

# Down and Dirty with Goffstown DPW

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Everything this year seems to be ahead of schedule in terms of the season. Street sweeping, for instance, is typically a May ritual. With the lack of a real winter we got a jump on things and got that out of the way this past month.



NHDOT inspects the bridges in Town periodically. Earlier this month they sent their inspection team down to have a look at Henry Bridge. They've got a special rig they can park on the bridge and have a look underneath with. DPW provides traffic control for them while they perform this inspection. Here Bryan Flanders keeps things moving along while they have a look.

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Other spring time rituals includes the cleanup of the three Town cemeteries – Shirley Hill, Hillside and West Lawn. Jason Georgantas oversees the cemeteries and does a superb job at it, I might add. In addition to the regular spring cleanups this year, there is the cemetery expansion project on North Mast Road across from West Lawn Cemetery that is requiring attention. The entire area was re-graded and seeded last fall. With the unusually dry April, Jason and his small crew have been busy running water lines to keep it watered. They've also been doing some tree trimming and cutting in order to finish the Autumn Street access.



*Matt Clement along with Bryan Flanders, feed the chipper while Mike Kos and Jason limb off the trees lining Autumn Street.*



*Corey Wike grades crushed gravel for the new Autumn Street entrance to the cemetery expansion while Myron Beaulieu (off in the distance) hauls off the material they just grubbed out after pulling the stumps.*

Projects like these fit in nicely for days when other projects may not work out so well. We've had a few heavy rain days during the Mast Road Drainage Project where we would have struggled to make progress but these types of projects can still be completed rather than lose time.

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Speaking of Mast Road Drainage...the majority of our time this month has been spent in Pinardville plugging away at the drainage work. While we've had some setbacks none of them are anything too far out of the ordinary for this type of project – unmarked utilities, 8-9 yard sized boulders, etc. I've got a few pictures of the project I'll share with you.



*Tim Savaria finishes 'mudding' on a catch basin frame while Ryan Kenney preps the material ahead of the compactor.*



*Below, Ryan Kenney and Tim Savaria help Jeff Sarette set a shallow structure at the Pinard Street intersection. Many of the existing structures were literally crumbling in place.*

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When we have run into reinforced concrete pipe (RCP) in Pinardville, it is usually in very good shape and can be left in place and tied to the new drainage structures. This is just an example photo of what RCP pipe looks like.



Unfortunately, mostly corrugated metal pipe (CMP) was used in Town years ago and as you can see, there hasn't been much left of it. This pipe is just one example of the corroded pipe that we are finding in Pinardville.



Here you can see an example of the typical plastic pipe that is being installed on this drainage project called HDPE or ADS pipe.

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Tough to tell in the picture but this boulder Rob Davison is standing next to is about 7' X 7' X 5'. Definitely slows down progress when the machine can barely move it.



Not a big deal with the right tool!



Making little ones out of big ones!

May promises to be another busy month with the continuation of the Mast Road Drainage Project. We will also begin painting crosswalks if this rain ever stops. Before closing out this month's edition I do want to take the time to thank the people of Pinardville for their patience while we do our work. We know it is an inconvenience and are doing everything we can to keep things moving along so we can wrap it up. Thank you!