

# Down and Dirty with Goffstown DPW

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As I begin to type this on January 24<sup>th</sup> there hasn't been a whole bunch of snow this month but that doesn't mean we haven't had plenty to do here at DPW. On top of what I would characterize as a multitude of 'nuisance' ice/snow storms that seem to occur every other morning, we have utilized this unseasonal weather to our advantage. Making hay while the sun shines, as they say. It has allowed us to get a jump on/continue with some of our regular maintenance operations.

Here are but a few examples of some of the work we've been doing here over the last month. This is not an attempt to document every project we've worked on this month – just a few of the highlights. Let's get started....

We had a perennial ice problem on Bog Road in the area just beyond Bell. Water would bleed out of the road and ice would build up in the roadway.



After contacting the abutters we began by taking down a few trees to allow the installation of some drainage to relieve the water causing the dangerous icing issue.



There will be more to do in the spring time as we are still waiting on Verizon to relocate a couple of utility poles. In the meantime the ice problem has been remedied making the road much safer to travel as well as eliminating the constant need for treating/cutting ice in that section.



As a side benefit, a dangerous site d issue for a local resident was elimin

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