



TOWN OF UNION *Maine*

The month of May began with a major rainstorm that caused widespread flooding and damage to roads all over the state and the town of Union was no exception. Several roads and driveways were washed out as a result of the five to seven inches of rain (depending on what news source you listen to) that occurred in less than 12 hours. East Union was the hardest hit part of town. There was significant damage done to Mt Pleasant Rd and Daniels and Quiggle Rd were completely washed out. The gravel section of Clarry Hill Ln also washed out so badly that the underground cable was exposed. When all was said and done, we had 21 areas of washout all over town. The crew spent the next week diligently fixing everything so that it was safe to traverse over. Quiggle Rd was the only one that was not immediately repaired. The plan to repair it is being worked on and FEMA will be in town in June to inspect it before any work can begin.

Because of the time we spent fixing storm damage it put everything else we were working on behind at least by a week. Typically, the months of May and June are the busiest because the grass is growing, spring grading needs to be done, and there are plenty of drainage projects to work on that have been on hold since the fall. Also, it's when the crew starts to take vacations after a long winter. Two members of the crew spend about 30 hours each week mowing all the parks and cemeteries, while the rest of the crew works on other various projects.

This month we replaced a driveway culvert on North Union Rd and two on Clarry Hill. We also finished ditching on the gravel section of Clarry Hill Ln. We also spent a week ditching on Miller Rd. All the gravel roads were graded this month and gravel was added to the low areas. Miller Rd was the exception as we ran out of time but will plan to grade that in the first week of June, weather depending. The boat dock at Ayer Park was put out and we dug up and replaced the water line on the Common that supplies water to the gazebo.

Respectfully submitted,

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Water overflowing on Daniels Rd