

TOWN ADMINISTRATION REPORT

Selectmen Stephen Brown, Thomas Tombarello and Bruce Cleveland were the returning Board members for this year. Jonathan Goldman was reelected for a 1-year term and Darren Hudgins was elected for a 3-year term.

TOWN BUILDING MAINTENANCE PROJECTS

The most significant building maintenance projects in 2018 were a new roof installed on the Main Fire Station and a long-awaited generator at Town Hall.

Other annual maintenance projects included furnace cleanouts in each building, septic pumping, water filtration system maintenance and regular upkeep to the grounds. A special thank you to the Sandown Garden Club for keeping the Town Hall, Library and Train Depot gardens blooming beautifully.

ROADWAY IMPROVEMENTS

The 2018 Roadway Improvement Plan was funded by the voters this year.

This year's plan included the reconstruction of Reed Road. Reed Road was scheduled to receive a shim and overlay resurfacing in the 2008 Sandown Road System Action Plan, however, over the course of the last nine years the road has deteriorated to the point that resurfacing is no longer appropriate. Full reconstruction is now required.

Like Reed Road, Sargent Road was also scheduled to receive a shim and overlay resurfacing in the 2008 plan, however, other projects took precedent over Sargent. This road was broken into two (2) segments since the condition of one end of the road was much better than the other. It was decided the poor section of Sargent Road would be reclaimed with new gravel and some culvert work.

Work on these roadways began in the fall, however, the rainy season made it difficult to complete the projects. A decision was made to postpone the balance of work until the Spring, 2019.

ACCEPTANCE OF TOWN ROADS

There were no new roads accepted by the Board of Selectmen in 2018, however the board addressed a NH 9-1-1 recommendation to rename the Showell Pond Road area. In an effort to eliminate confusion, the board worked with residents, Fire Chief Tapley and 9-1-1 liaisons to renumber and rename the area. Showell Pond Circle was renamed Eureka Circle and Showell Pond Road renumbered.

COMMUNITY

As reported last year, the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) issued updates to the NH MS-4 Storm Water Permit in January 2017.

Sandown was awarded a grant through Rockingham Planning Commission to assist the town in managing the details of the permit and required deadlines. RPC assisted us with the creation of the Notice of Intent and worked with departments to better understand future obligations and requirements. Much of 2019 will be spent working with the town engineer and department heads developing policies and other elements of MS4 first year compliance.

The Selectmen were approached with an offer to sell town-owned properties 10 & 12 Birch Drive. As required by law, this sale was presented to both the Planning Board and Conservation Commission for their recommendations. The Planning Board recommended merging the lots together reducing the risk of 2 undersized lots possibly getting developed in the future. The board agreed. Two public hearings were held, and a final vote was taken to sell the property.

Once again, the board would like to thank all those who volunteer as committee members and in various capacities throughout town. We also thank the employees for all they do every day. The dedication given by volunteers and employees is experienced by all residents of Sandown. As 2018 comes to an end we encourage members of the community to be involved and continue to make Sandown one of the best places to live.

We look forward to proudly representing Sandown in 2019.

Respectfully submitted,

Sandown Board of Selectmen and Town Administrator

