

# ***Town of Copake Highway Department***

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## ***Highway Department February 2013 Monthly Report:***

*During the month of February our full crew conducted snow and ice removal operations on eight separate days. An additional day required a partial crew and three days I was able to treat roads alone.*

*Between snow/ice storms we continued to clean, inspect and repair our equipment*

*Chipped trees and limbs for several days*

*Cut brush along roadsides with the tractor/boom mower*

*Removed leaking hydraulic cylinders on our grader and roller and sent them out for repairs*

*Continued to haul road materials into stockpile in preparation of spring road work*

*Changed dim light bulbs in the highway garage to improve lighting*

*Changed ceiling fans in the highway garage to improve heating efficiency*

*Gravel and blacktop patched potholes*

*Supervisor Nayer rode along with me early one morning following an overnight snow storm. I think this was an excellent exercise for him to observe and better understand the decision making processes related to snow removal operations. There are many variables that have to be considered before deciding how to best treat our roads. Several of the many factors are: type and intensity of precipitation, forecast for the storm duration, forecast for the time after the storm, also air and road temperature.*

### ***Inter-departmental assistance the Highway Department provided included:***

#### ***Copake Town Park***

*Replaced door knob and a floor tile in the park building*

*Serviced all the park grounds maintenance equipment in preparation of spring*

*Built new hockey goals for the park ice rink*

#### ***Town***

*Assisted the Town Clerk in processing documents*

*Town Clerk Larry Proper took the lead in processing the NYS Local Government Efficiency (LGE) Program. He has coordinated the grant application process between the Taconic Hills School District and the Towns of Copake, Hillsdale and Ancram*

*Washed the two town cars*

***Copake Fire Company***

***Assisted in repairing flat tires on 14-2 and 14-9***

***Repaired a water leak and replaced a door strap on 14-1***

***Inter-municipal Cooperation included:***

***Town of Ancram***

***We adjusted the clutch on one their plow trucks***

***Assisted them in our garage by changing the front springs on a plow truck***

***Community Rescue Squad***

***During the snow storm of February 8<sup>th</sup> we responded to the scene of an emergency call and assisted by plowing a driveway that the ambulance was unable to navigate***

***Columbia County DPW***

***Assisted the County Highway Department in removing the snow piles in the Hamlet***

***Taconic Hills School District***

***School officials are writing the shared equipment grant application to be submitted to the State. We are applying for the grant in hopes of jointly purchasing a sweeper/vacuum truck.***

***We borrowed the schools scissor lift to change the ceiling fans and light bulbs in the highway garage***