

**Town Manager Update Report
December 31, 2015**

Below are a few highlights of this past week in review:

Staffing

- Dustin Arsenault, our new Equipment Operator started work this past Monday. Given Dustin's plowing experience we put him right to work plowing snow on Tuesday. He is assigned to 501 and his route encompasses many of the roads behind public works – Bald Hill, Tobey, Range, Cider Mill, and Estes.

- Second round interviews for the Fire and Rescue Chief position resumed. The committee expects to complete the second round next week.

Storm

- Yesterday between 10 am and 2 pm roads were more slushy than we'd like to see. The crew treated all of the roads at 10 am with a hot load to help breakdown the packed snow. They left the mix on the roads to work for a couple hours and then plowed it off in the afternoon. Ted and I are discussing how we can improve our overall performance during the early phase of the storm to help get the snow off the roads early before it gets packed, which results later in additional treatment and slush.

- A Telephone pole was struck by a New Gloucester plow truck on Jack Hall Road. The wing hit the pole and the concussion snapped off the upper pole section. The situation is being evaluated and will receive sufficient attention.

- The decision was made to close Town Hall and the Library during the storm this past Tuesday. A factor in the decision was the low volume of business usually conducted in Town Hall between the holidays.

That's all I've got for the moment.

Happy New Years to All!