

Town of Copake Highway Department

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Highway Department October 2013 Monthly Report:

We have begun cleaning leaves from culvert pipes and road side ditches. We use our truck mounted leaf vacuum to pick up accumulated leaves in these areas. This is important to prevent sticks and leaves from possibly blocking drainage pipes. A blocked pipe could result in expensive roadside washouts. Additionally a blocked pipe may need to be excavated and replaced, incurring more preventable costs.

This past month we completed this year's drag box operations. We finished work on: Two Town, Craryville, Cambridge, Cove, Sky Farm, and High Meadow roads. This narrow strip of blacktop along the shoulder of the road serves to protect and repair the edge of the road. If damage to the shoulder is left unrepaired, the erosion of the blacktop would continue into the driving lanes, requiring more expensive repair techniques.

We have completed additional culvert replacements. We worked on Weed Mine and Camphill roads

Installed several hundred feet of under drainage on Wanzell Road

Graded the gravel section of Cambridge and Camphill roads to repair minor washouts and potholes

Continue road side mowing

Spent one and a half days replacing road signs

Worked with a tree service three days removing large dead trees

Finished repairing and painting our snow removal equipment

Started setting up the snow removal equipment prior the approaching winter season

Repaired a catch basin on View Mount road

Enlarged and improved the truck turn around at the end of Dan B road

Jeremy Holdridge and I attended a Cornell Local Roads class on storm water management. Additionally I attended two classes sponsored by the Columbia County Land Conservancy.

Inter-departmental assistance the Highway Department provided:

Town

Blew out the outside water lines at the Park and Town hall to prevent them from freezing

Moved a desk from storage in West Copake to the Town Hall

Copake Fire Company

Repaired an air leak and replaced the batteries on 14-5

Roe Jan Historical Society

Moved the pews from storage in West Copake back to the museum

Park

Our department assisted the park in setting up the Haunted House. We moved the props from storage in the West Copake fire house, as well as set up the "walls" in the park building. We spent one and a half days in setting up and one day with the take down and restoring of props into storage.

Inter-municipal Cooperation included:

Town of Hillsdale

They sent two men to assist us with tree removals for one day

We borrowed their hand roller for blacktop

We assisted them in installing a culvert pipe, providing an excavator and one truck

Town of Stockport

They lent us an air compressor for several weeks