

UNION PUBLIC WORKS - MONTHLY REPORT (JUNE 2021)

A lot was accomplished in the month of June thanks to continued good weather. Due to the lack of rain this month the grass has not been growing much at all so we're only mowing every other week for now which has allowed us to concentrate on other road work.

We replaced several culverts on Clarry Hill, Sennebec, Barrett Hill and Butler Roads. We also did some ditching on Butler Road and a large section on the upper half of Barrett Hill Road. We were fortunate enough to be given permission by the landowners on the Hope side of Barrett Hill Road, to open through traffic during work times so that we could completely shut down the work zone. This allowed us to change culverts more efficiently, and more importantly, much more safely.

Sennebec, North Union, Browns, Thurston and Sterlington were all paved this month by All States. They will be back again in the fall to chip seal Sennebec and North Union. Our crew spent two days filling in driveways with gravel as most had quite a big drop off from the new hot top. We do this so the sides of the new pavement do not break apart from traffic entering and exiting the roadway.

The large sugar maple that was next to the monument on the Common was removed by Hoppe's Tree Service. It had been dying for a long time and continuously losing branches. It was just a matter of time before a larger branch fell either damaging the monument or worse, injuring a person. Another large maple was trimmed to "lighten the load" in hopes of prolonging its life a few more years and all the stumps including those from prior tree removal were ground up. The common area is looking very nice. We should probably plant some evergreen trees in place of the hardwoods that were removed.

The whole crew attended a "Stop the Bleed" training at the fire station, and we now have Stop the Bleed kits in all our trucks. These include basic items needed to stop bleeding in the event someone suffers a major cut. They include gloves, bandages, gauze, trauma sheers, and a tourniquet. We hope to never use them but its good to always be prepared.

Respectfully submitted,

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Replacing a culvert on Sennebec Rd