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Bi-Monthly Highway Department Report

I would like to start giving Bi-Monthly reports on the Highway Department- what we have been doing, project dates, and just the overall status of our Department.

January and February, we saw very little snowfall for the Town of Rhinebeck. We had some snow on January 18th which amounted to four to five inches. February, we had maybe three inches on the 8th and 13th. So, it's been a very easy winter so far which is good, saves on the equipment and salt and sand supply. By the way- our salt shed is full, and I'm trying to cut back on salt usage as much as we can.

So, for the Months of January and February, we have been catching up on some tree work which is always an ongoing process. We have a lot of dead elm trees and now the ash trees have gotten hit to with the ash boring beetle. If you see a dangerous tree that may fall in the roadway let me know. We also are cutting brush in areas where needed for sight distances. By the way, we are getting a new brush and wood chipper, which will replace our old 1993 Chipper. We will commission it upon arrival.

We have been trying to keep up with the potholes. Also, if you see a pothole on one of our roads please let us know.

Our mechanic is thoroughly going over our equipment to make sure it's ready for the good weather maintenance of our roadways and culverts and bridges. We will begin our sweeping operations shortly which I expect should be light this year because of the easy winter. We will also be around to fix any plow damage to properties. Signs will be straightened and some replaced as needed.

Our upcoming projects are Pell's Road, the north end which will be chipped sealed as soon as the weather allows it's on the schedule for early April or May. We are at the mercy of the weather doing that. It was paved with a dense binder asphalt last year which makes a very good base for a road, but must be sealed to

prevent water from working into it. Enterprise Road is on our list for repaving this year also as is the Extension of Primrose Hill on the east side of Route 9G. Mount Rutsen Road will also be paved this year but most of our paving will take place after School closes so as not to interfere with the school buses.

All of this paving will be done in house with either a shared services paver or roller or our own paver and roller. We get a lot of help from other towns Red Hook, Milan, Clinton, and we help them back. It's good for everyone including the taxpayers. Dutchess County purchased for our towns the paver and roller which we share between us. They also purchased us a Mini Excavator, an Aerial bucket Truck. I just want to say thank you to them, very much appreciated, and working out well.

We also have drainage projects to take care of, the dock down in Rhinecliff is one of them, cutting shoulders in place where runoff of water is not happening. This is just some of the things we have planned along with our regular mowing along the roadways. We also take care of the old cemetery at the Wey Road and Route 9 location along with the Highway garage and Memorial in Rhinecliff.

So as can see we stay pretty busy with a crew of seven men, and I really do love my job serving the residents of this town that we all love. I'm only as good as the crew behind me, and I have an excellent crew. My office manager Jessica is unbelievable, she keeps everything working. She will soon have a new Web Site up and running for the Highway Dept. Which will be updated with projects and road conditions, or detours or closings during storms.

So, in closing, this is just an update as to what we have been doing, and plan on doing, as always if you have a concern about something on our roadways. Please let me know at 845-876-6263 or an emergency at 845-224-8316.

Thank You,

Bob Wyant
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