

Town Manager's Report

March 11, 2019

Thanks to the Voters

Thanks to the voters and all citizens for their continued approval of the Town Budget and Special Warrant Articles for paving and revitalization funds at Town Meeting. We appreciate your confidence and will continue to exercise maximum effort in allocating the funds to produce the most efficient services and purchases possible.

South Street Sidewalk Update

Bids for this project were opened on March 6th and the lowest qualified bid was within the project budget. Construction is tentatively scheduled to begin this spring after the necessary VTrans approval is obtained and best management practices are applied to the contract administration phase of the project. The project involves approximately ½ mile of sidewalk replacement beginning at Union Street and extending to the High School.

Comtu Cascade Park Update

This project went out to bid on March 1st and bids are due on March 29th. Two additional grant applications will soon be submitted in an effort to raise more construction funds.

Extraordinarily Difficult Winter

As of March 6th there have been 27 winter weather events that have required the deployment of the highway department's winter weather crew. The amount of freeze thaw cycles and quantity of moisture that has occurred this season has had a significant negative impact on pavement.

The highway department has been filling potholes routinely and due to the extraordinary weather many potholes have been filled many times and that will continue until the asphalt plants open for the season. The cold patch used on potholes is a quality product, but with the conditions we have had no cold patch will stay in the potholes for very long.

We appreciate everyone's patience as we are doing the best we can under the conditions.