and shouldering to ensure proper water drainage. Following these projects we have also been laying grass seed topped with a hay cover to provide erosion control. Many of these projects required a flagging crew, in which case we pull our mowing crew from their operations, over to flagging. Other projects completed include installation of two new nets at the tennis courts, bridge cleaning and minor crack seal on the Payson Road bridge, CDL training, and equipment maintenance/repairs.

Chris Packard's Excavation LLC reconstructed a 1500-foot stretch of Daniels Road. This stretch of road has been notorious for flooding in this area. The work that has been done here will resolve that problem. It will also provide an adequate base to allow for a smooth traveling surface for years to come. All States Construction LLC will be in during the month of August to resurface this road, as well as a list of others.

As always, we are here. Please call with any questions or concerns.

Respectfully,

Tom Fontaine
Public Works Director