



# PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT

Monthly Report

QUALITY, EFFICIENT SERVICE ON BEHALF OF RESIDENTS, LOCAL, REGIONAL, STATE AND FEDERAL AUTHORITIES

JUNE 2020

## Upgrades to Pandemic Guidance & Protections Were Put In Place for Reopening throughout Town

### The COVID-19 Response



In the Town Hall Annex: "PLEASE WAIT HERE" Is directed by new circular floor stickers in English & Spanish



**A Community Shred Day** was held June 17 in the Town Library parking lot with 97 vehicles participating. The event was funded by SCRRRA, the Regional Resource Authority, with assistance from Groton Transfer Station staff. 7900 lbs. of documents were collected for shredding.

Shredding is FREE at all Household Hazardous Waste Days. Next up: **Saturday, July 11** at Fitch High School. Missed it? Groton residents can attend any 'HHW Day' in the region. More info can be found at their website: [www.scrroa.org](http://www.scrroa.org)

*Thank You* Groton Public Library for including Public Works' Stormwater content in "Get Outside with GPL" Virtual Summer Challenge

7/10: Learn what a "riparian buffer" is – and why it matters to the Town's water!

Families: On Fridays watch video clips with Miss Emily & Miss Tracy and join the fun! [facebook.com/grotonpubliclibrary](https://www.facebook.com/grotonpubliclibrary) OR [instagram.com/grotonpubliclibrary](https://www.instagram.com/grotonpubliclibrary)

## June is PAVING MONTH for the Roads & Streets Division

When you think of a Public Works road crew maybe your mind jumps to **PLOWING & PAVING**. In winter, we know crews pretreat roads to prevent icing and provide on-call removal of snow during storms. While in summer, we think of the smell of hot asphalt and workers laboring in full sun. But upkeep of the Town's road system is a year-round job. Thus the 16-member Roads & Streets Division not only manages emergency storm-cleanup (flooding, fallen branches, snow/ice), and paving and traffic line striping— but must keep up regular maintenance of the roughly 98 miles of streets including street sweeping and regular minor road reconstruction and repair.

Part of preserving roads is also managing rainfall, or stormwater. This is done via a town's municipal separate storm sewer system (MS4). This team has a hand in that too-- keeping drains clear for run-off with cleaning & repair of just over 4,000 catch basins. Further, they upkeep the Town right of ways (controlling vegetation, and removing trees, brush, and litter), do certain streetlight repairs, and even create, install, and maintain 1,500 'street name' & 3,000+ regulatory (Slow, Stop, etc.)



**June was great for paving. July looks to be for mowing.** Thanks to our Roads & Streets crew members, to Supervisor Steve Post; and Foremen Jim Derusha and David Phillips

