ROAD COMMISSIONERS REPORT 09-05-20

Shale:

7-14-20 Scott from M&H distributed and spread 518 cubic yards of ¾” shale on several roads in the Overlook and the Highlands, including The Loop Road which was in need of repair due to water damage.

5 truckloads of shale on Kendall Farm Trail (3x14 yds and 2x18 yds.) 78 Cubic Yards

5 Truck loads on The Lynn Way. (3x14 yds and 2x18 yds.) 78 Cubic Yards.

2 Truck loads on Marion Drive. (1x14 yds and 1x18 yds.) 32 Cubic Yards.

1 Truck load, 18 yds, on bottom of Kendall Farm Trail at replaced culvert. 18 Cubic Yards.

2 Truck loads on Kendall Farm Trail at entrance near Rt. 4. (1x14 and 1x18.) 32 Cubic Yards.

7/14-20 6 Truck loads on The Loop Road. (4x14 yds and 2x18 yds.) 92 Cubic Yards.

6 Truck loads on Morell. (4x14 yds and 2x18 yds.) 92 Cubic Yards.

3 Truck loads on Barbara Lane (2x14 yds. 1x18 yds.) 46 Cubic Yards.

2 Truck loads on Winston Road (1x14 yds and 1x18 yds.) 32 Cubic Yards.

Culverts:

7-13-20 Winston Road, replaced aging culvert Kendall Farm Trail, replaced aging culvert. The culvert area was then covered 18 yards of shale when completed.

7-17-20 Contacted myparkingsign.com for 6 reflective, aluminum 18” X 24” road signs advising non HOLA members that ATVs, Dirt Bikes and Snowmobiles are not permitted on HOLA property. Myparkingsign.com will send a proof of sign. The signs will be placed at all 4 HOLA entrance ways and along the power lines on both hills.

7-20-20 After viewing 2 proofs, ordered the signs. Invoice #MPS-540362

7-20-20 Contacted M&H, Kenny, to replace the culvert on The Lynn Way that was raised above the ground. Advised that dig safe was notified last week and the culvert has been marked by CMP and Consolidated Communications. M&H was asked to cover the top of the culvert with shale when complete.

7-21-20 M&H replaced raised culvert on the Lynn way with a 15” culvert and spread 18 cubic yards of ¾” shale on top.

Money spent to date:

Calcium Chloride and road work billed after 10-1-19 $ 5,417.75

Total snowplowing bill for 2019/2020 $37,995.00

07-14-20 Road work to include grading, spreading shale, and replacing culverts on Winston and Kendall Farm Trail. $15,195.63

M&H Pickup and disposal of old culverts. $ 110.00

6, No ATVs, Dirt bikes or Snowmobile signs. $ 319.32

5 bags of calcium chloride. $ 94.90

07-24-20 Kutting Edge spread 6,000 pounds of calcium chloride. $ 2,750.00

07-25-20 M&H replaced culvert on the Lynn Way. $ 1,463.50

07-28-20 Builders Supply: lag bolts to install “No ATVs” signs. $ 15.30

07-31-20 Burr Road (Waterfront) widening. $ 4,420.00

08-02-20 Builders Supply: posts, concrete, sono tubes, fasteners, etc. to install “No ATV’s” signs. $ 272.02

Total $68,053.42

07-28-20 Contacted Franklin County Sheriff’s office reference information on combatting ATV riders who are not HOLA members or renters, trespassing on HOLA property. Chief Lowell advised that if the ATV/Snowmobile riders are not associated in any way with HOLA, the sheriff’s department would, upon receiving a complaint, send a deputy and a complaint could be signed against said individuals who are trespassing. Title 12, Section 13157-A listed under Conservation, requires riders to get landowners permission in advance prior to riding on their land. Chief Lowell also advised that the areas in question should be posted with no trespassing signs.

Ed Zambraski and I have posted such signs at each of our entrances and along the power lines. Ed also removed, straightened and replaced some of the existing signs.

This year, 2019/2020, we had 518 cubic yards (Approximately 1,398,600 pounds) of shale delivered and spread on our roads. Since we started rebuilding with shale in October 2015, we have spread approximately 4,282 cubic yards (Approximately 11,561,400 pounds) of shale on our roads.

This coming winter is the last year of our five year snow plowing contract with Burgess. Due to the price of sand going up every year and workers wages, we expect to pay more for the next contract. The changing weather patterns have also created problems for our snowplow contractor. The last few years have shown a large increase in the number of days where our roads are ice covered. Covering the ice with enough sand to make the roads safe to drive on, is very time consuming and also consumes large quantities of sand, i.e. expensive. The previous 2008, 2010 and 2013 contracts with Burgess show the same $40,000 per year contracts. He has not raised his prices since 2008.

For the remainder of this fall, we will be replacing a few more culverts and ditching in several areas that need it.

I want to thank the members of the road committee for their support and guidance, which has been invaluable. I also want to thank, Ed Zambraski, for going the extra mile. Ed has cut and removed fallen trees that blocked our roads during winter and summer storms. Ed, assisted by John Patriquin, Dave Douglas and Nick Sampson, recently installed new posts in the ground and attached our new signs prohibiting non HOLA members from using our roads to ride ATV’s and snowmobiles. Recently, Ed has single handedly filled in most of the numerous potholes on the Lynn Way in the Highlands. He also does a lot of work at the waterfront.

We have placed approximately 7 cubic yards of ¾” crushed shale at the dead end of Kendall Farm Trail and in front of 68 The Loop Road. This shale is for filling in potholes. Currently a few members of the road committee have been using this shale to fill in potholes on our roads. HOLA does not have the funds to have M&H apply large amounts of shale to fill in potholes. If most of the homeowners in HOLA would agree to fill in potholes, on the roads near their homes, our roads would be vastly improved. All it takes is a 5-gallon bucket and a shovel and your all set. Our roads will thank you for it. HOLA is a volunteer organization. Its members give their time freely for the good of the organization and to the benefit of all members of HOLA. It should not however, fall to just HOLA board and committee members, the job of filling in potholes on our roads. Some people complain about problems on our roads, do not be one of those people. Pitch in and help out.

Dave Arthurs

HOLA Road Commissioner