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First Selectman



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Dear Friends & Fellow Residents:

August 10, 2011

Since December 2009, I have been working hard to identify and prioritize the road infrastructure needs of the town. Last year, we were successful in making substantial upgrades to roughly 12.05 miles of road, including 2.8 miles of paving and roughly 9.25 miles of chip sealing. These improvements helped to make New Hartford a better place to live.


This year, after many hours of inspection and evaluation, as well as listening to the feedback offered by some of your neighbors, Arrowhead Road (northern portion), Whitbeck Road, Livery Pool Road, Highland Avenue, and the southern section of Steele Road have been identified as the roads in town in greatest need of repair. With our budget approved, I have moved quickly to implement our plan to restore the condition of these failing roads. The Whitbeck Road project (1.16 miles) that cost roughly \$85,000 is complete and the results are fantastic.

While the repaving program addresses those roads in the most urgent need of repair, I have also developed a maintenance program that extends the life of the existing pavement on our older roads. The town has retained Comer Contracting, Inc., to apply a chip sealing (oil emulsion with 3/8th stone surface) to several of our roads. This year's program: preserving Ratlum Road (southern 0.70 mile southern section), Troutwood Road (0.68 mile), Hoppen Road (0.54 mile), Dings Road (0.65 mile), East Cotton Hill Road (1.2 mile portion), Hayward Road (1.20 miles), Robbins Road (0.27 mile), Bee Mountain Road (0.34 mile), Den Road (0.21 mile), Lair Road (0.82 mile), Beeney Road (1.06 mile) & O'Keefe Lane (0.11 mile).

The cost of this 7.78 mile road project is \$245,000, or roughly \$31,500 per mile (vs. complete paving that averages \$100,000/mile depending on dimensions and depth). When combined, this year's paving and maintenance plan will improve 9.90 miles, for a total of 21.95 miles, of our 72.45 miles of paved road since I took office.

While I wish the town had sufficient resources to repave more of our aging road system, unfortunately that is not the case. Our maintenance program will provide a cost effective solution that will extend the life of our roads while stretching our tax dollars in this difficult economy. I thank you in advance for your patience as these construction projects go forward. If you have any questions or concerns about the project, please don't hesitate to call me at Town Hall at 860-379-3389. Please note chip sealing work is scheduled to start August 15, 2011.

Many thanks,


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