

## ROAD AGENT

In 2011, winter storms and road maintenance kept the Highway Department busy. We were able to complete two drainage issues, the first on Pheasant Crossing Road where an existing twin 18" culvert had collapsed due to age, along with flooding from the previous year, and the second on Currierville Road, where an existing 30" culvert was blocked and collapsed due to age. There was flooding to the nearby homes and many acres of land, killing trees and woodland growth. The flooding also caused a section of the road to wash out a number of times. We have replaced this with a new box culvert and the problems have been resolved.

Per the 2009 roadway condition evaluation, approximately 2600 linear feet was reconstructed at Smith Corner Road and Crane Crossing Road.

We have had another year with natural disasters and a FEMA site. Both Hurricane Irene and the October storm were multiple day events, requiring the Highway Department to deal with road closures, road repairs, the removal of trees, branches and debris in order for the access of emergency vehicles and utility crews. The Highway Department stayed with the utility crews day and night, assisting in their efforts to restore power. After the events, the highway crew collected over 1500 cubic yards of brush and debris left behind from both storms. This kept the two part-time employees busy for many weeks. These storms make it difficult to do scheduled maintenance and yearly repairs due to lack of time and costs.

I hope the residents of Newton see a difference in the town roadways and I thank them for their patience and support.

Respectfully submitted,  
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