



TOWN OF UNION *Maine*

The public works crew was busy during the month of November getting ready for winter while simultaneously wrapping up other fall projects. We finished grading gravel roads (Coggins Hill, Bump Hill & Happy Hollow) and placed an asphalt patch over four culverts that were replaced on Skidmore Rd.

We began cleaning up leaves in the cemeteries and helped set up trees and ran the electrical cords on the Common for the Chamber of Commerce's annual "Christmas in the Country" scheduled for December 3rd. Part of that set up included cutting down a 15-foot fir tree donated by Mike and Tracy Weed and then getting it safely set up on the green by the bandstand.

The whole crew attended a Snow & Ice Control training session that we hosted at the town office. The half day refresher training was attended by several other public works employees from the local area and covered several topics such as the different type of materials (sand, salt, liquid, "hot loads"), air vs. pavement temperature, the timing of application, and environmental concerns.

Some other projects this month were completed by outside contractors including the removal of several large trees on Shepard Hill and Cole Rd that were dying and/or dead and were at risk of damaging public infrastructure when they came down naturally. To avoid that, the town hired Hoppe's Tree Service to safely cut the trees and remove them. HTS has previously done several tree jobs for the town in the past and they always do professional work. All States Construction also came into town this month and paved Robbins Rd. The entire length of the road was paved at 18 feet wide using 2.5 inches of 12.5mm hot mix asphalt. It is nice to be able cross one more road off the "gravel to pavement" list.

Last month we celebrated the retirement of one of our longest tenured employees and this month we welcomed back his replacement. Jacolby Leavitt was a public works employee for several years dating back to 2017 when he left to pursue another career. Jacolby is a certified inspection mechanic and brings with him many years of both light and heavy-duty mechanic experience.

Respectfully submitted,

Matt Elwell - Public Works Director



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The crew sitting up the trees for “Christmas in the Country”