

Monthly Report to the Town Manager and Town Council February 2013

January saw the return of our long time employee, Ron Reny. He is healthy and ready to resume his duties. It definitely helps in maintaining our large fleet.

We had a few snow and ice events in January but nothing too severe. We have had the crew clean and organize in the shop, especially during the real cold days.

I had Wiswell Electric come in with their bucket truck and replace all the light bulbs in the street lights on the Seabasticook Bridge. Three out of six were out, so we replaced all six.

Dirigo Engineering has completed preliminary plans for the Taylor Road project and we will be holding a public meeting with the residents on February 13, 2013, at 6:30 PM in the council room. The council members are welcome to attend and add their comments.

I am presently working with Kennebec Sanitary District and Wiswell Electric to coordinate generator and electrical repairs at our main pump station. It is hoped to get these repairs done before our heavy spring flows.

This week we received a gift from the Waterville Sewage District. Last fall they updated two pumps to accommodate the increased flow from Oakland. It was determined this week that these pumps were identical to our pumps at Chaffee Brook on the Augusta Road. Instead of scrapping these pumps, they donated them to us for free. We will have them serviced and we will now have two spare pumps for this station. We presently have no spares for this pump station.

Lastly, as many may have seen, we have been taking advantage of the cold, dry weather to do some brush and tree clearing. We presently have been concentrating our efforts at the Bay Street and Benton Avenue intersection. I hope the residents approve of results.

Respectfully submitted,

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Public Works Director