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In the first week of May we finished the ditching project on Coggins Hill and moved to Overlock Hill where we ditched both sides of the dirt section and replaced one cross culvert. We spent two weeks there and then moved to Pound Hill Rd where we ditched the short section between Rt 17 and Shepard Hill Rd and replaced two driveway culverts. With two major dirt road ditching projects done, we were able to complete our spring road grading with Coggins Hill, Upham, Overlock Hill and Robbins Road.

When we weren't busy ditching, we were busy mowing. The grass grew consistently so we mowed everything once a week. Normally we have two guys dedicated to mowing all week but the week before Memorial Day it was all hands-on deck to ensure that the cemeteries were in pristine condition for the holiday weekend. While I'm driving through neighboring towns, I always take notice of how their cemeteries look compared to ours and often it's no competition. Our crew does a fantastic job and takes pride in their work.

On the 25th we hosted a crosswalk/sidewalk safety training sponsored by the Maine Local Roads Center which included some very good information that pertained to all aspects of road safety. And on the 26th I met with James Foster, the "Bridge Ranger" from Maine Local Roads and together we inspected the Graveyard bridge on Miller Rd and the East Union bridge on Payson Road. Both bridges were inspected by DOT within the last two years and are listed in fair condition. The bridge rangers' job is to offer free technical advice to municipalities on what steps can be taken to preserve the bridges and how to move forward once replacement becomes necessary. Both trainings were very beneficial.

Respectfully submitted,

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