



# TOWN OF UNION *Maine*

The old saying of “in like a lion, out like a lamb” surely held true about March. The first weekend of March brought in a sizeable storm with about 10” of snow that lasted all day Saturday and involved several hours of clean up on Sunday. Then on the 14<sup>th</sup> we got the classic spring nor’easter that dumped a foot of wet heavy snow. The weight of the snow caused many tree limbs to come down or be hanging so low we had to cut them in order to get our trucks through some roads. This storm had our crew out 24 hours straight. These late winter/early spring storms are very hard on the dirt roads and shoulders as they are very soft and we try our best to not dig them up too bad. Once winter is officially over, we will be around to access and if necessary, fix shoulders and ditches, etc.

After we made it through that storm the rest of March was fairly quiet and we even had a couple of 50 degree days. We spent a few days cutting and chipping roadside brush on Bump Hill and Sidelinger Rd and also began cleaning up winter debris in the parks, cemeteries and common. There are still snowbanks on a lot of roads but as those melt away, we will continue do more brush work throughout the spring.

Also this month employees Chris Robinson and Corey Witham completed the 36 hour MIG I welding course. This class was completed at the Mid-Coast School of Technology in Rockland over the course of six weeks and covers the basic procedures and safety protocols of Mig welding. We don’t do a lot of fabrication in the shop but there are times when we need to perform some basic weld repairs on plow gear for example, and having someone in house that is trained to do it is very helpful. The plan will be for both of them to complete the advanced Mig welding course in the fall.

Respectfully submitted,

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Plowing Happy Hollow on March 15