

Road and Property Report – October 12th, 2017

We are continuing our work on West Cable Lake Road. We have made three “cuts”, two of which we removed over 3,500 yards each. Basically this means we removed about 8 feet of dirt on these two hills. These hills were abrupt and created severe blind spots. Our main goal on this road construction project is to make it as safe as possible. We have increased visibility significantly on most of the corners also, and there are a lot of them on this road!

We hired a logger to remove the trees along the southern portion of West Cable Lake Road. While they were there, we decided to have them harvest the 130 or so cords of mature aspen on the 7 wooded acres of the old dump property. This resulted in the Town seeing a small income on the project instead of a bill.

We also ran into a bit of a challenge with removing the stumps of some of the big pines because of the fiber optic lines that were just plowed in last year. Norvado had to work with us to make sure we didn't damage these expensive cables. Issues like these have slowed this project a bit more than we had hoped.

The construction of our salt sand shed finally started this past Tuesday and should be completed by early next week. The next step will then be to get the floor paved, as well as the aprons and entrance to the new town garage. That may occur as soon as the end of next week.

Northwoods Paving will also be completing the patch over the Big Brook culverts on Sunset Road. This is the last of our FEMA projects. They will also pave the new Ole Lake intersection so we can open that before winter sets in.

We are well underway with the Discontinuance process for Brakken Street. We have been working with the DOT to meet their requirements as well as other necessary stipulations to make this project possible. The generous donation of the old railroad grade to the Town secures our access to storm water and sewer lines and gives us access to our property to the south as well as maintains the recreational corridor.

I spent a fair amount of time this last month putting together the specifications for our new plow truck. This takes a lot of research and communication with sales people and body companies. Bids will be opened at the meeting tonight. We still have a bit of work to do on the body and plow specs. I expect to take delivery of the new truck in the spring of 2018.

Respectfully submitted - Bob Lang – Road and Property Foreman