

**2009 ANNUAL REPORT OF
THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS ADMINISTRATION**

The Department of Public Works hosted several public events in 2009

- On Saturday April 25th, 566 Easton residents participated in our annual Household Hazardous Waste Collection Day.
- Several Hundred residents participated in the third Annual Community Pride roadside cleanup on Saturday April 25th and Sunday April 26th.
- The Town was honored for the 21st consecutive year as Tree City USA and celebrated Arbor Day on May 1st with a Tree Planting dedicated to the former Tree Warden Francis Lordan who served from 1950-1955.
- The DPW Water Division hosted its 25th annual Open House and Poster Contest for 3rd, 4th and 5th grade students on Saturday May 2nd
- The Canoe River Aquifer Advisory Committee held its 22nd annual Awareness Day on Saturday May 10th at the Bass Pro Shop in Foxborough.
- The DPW celebrated its 2nd annual Geographic Information System (GIS) Day on November 18th with an exhibit at the Town Office.

The DPW assisted with the set up of the Special Town Meeting at the High School on November 17th

DPW personnel participated in a preliminary planning session of extending sewerage service from Mansfield to the Five Corners area of Easton.

DPW managers attended a regional manager's drug and alcohol testing seminar.

The DPW attended a Conservation Commission meeting regarding the Public Works Economic Development (PWED) project on Foundry Street.

The DPW made a presentation to the Capital Budget Committee regarding the FY 2010 Capital Budget.

On January 27th the DPW conducted a public hearing on the PWED grant application for improvements to Foundry Street.

The FY 2010 Operational Budgets were presented to the Town Administrator, Selectmen and Finance Committee.

DPW personnel participated in Smart Growth Workshop on Monday February 23rd.

Personnel participated in The Upper Taunton River Regional Wastewater Evaluation Project at Bridgewater State College on March 12th.

The Traffic Safety Committee gave a report on Williams Street sign placement to the Board of Selectmen.

The DPW hosted a Massachusetts Environmental Protection Agency (MEPA) hearing on March 24th regarding the Foundry Street PWED Project.

DPW personnel participated in Statewide Contracts Operational Services Training Seminar on March 31st.

The DPW assisted with the polling location setup for the Town Election on April 28th.

The DPW participated in the H1N1 Flu Emergency preparedness planning sessions with the Town Administrator.

Presentations were given to the Board of Selectmen and Finance Committee regarding Town Meeting Warrant articles.

The DPW assisted with the Southeastern Regional Services Group annual Bid opening for Municipal supplies.

The DPW assisted with the set up of the annual Employee Benefits Fair.

The DPW set up Frothingham Park for the High School Graduation on Sunday, June 7th.

The DPW assisted in the preparation of the annual Town Meeting on May 18th and June 8th.

On July 25th the DPW Water Division received the 2009 Public Water System Award from Mass DEP for outstanding Performance and Achievement in 2008.

On July 13th and 14th the DPW participated in three Road Safety Audits with MassHighway, Old Colony Planning Council, EOTPW and FHWA regarding the need for traffic signals at the intersections of Prospect and Foundry Streets, Elm and Washington Streets and Union and Washington Streets.

The DPW conducted a walk through meeting of the Aquaria Project along Turnpike St. on July 28th to develop a punch list of work remaining to be finished by the contractor.

Completed paving of the King Arthur Road project.

Completed the painting of roadway center lines and fog lines. All crosswalks and stop lines have been repainted prior to the Schools opening in August 2009.

Attended the Conservation Commission Meeting on Monday August 24th regarding a public hearing for the DPW to repair the spillway at New Pond Dam on Foundry Street.

Reviewed Engineering Proposals from firms seeking to provide Professional Services to the Town of Easton for wastewater consultation.

Worked with Beta Engineers and the Mass Rides Safe Routes to School Consultants regarding improvements to the pedestrian and traffic flow around the school complex and Lothrop Street to Columbus Ave.

Assisted the Town Administrator with the Architects preliminary walkthrough at Frothingham Hall with fifty firms represented on August 31st.

Cold planing and paving of Sheridan Street from Columbus to Day Street including Day Street to Lincoln Street was completed in September.

The DPW presented articles for Capital Improvements for the Water Division and acceptance of a \$350,000.00 grant for photovoltaic cells in preparation of the Special Town Meeting.

Completed the repair of the cement spillway at the New Pond Dam.

Presentations were given to the Finance Committee for the DPW budget in preparation for the Special Town Meeting on October 5th.

Assisted with the set up and preparation for the Special Town Meeting on October 5th.

Completed sidewalk repairs on Lothrop Street and Jenny Lind Street.

Established a new handicap accessible sidewalk crossing at the Ames Free Library on Main Street.

Completed sidewalk rehabilitation on Center Street from Short Street to Lantern Lane.

Conducted a workshop with Town Officials and representatives of Bay State Gas and National Grid regarding the recent energy audits at all Town facilities.

Submitted the DPW FY2011 Capital Budget to the Town Administrator.

Facilitated the reopening of Lothrop Street in the school complex to two way traffic.

Attended the Conservation Commission Meeting on October 19th to request them to grant a temporary easement on a portion of property along Foundry Street under their control to facilitate the improvements at the Five Corners Intersection.

Participated in the Board of Health Call Down emergency exercise

Conducted the annual Snow Plow Training assembly for all DPW employees

Reviewed architectural submissions with the Frothingham Hall Steering Committee for the design of the new Community Center

Conducted monthly inspections of the landfill

Participated in a meeting with Ma Highway District #5 regarding future Highway improvement projects in Easton.

The DPW assisted with the Town's insurance company's safety inspections at all Town Buildings

Set up for Special Election on December 8th

First major Snow Storm on December 20th -15"

DPW Staff attended Old Colony Planning Council/ Ma Highway Safety Road Audit on December 21st for the intersection at the Five Corners and the intersection of Foundry Street and Turnpike Street.

The DPW inspected the retrofitting of energy saving light fixtures at the Town Office, Frothingham Hall, Fire Station #1 on Lothrop Street and Fire Station #2 on Bay Road, DPW at 130 Center Street and 417 Bay Road.

I would like to thank James Luke, Highway Forman for his 33 years of dedicated service to the Town of Easton and wish him well in retirement.

I would like to praise the entire staff at the Department of Public Works for their dedication to the community throughout the year.

The DPW office staff Shirley Tufts, Jan Jacobson, and Karen Gallo strives to provide knowledgeable service to all our customers.

The DPW managers, John Marsh, Maurice Goulet, John Fresh and Paul O'Neill have provided excellent leadership to their respective Divisions.

“With Community Pride”

Wayne P. Southworth, Director