



Town of Weathersfield

5259 US ROUTE 5 | P.O. BOX 550 | WEATHERSFIELD, VT 05030 | PHONE (802) 674-2626 | FAX (802) 674-2117

To: Selectboard & Residents
From: Town Manager
Date: 09-07-2021
Re: Town Manager Report

Dear Selectboard Members & Weathersfield Residents:

HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT

Over the summer the Highway Department has been working on several projects to improve drainage, eliminate erosion, and reduce the risk of washouts due to rain.

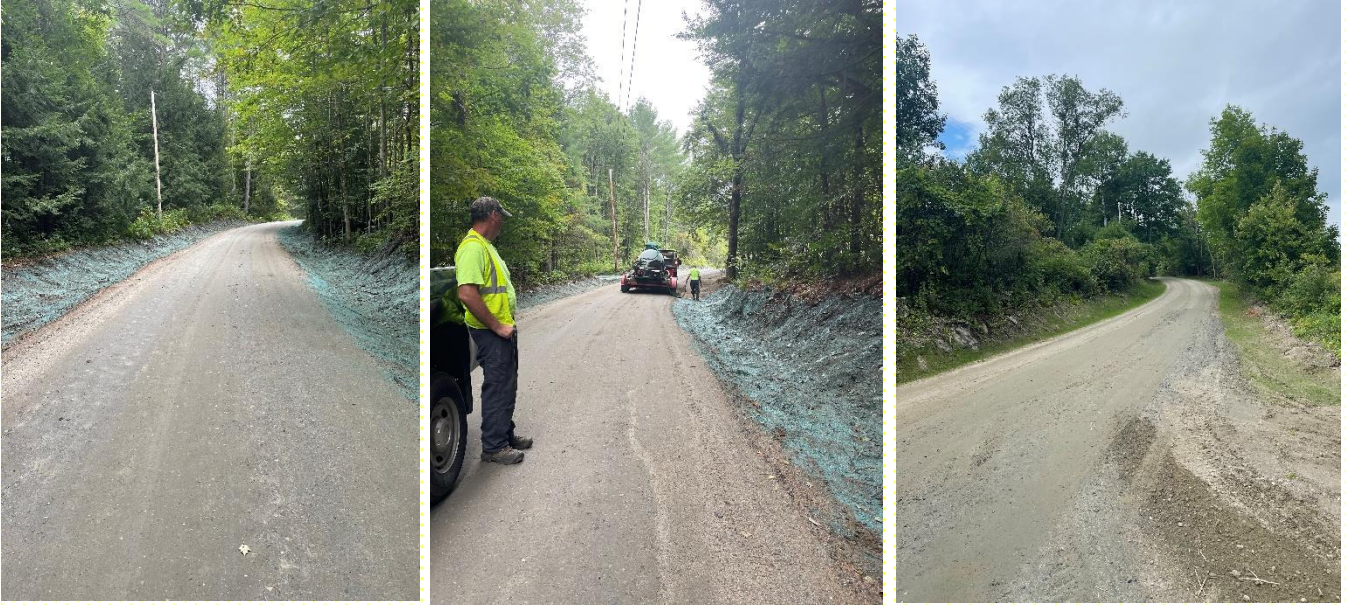


The picture on the left (South Mountain Road) shows a road with narrow ditches, which causes erosion and road washouts. As you can see on the right side of the road, water runoff has caused washouts in the road. When a road washes out it takes away the gravel.

The picture on the right (Gulf Road) is an example of a recent project the Highway Department completed to improve drainage, eliminate erosion, and prevent the road from washing out. Prior to completing this project, the water was up near the grade of the road and saturating the subbase of the road. Now it can drain properly making the road stronger and more durable.

When water is traveling down a road during a rainstorm it's important to divert the water away from the road as soon as possible using cut outs, ditches, and culverts. The middle picture (Gulf Road) is an example of a new culvert installation that runs across the road and diverts the water away.

HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT CONTINUED



After the ditches are complete and culverts installed our Highway Department seeds all disturbed areas to eliminate erosion. The left and middle picture is Gulf Road and the picture on the right is Piper Road.



The Highway Department began a new project on South Mountain Road on September 1st. As you can see in the picture on the left the road has narrow ditches and erosion. The middle and right pictures show the next stage in the process to create ditches for proper drainage.

This project was paid for through Grants in Aid. We received a grant for \$29,300 to do this work. We hired a contractor with an excavator to complete the earthwork. The Highway Department is providing all other services, including tree cutting, chipping, and trucking.

HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT CONTINUED

The Highway Department has received 11 State Grants totaling \$576,520 for FY22. \$357,880 in grant funding is from the Highway Structures Grant Program, \$43,640 is from Grants in Aid, and the remaining \$175,000 is a Class 2 Roadway Grant. Projects include engineering, replacing culverts, adding in new culverts, resurfacing roads, and crack sealing. Roads include Ascutney Basin Rd, Cady Hill Rd, Goulden Ridge Rd, Green Valley Rd, Lottery Lane, Old Bow Rd, Wellwood Orchard Rd, Perkins Hill, Skyline Dr, South Mountain Rd, Stoughton Pond Rd, Center Rd, Reservoir Rd, and Airport Rd.

WEATHERSFIELD MUSIC SERIES



To date there have been 9 performances between July 9th and September 3rd. Performers included Bill Brink, Josh Hall, Jesse Peters, Jordan Oaks, Milkhouse Heaters, Ella Atkinson & Ethan Shipulski, AliT, Rik Palieri, and Dan and Faith Senie. Remaining performers include Matt Meserve, Jake McLaughlin, and Friction Farm.

Join us for the last 3 music events The next remaining performances are scheduled between 6pm-8pm at Hoisington Field on September 10th, 17th, and 24th. Bring a folding chair and your friends & family!

I would like to thank everyone who donated to the series and to our sponsors for funding this effort, including HB Energy, Chroma Technology Corporation, and Stages in the Sun. I would also like to thank June & Bill Brink for coordinating the events.

VOREC GRANT

We partnered with the Chamber of Commerce and the Town Managers in Ludlow and Chester as part of a joint effort to submit a competitive application to the Department of Forests, Parks, and Recreation Vermont Outdoor Recreation Communities Grant program.

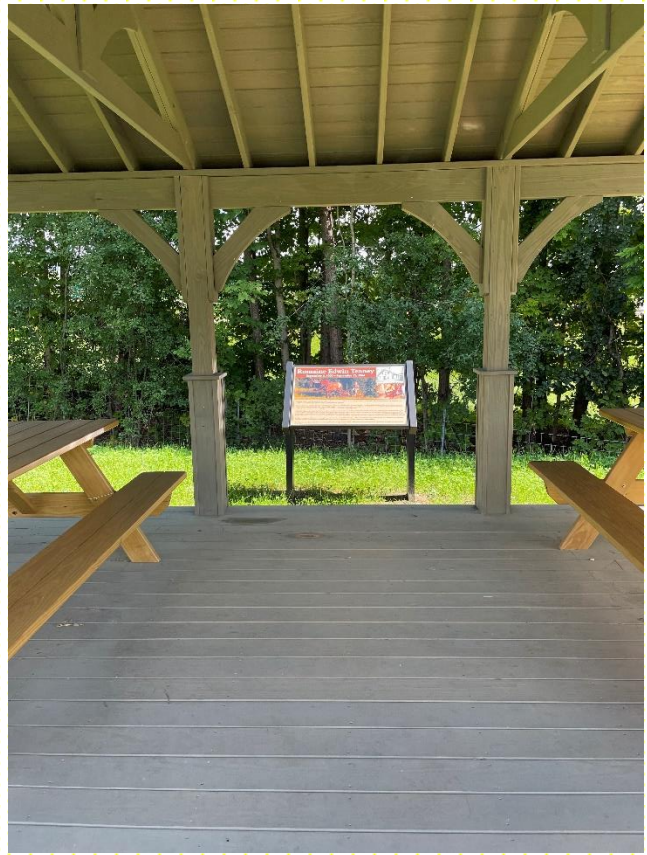
The project includes the design and build of the remaining trail system to complete the goal of a desirable human powered trail network for the public, including a 1.7 mile “high line” single track trail, the design and development of approximately 3 miles of intermediate single-track trail in an area designated the blue zone, the replacement of a bridge, and the destruction and disposal of metal roofing materials from a 1960s log hunting camp on the property which is no longer safe and considered a public hazard.

The project connects our three (3) towns with a smartphone application.



Tenney Memorial

The memorial board is complete and has been installed inside the pavilion. We are in the que at Rockledge Farms Woodworks for the signage (carved from the Tenney Tree), memorial plaques, and other requested crafts carved from the remains of the tree.



If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,

DocuSigned by:
Brandon Gulnick 9/3/2021
4A3BEB6DB9B94C7...

Brandon Gulnick
Town Manager
Weathersfield, VT