

Town Manager Update Report October 28, 2016

Below are a few highlights from the week of October 24th in review.

Public Works

- The large rock on the shoulder of North Pownal Road was removed this week.
- Initial repairs were made to Ayer Road. There is still ditching work to do.
- Roy did the last Fairgrounds mowing of the season this week.
- Winter preparations continue.
- The next meeting of the public works design committee is scheduled for Thursday, November 3rd.

Fire and Rescue

- The Fire Chief and I continue to work on fire fighter and EMS hourly wage analysis.

Administration

I met yesterday with the Principal of the Dunn School with regard to parking constraints. Ted and I also observed the after school pick-up. As mentioned in an earlier update, the Town has recently limited parking on the Morse Road. This is due to the following reasons:

- 1) The shoulder is narrow leading into ditching – cars are unable to get fully off the road. During pick-up times the vehicles park on both sides. In my and the Public Work's Director's opinion, it results in an unsafe situation for pedestrians crossing the road. The situation is not good for our plow drivers and public safety.
- 2) We recently invested significant funds in the rebuilding of the road. Until the shoulders fully set up and stabilize, the parking is causing some damage to the shoulders.

After observing, collecting the numbers, and communicating with school staff, it appears that the school does not have adequate parking to accommodate staff, after school pick-ups, and school bus circulation. Therefore, we may end up re-opening a short section of the shoulder temporarily until a date certain to allow the district an opportunity to address the issue. I am working with the Dunn School Principal to resolve this and layout a few suggestions in a letter to the district.

Absentee voting continues to be heavy. As of today we are at approximately 750 according to Sharlene.

You'll find more news in the quarterly electronic newsletter sent out by Sharlene Myers yesterday.

A reminder that Special Town Meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, November 2nd at 7 pm in Memorial School.

Regards, and have a great weekend.