

at the Harvard Town Line, sections of Lowell Drive, North Shore Drive, Barton Road, Pine Point Road, Mitchell Road and Walnut Ridge Road. We also replaced one of the failing stone box culverts on the one-way section of Old Marlboro Road.

Towards the end of the summer we took delivery of our new brush chipper and new ¾ ton pick-up truck that replaces our 1998 GMC ¾ ton pick-up truck. Both new pieces replace equipment that served the Town faithfully during a long tenure at this department.

Hurricane Sandy blew through town at the end of October, bringing limbs and trees down in the streets and on power lines, and causing widespread power outages. This department was able to keep the majority of the roads open, cleaning up fallen limbs and trees where possible, except where the trees became entangled in power lines. Four streets were closed to through traffic for about a 24-hour period while we worked with Hudson Light and Power's line crews to open the closed streets back up the day after the storm.

I would like to make note of the hard-working employees at the Highway Department. Their hard work and effort, even during the chaotic times such as snowstorms and hurricanes, seems to go unnoticed quite a bit. These employees' dedication to their jobs is what makes your drive to work or just cruising around the Town of Stow that much more safe and enjoyable. I commend them for their hard work. Thank you.

Respectfully submitted,

Michael E. Clayton, Superintendent of Streets

Scott Morse, Assistant Superintendent of Streets

Rachel Belanger, Administrative Assistant
Brian Hatch, Crew Chief
Tim Gray, Crew Chief
Joe Landry, Mechanic
Bill Tuttle, Equipment Operator

Mark Trefry, Equipment Operator
Albeo Duguay, Tree Worker
Steve Landry, Maintenance Person
Scott Landry, Driver/Laborer
Bruce Fletcher, Tree Warden

STOW HOUSING AUTHORITY

The Stow Housing Authority founded by town meeting is authorized by and operates under the provisions of Chapter 121B of the Massachusetts General Laws to manage and administer low rent housing programs, funded by the Massachusetts Department of Housing and Community Development (DHCD) and the U.S. Department of Housing and Community Development. The operations of the Authority are supported entirely by grants or contracts with the state or federal governments. The Stow Housing Authority is governed by a Board of five commissioners, four of which are locally elected with the fifth member appointed by the Commonwealth. The Board of Commissioners meets as necessary at the Town Building.

The Stow Housing Authority administers state vouchers, which are assigned to the Pilot Grove Development. However, due to the small number of participants that remained on the program in

2012, the Board of Commissioners voted unanimously to transfer their Annual Contributions Contract (ACC) for the Massachusetts Rental Voucher Program in Stow to the Hudson Housing Authority.

The Stow Housing Authority continues as the monitoring agent for the affordable housing units built at the Villages at Stow as well as the LIP (local initiative program) located at Elm Ridge.

Respectfully submitted,

W. Robert Dilling, State appointee
John Kendra
Michael Kopczynski
Robert Larkin, Chair

Cynthia Perkins
Julie M. Torres, Administrator

INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY DEPARTMENT

The Information Technology Department serves other Town departments through a series of services, including integrating computer systems, coordinating and providing training, negotiating and managing information technology-related contracts, and technology assistance and support. This includes but is not limited to, all IT-related upgrades, migrations or integrations, as well as responsibility for planning the future IT infrastructure.

The department creates the technological environment that enables Town employees to quickly access vital information using the most efficient and cost-effective system hardware and software. The department provides leadership as an active partner in the Departmental telecommunications and data-sharing network.

Mission

The Information Technology Department assists Town departments in responding to the needs of the citizens by enabling Town employees to quickly access vital information. We are dedicated to providing quality service through teamwork, partnerships, and developing team and individual strengths.

Outcomes

- Provide quality, cost-effective telecommunication services to all Town departments.
- Provide and maintain effective business applications, which help us maintain our information to meet residents' needs.
- Provide and maintain a secure, reliable, and effective Information Technology Infrastructure.
- Increase public access to information and Town services through the Internet.
- Provide project management of Information Technology solutions that are being deployed at any time within the municipal departments.
- Responsible for the strategic planning and implementation of all computer, data-networking and telecommunications systems.