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Highway Department January 2013 Monthly Report:

During the month of January our full crew conducted snow and ice removal operations on six separate days.

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

Several days were spent chipping trees and limbs

Built and installed a “beaver deceiver” on Railroad Lane. This device includes a large wire covered box and



culvert pipe.

We have successfully used this type of setup in another location where we had problems with beavers plugging a culvert. This is a humane alternative to trapping the beavers.

Hauled road materials from Hudson to the garage stockpiles in anticipation of spring road work

Made repairs to the York Rake and tow behind broom

Refinished on antique conference table that is in the Highway Superintendents office

Registered and setup up an account with the Shell Lube Analyst service. The setup included a detailed listing of all our equipment and components. With each equipment service, we take samples of the oils and send them to the lab for analysis. The lab then sends us a report with diagnoses and service recommendations. The benefits of the service include early detection of potential issues and cost savings by optimizing/extending maintenance intervals.

Several days were spent in finishing the annual inspection and inventory of every road sign and culvert in town; each location and condition has been entered into our highway software program.

Inter-departmental assistance the Highway Department provided included:

Copake Town Park

We worked on the ice rink five mornings. This includes sweeping the surface clean using the Town Park Toolcat and applying water. This year we have the use of an old fire truck from the Town of Ancram.

Repaired the charging unit on the park building generator

Took down the Holiday lights inside and outside

Town

Took down the Holiday lights at the Town Hall and Folgers triangle

Picked up and chipped the Holiday trees that were decorated around the Hamlet

Copake Fire Company

Serviced truck 14-2

Responded to the scene of a chimney fire to work on 14-1 that had an antifreeze leak

Inter-municipal Cooperation included:

Town of Ancram

Welded new light brackets onto one of their old plow trucks

Ancram has allowed us the use of an old fire truck in exchange for storing it this winter

Hillsdale Fire Company

Responded to a fire scene to sand a driveway in which they had a truck slide into a ditch because of ice