

Membership currently stands at six (6), which meets the Mass Cultural Council's minimum requirement of five members. Members are Anne Draudt (publicist), Pat Mullen (Treasurer), Phyllis Fitzsimmons-Luce, Nancy Maldari, Dorothy Sonnichsen and Ann Deluty (chair). Bob Glorioso and Betsy Stepp are members emeritus.

Respectfully submitted,

Ann L Deluty, Chair
Phyllis Fitzsimmons-Luce
Patricia Mullen, Treasurer
Nancy Maldari

Anne Draudt
Betsy Stepp
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Robert Glorioso

HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT

The year of 2010 saw the Highway Department dealing with winter weather on several different occasions. Our trucks were dispatched 47 different times to treat the roads with salt and our crew of plow operators were called upon to clear the roads of snow for 8 separate storms totaling 46 inches of snow unofficially. During a salting operation we utilize 6 salt spreading trucks and during plowing operations we have 20 plow trucks clearing the roads.

On our off times from snow and ice control in the winter and throughout the rest of the year, crews were sent out for a total of seven weeks to cut roadside brush, low hanging limbs, and pick up downed tree limbs from high winds throughout the Town. We also took down 27 trees, which were dead or dying and were hazardous to the public.

In the spring we accomplished the construction of a 1,950-foot stretch of byway running the complete length of Pompositticut Street. The construction of this byway was requested by the Planning Board's Lower Village Sub-Committee and paid for out of the Planning Board's Sidewalk Fund.

During the summer and into the fall we took on two large reconstruction projects. Prepping for reconstruction was done on Boxboro Road and Great Road between Harvard Road and Orchard Drive. This department took the time to correct any drainage problems and road grade issues to ensure proper drainage and maximum life expectancy for the new roads. After all the drainage issues were addressed, private contractors were hired to cold plane the existing roads and then lay down a new asphalt surface. The process of cold planing the road is where the top two inches of existing road are ground off and hauled away. The road material that was generated from this process (about 3,000 cubic yards of it, known as Recycled Asphalt Product), was then spread on most of the Town's gravel roads by this department. This material, when spread and compacted, creates a good hard surface for vehicles to travel on and is also less susceptible to becoming mud during the spring thaw. The reconstruction of Boxboro Road and Great Road were paid for using State Chapter 90 funds.

In the Fall we took delivery of our new six wheel truck which features a Stainless Steel spreader body. This truck is unique to the Town, as the cab and chassis used to be the Fire Department's

old tanker truck. All of the Fire components were removed from the cab and chassis, and the truck was built by JC Madigan of Harvard, MA. Being able to utilize the cab and chassis from the old fire truck, we were able to save approximately \$7,500 out of the initial \$80,000 funded to purchase the truck.

The Highway Department is responsible for the maintenance and care of about 70 miles of road in town, as well as the maintenance of any municipal properties (not including ball fields). This includes but is not limited to, the maintenance of pavement markings, surface drainage, drainage systems, and roadsides and roadside appurtences such as trees, brush, debris, guard rails, street signs, and markers. It is the mission of this department to keep the roads in Stow safe and convenient for travel by the prudent driver.

We would not be able to accomplish all of this if it weren't for the hard working dedicated crew of Highway Department employees and the help we receive from the Police Department, Fire Department, Town Administrator, and Board of Selectmen. Thank you for another successful year.

Respectfully submitted,

Michael E. Clayton, Superintendent of Streets

Scott Morse, Asst Superintendent
Rachel Belanger, Secretary
William Tuttle
Steve Landry

Brian Hatch
Tim Gray
Albeo Duguay
Joe Landry
Jonathan Gray
Scott Landry





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 whom 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 has contracted with the Hudson Housing Authority to administer the rental assistance programs.

The mission of the Stow Housing Authority is to provide decent and safe housing to needy persons. Currently, the Stow Housing Authority administers state vouchers, which are assigned to the Pilot Grove Development.

The Hudson Housing Authority staff conducts the day-to-day program administration.