

Road Commissioners Report
May 15, 2021

There is not much to report. This time of year is a transitional phase from snow removal to road maintenance.

I recently received word from Val Zapolsky of a large hole on top of a culvert on the Lynn Way, a few hundred yards prior to Harold Ross Road. I filled the hole in with six buckets of crushed shale and inspected the culvert. It is raised up in the middle, but the water is still flowing well, and no water is coming out the bottom of the culvert. No need for further action at this time.

There are two culverts on Morel Road that need to be replaced. There are also culverts on the Loop Road, Eagle Lane, Barbara Lane and at Lot 13E on Kendall Farm Trail, for a total of 6 culvert replacements. These are old metal culverts that are rusting and most have water flowing under the culvert. There are other culverts that also need replacement but can hopefully wait until later in the year or possibly next year.

The Overlook Road near Rt 4 is in bad shape this year due to underground spring runoff pushing up sections of the road. Deeper ditching on the south side of the road may possibly prevent this from happening in the future. The same is true on Overlook Road prior to the 4-way intersection. Ditching slightly deeper may also prevent this from occurring in the future.

- 5-8-21. Met with Mike Ferguson on Morel Road. He will be excavating for a circular driveway on lot 13C for a new home being built. He will be ditching from Lot 13C down to Overlook Road where it will tie into the current ditch on Overlook. This ditch may help slightly with the water problems on Lot 14C. Mike was advised that a 15" diameter pipe is the minimum size allowed for a culvert within HOLA, and he is responsible for hauling away the dirt from the ditching.
- 5-12-21 Marked the above-mentioned culverts and contacted Dig Safe.

On Thursday May 13th, Millie met with Kenny from M&H and they surveyed the area of Old Esker Way where we will extend the road for a new home being built. Kenny will work up a proposal for our review.

5-14-21 Spoke with Kenny and received assurances that M&H will be able to grade some areas of our roads that are in bad shape in a timely manner, and replace any culverts that need replacing.

Road maintenance money spent to date: \$9,665.36.

Snowplowing money spent to date: \$30,032.50.

4-22-21 Burgess plowing and sanding \$ 360.00.
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Total snowplowing money spent for the 2020/2021 season: \$30,392.50.

Total road and snow money spent to date: \$40,057.86.

It should be noted that we were under our budget cap of \$40,000 per year for 3 years of our 5-year contract. We spent \$193,105 over the course of our 5-year contracted budget of \$200,000, leaving us with a net bonus of \$6,895.

**** To the road committee members, we will have a road committee meeting on Friday, May 21st, 2021 at 1000 hours at the waterfront.

Dave Arthurs
HOLA Road Commissioner