

Road Commissioner's Report – May 17, 2007

In FY06-07, the Town of Greenville completed paving on Scammon and Varney Roads as part of a project funded by a general obligation bond. We also funded a third of the cost of the reconstruction of the Drew Road by the MDOT. Unfortunately, we have had to decline the option to fund a third of the East Road reconstruction project as the local share cost estimate completed for us by the MDOT increased from \$80,00 to \$200,000 in one-year's time. We are seeking Town meeting approval to utilize the remaining bond funds for this project to complete work on additional town ways this summer. Also completed last year were shim and overlay projects on Pine street and Murray Street.

This summer, as the Ten-year Road Improvement plan indicates, we will look to complete some underground drainage work, replacement of cross-culverts, and grinding and binder application to a variety of sections of in-town streets. Please bear with our work crews as this work is completed.

On North birch Street, we intend to identify the edge of the Town's right-of-way and conduct tree removal and ditching, as well as culvert replacement, in preparation for application of geotextile fabric and surface gravel the following year. It may be some time before pavement is applied to this section of road, but if funds allow, it would be a great improvement to the benefit of both residents and to maintenance efforts on this section of road.

Financing of major road projects will likely be difficult with any funds other than the approximate \$27,000 received annually from the MDOT as part of the Local Road Assistance Program. The Town of Greenville will have general obligation bonds for road improvement to pay on annually until 2014. There have been bills considered in the legislature this year to reduce the amount of local road assistance funds due to small towns like Greenville: we will work to defeat such bills as such reductions would derail our modest efforts to continually improve our local roads.

If you have questions or concerns about our road improvement plans or our maintenance efforts each season, please contact me or Public Works Foreman Mike Thornton at 695-2421 at your earliest convenience.

Respectfully Submitted;

John Simko
Road Commissioner