



# TOWN OF UNION *Maine*

Public Works had a very busy month of June. We started by attending the 29<sup>th</sup> annual “Highway Congress” at the Skowhegan fairgrounds. This event is put on by the Maine chapter of the American Public Works Association and was held for the first time since 2019. In addition to five training stations, there were over 50 vendors showing off all the latest equipment and innovations in the public works field as well as the “snowplow roadeo” competition held on the racetrack. It was good to be able mingle with fellow pw crews from our local area and see what’s new in products and technology.

Our newest crew member, Corey, completed three weeks of academic commercial driver’s license training at the Keep Right Driving School in Albion. This training is now federally required for all new cdl’s. He passed the final exam with a 93 and can now obtain his cdl permit. Once Corey has logged enough driving hours, he can apply for his cdl license.

We changed a driveway culvert on Clarry Hill and started a ditching project on Bump Hill Rd which we will continue to pick away at for the next several weeks in between mowing and of course vacations. There are two cross culverts and least one driveway culvert to be replaced on Bump Hill as well.

Hoppe’s Tree Service took down two large sugar maple trees in Lake View Cemetery. We decided to have these trees removed as they were in unsafe condition. One had been previously cabled years ago while another lost a huge branch last year which thankfully did not damage any gravestones.

And finally, Jay and I met a couple of times with a representative from FEMA regarding possible reimbursement from the Halloween storm last year. As you can imagine there is a ton of “red tape” when dealing with FEMA but with any luck we should be eligible for a small amount of federal aid to help cover the cost of the repairs.

Respectfully submitted,

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