

Town of Copake Highway Department

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Highway Department January 2012 Monthly Report:

During the month of January our full crew conducted snow and ice removal operations four times. Another day required one full-size plow truck. There were several nights or mornings that I was able to salt isolated slippery spots with the town pickup sander. The pickup truck sander allows me to treat these isolated spots faster than calling in crews; additionally it minimizes wear and tear on the large trucks.

During January of 2011 we plowed or sanded sixteen different days. The fewer storms this year has allowed us time to keep up with the routine maintenance on our trucks and equipment.

Between storms we worked on tree removals. Our policy is to remove dead or dangerous trees in the town right of way. This is done in the interest of safety as well to help prevent power outages.

We finished the inspection and inventory of every road sign in town. Each signs location and condition has been entered into our highway software program.

We started the inspection and inventory of each culvert in town

On several of the rainy days we hauled road aggregates to stockpile in anticipation of spring road work

The lack of a snow cover has allowed us to cut brush with our mower

One day was spent pot hole patching

Inter-departmental assistance the Highway Department provided included:

Copake Town Park

Took down the Holiday lights

Repaired the key lock box at the park building entrance

Continued to assist with the ice rink. We distributed water on three separate mornings

Coordinated repairs to the park generator to insure it is ready for an emergency

Highway Garage

Replaced a wooden side entrance door with an insulated steel door

Installed a crash bar to our main entrance door to comply with handicap accessibility requirements

Roeliff Jansen Historical Society

Moved the Mill Stone found at the Browns Dam Bridge site to the museum property

Town Hall

Moved a filing cabinet from storage in West Copake to the Planning Board office

Moved cabinets from the Planning office to the Zoning office

Assisted rewiring microphones and speakers in the meeting room

Moved communication antennae wires from the Deputy Clerk office to the Clerk's office

Community Rescue Squad

Service ambulance 303

Inter-municipal Cooperation included:

NYS DOT

We assisted the State DOT in removing a boulder from the shoulder of route 22. Without our assistance they would have had to move a machine from Martindale to do it.

Columbia County Highway

Rick Oles from the county highway department helped us for several hours to program and calibrate the ground speed sander control on our new ten wheeler plow truck