

Town of Copake Highway Department

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Finished Oil and Stone operations. This process, also known as Chip Sealing, entails the application of a layer of asphalt emulsion is then covered by a layer of stone aggregate. The oil seals and protects the existing layer of pavement. The stone once embedded in the oil provides a thin wearing course for vehicular traffic. The roads sealed this year are Farm Rd., Mountain View Rd., Overlook Rd., Parkside Drive, Taconic St, Mountain View St, Miles Rd and Yonderview Rd.

Swept loose stone on the roads that we sealed

The majority of the Highway crew participated in the CPR training class held at the Town Hall

Completed ditch/drainage work on Two Town and Sky Top roads

Spent one and a half days chipping tree limbs that came down in a wind/thunder storm

Installed a new truck turn around at the end of Cambridge road. This was done in anticipation of a change in snow removal routes this winter

Our sign crew worked on sign repairs and replacements for one day

We continued road side mowing; this will continue into the fall.

Two days were spent pothole patching

Installed a large aluminum culvert pipe on Underhill road. This completes the last of our FEMA projects from Hurricane Irene. This was an especially difficult project because it required the removal of a concrete box culvert. We worked closely with the Town of Hillsdale Highway Department on this project. Each town had similar box culverts that needed to be replaced with pipes. We own an excavator to dig with but needed an excavator with a jackhammer to break up the old concrete. Hillsdale has neither but they rented an excavator equipped with a hammer and allowed us to use it on our project. In return we used our excavator on their project.

Inter-departmental assistance the Highway Department provided:

Park

Repaired the floor boards in the tool cat

Repaired a flat tire on mower

We used the park mower at the highway garage to mow; the highway mower is out of service

Copake Fire Company

Serviced, changed wheel seal, repaired the exhaust and repaired water pump on 14-3

Diagnosed and electrical problems on 14-6

Changed rear brakes on 14-1

Roe Jan Historical Society

Moved pews from storage in West Copake back to the Museum

Inter-municipal Cooperation included:

Town of Ancram

We assisted each other in paving/sealing

Town of Hillsdale

We assisted each other in sealing

We assisted them in picking up loose stone after they oil and stoned

Copake Lake Conservation Society

The Highway Department has continued to work with the Conservation Society to protect Copake Lake. We installed several hundred feet of under drainage as well as a catch basin on Lakeview road. The under drainage and catch basin are a method to manage the runoff into the lake.