

ON THE MOVE

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Commissioner's Corner



NHDOT Assistant Commissioner Jeff Brillhart worked his last day at the NHDOT on April 16th after nearly four decades of State Service. Jeff commanded great respect from within and outside the Agency for his knowledge and expertise, his work ethic, and his long dedication to transportation in New Hampshire.

How do you look back on spending virtually your entire professional career with a State transportation agency?

Very challenging, very interesting, pretty much from start to finish.

I was very fortunate to work with a number of very qualified Commissioners, Directors, Administrators, and staff.

How has the NHDOT changed over your 37 year career?

- computers/electronics
- modernized fleet
- better furniture/new buildings
- more rules (a good thing)

An improved project development process relative to working with the public and through the Ten Year Plan process.

What are some of the most memorable projects you worked on?

I-93 widening; Windham-Salem NH 111; Nelson-Stoddard NH 9; Hinsdale-Brattleboro Bridge NH 119 (not yet built); Littleton - Cottage Street Bridge; Salem - Geremonty Drive sidewalk; and being involved with a lot of smart people on bringing forward an evolving Ten Year Plan process.

What challenges do you see facing the NHDOT in the coming years?

The never ending short-changed budgets. A retiring workforce; the state's overly miserly attitude about its workforce and the need to pay them properly; and the need to listen to them and take up their suggestions, so they can best serve the public. The relentless Governor and Executive Council process and the huge drain it has on the state.

What would you like the citizens of New Hampshire to know about the NHDOT?

*See above. The citizens should know that the NHDOT is the best run, best managed Department in all of New Hampshire State government, and near the top (if not on the top) of DOT's nationwide. We are really good at our jobs and we are absolutely necessary to each and every citizen in New Hampshire. The NH Legislature is on the wrong track, thinking that starving the Agency budget-wise is best for the State. It is **not**.*



“The One Place Where Ice Does Not Ground Flights”

NBC’s “Today Show”
Highlights Alton Bay Ice Runway



The popularity of “the only FAA sanctioned ice runway in the lower 48 states” among general aviation pilots was highlighted for a national audience on a March 3rd morning broadcast of NBC’s Today Show. Reporting live from the Alton Bay Ice Runway on Lake Winnepesaukee, reporter Kerry Sanders said hundreds of pilots make their way to “this one tiny patch of ice on this frozen spot” to test their skills. “Take-offs pump the adrenaline, but landings are the real nail biter because wheels and skis on ice have no brakes,” Sanders reported. The 3,000 foot runway has been plowed by volunteers virtually every year since 1979. While the runway only potentially remains open through March, it had a pretty good base of 28 to 30 inches of ice to keep it in service. “We only get about 25 days that we can use it. It’s a short window,” Rita Hunt, of the NHDOT’s Aeronautics Bureau told Sanders in the report. Rita was right. The window closed the following week when the ice began to melt around the edges of the bay. The Alton Bay Ice Runway was closed for the season on March 11th.

A NBC network news crew interviews a pilot for a report on the Alton Bay Ice Runway

Top Right Photo: NHDOT Aviation Planner Rita Hunt (Aeronautics Bureau) is featured in the “Today Show” story

Going...Going... **GONE!**

These photos provided by Construction Bureau contract administrator Brian Wilmot show the project that removed the northbound side of the Exit 12 Toll Plaza in Merrimack.

Per action by the New Hampshire Legislature, toll collection operations at the Exit 12 Plazas on the Everett Turnpike ended 9:00 pm on Friday, July 18, 2014. R.M. Piper, of Plymouth, New Hampshire was the general contractor for the \$388,000 demolition project, which began in September and was completed in December 2014. The Exit 12 Tolls had been in place for a quarter of a century and generated about \$600,000 in annual revenue.



A Heartfelt Note to Patrol Foremen and Assistants



The following note was sent by NHDOT Highway Maintenance Supervisor Dennis Ford to Patrol

Foremen and Assistants in District 2 on January 27, 2015. With Dennis' OK, it was posted on the NHDOT Facebook Page, where it took off, receiving nearly 1,400 "Likes", 88 positive comments, and 370 "shares." The "shares" found their way to the Governor's Office. Governor Hassan cited passages from the note in her budget address to the Legislature to highlight the work being done by New Hampshire State employees.

I want to share a heartfelt thank you that was passed on to me today along with some that were not. After leaving the office this morning around noon, I stopped at the convenience store by Centerra park on 120 to grab a coffee to go north. As I was coming out the door, a gentleman in his late thirties saw my jacket and asked if I had the DOT truck outside. I replied yes, expecting to hear a complaint about road conditions.

He went on to thank me for all of your work this morning. He left Meredith bright and early, traveling through 104, Rt 4, I-89, and 120 to get to DHMC (Dartmouth Hitchcock Medical Center). He explained his wife is suffering from breast cancer and had a treatment this morning. Her possible cure and recovery depended on the exemplary job you all did on the roads this morning, he said. He grabbed a ginger ale to settle her stomach. and asked me to accompany him out to his truck so his wife could express her thanks also.

Parked beside my truck was his wife, wool stocking cap pulled down over her ears. She beamed as I approached the window, and said "I am sure my husband has already thanked you, but I need to also." She has been traveling over to DHMC since fall and always, as she put it, on

the crappiest weather days. Never had an issue with the roads, including last Monday's ice storm. She said she makes it a habit to wave to every plow truck over and back because people take us for granted. I shook her hand and said I would pass it on.

My head was still spinning in shock, and the rest of the afternoon and evening I reflected on this. The propane delivery truck I went by in Lyme delivering to a home, the young couple coming out of the Chinese Restaurant in Woodsville with a take out order, the nurses and health care workers that take care of patients in Glenclyff, or DHMC, Cottage, APD, and Spear hospitals, and the family of the patient that was in Bridgewater Ambulance on 3a - all made their daily routines because of your efforts today.

Whether it was sliding around on a sheet of ice a week ago, or plowing off the "Blizzard of 2015" at 6 degrees with wind gusts around 30 mph, dispatching, or checking road conditions throughout the storm, you all take pride in your duties every waking moment.

Dennis Ford
Maintenance Supervisor

If you see a black GMC truck in your travels with a young woman waving frantically from under a wool cap in the passenger seat, please wave back. She along with others, myself included, appreciate what you do. Proud to work beside you all.

Lending the Town of Henniker a Helping Hand



Just a few days after the Town of Henniker lost its fleet of plow trucks (five trucks and a grader) in a devastating fire, the NHDOT lent the town three “retained” plow trucks that had been replaced and were seeing limited, backup service. The loaned trucks were operated by Henniker Public Works Department employees. Added to the patchwork Henniker fleet to get the town through the winter maintenance season was a truck from Rhymes Heating Oil. Surrounding towns also, offered assistance. NHDOT District 5 Maintenance Supervisor Kevin King was instrumental in coordinating the NHDOT assistance.



Pictured following the truck delivery are (left to right): Kevin King - NHDOT Maintenance Supervisor, Matt Bumford - Henniker, Nate Hardaway - Henniker Road Agent, Tom Weston - Henniker, Shawn Cummings - NHDOT, and Scott Foster - NHDOT.



District 3 Highway Maintainer Jim Eckert is interviewed by television reporter Andy Mattison on winter maintenance operations.

TV News Visits a Patrol Section to Report on Winter Maintenance

There are over 90 NHDOT Patrol Sections across New Hampshire that are responsible for maintaining more than 9,100 lane miles of state highways.

They all have specific areas of responsibility, with as few as four and as many as 13 employees assigned to each. The looks and sizes vary, but at each location you'll see a building with garages, trucks, equipment, salt and sand sheds. Many have fuel pumps available for state vehicles.

District 3's New Hampton #324 Patrol Section is located near Exit 23 of I-93, and its crew maintains a section of I-93 between Exits 20 and 27, in addition to other secondary state highways. TV news paid a visit to the New Hampton shed to better understand and share with viewers what is involved with winter maintenance operations.

Reporter Andy Mattison of NH1 News wanted to see it all. He interviewed Patrol Foreman Bryan Pease about how storms are tracked and decisions are made about deploying plow trucks and treating highways to fight ice and snow. From Highway Maintainer Jim Eckert, he got a detailed description of both the inside and outside of a plow truck, and what tools plow truck operators have at their disposal. Mattison learned from Highway Maintainer Arthur Desrosiers about 324's new

initiative with salt brine use and pre-treating I-93 before a storm hits in the lakes region. He did an on-camera stand-up in front of the salt shed, saying that "The Salt Shed, when full, has four thousand tons in it...and in the last month they've used about fifteen hundred tons of salt to treat the roads."

In less than two minutes, he gave viewers an inside glimpse of what goes on at all 90+ NHDOT Patrol Sections whenever snow and ice are in the forecast throughout the winter months.

Patrol Foreman Bryan Pease shows the salt brine storage tanks and describes how a section of I-93 is pre-treated before storms.

Mattison's report, entitled "Plow technology is key in treating roads" aired that night on the NH1 News network.





Hooksett Welcome Center Ribbon cutting (left to right) Chris Waszczuk (NHDOT), Joseph Mollica (NH Liquor Commission), Governor Hassan, Alex Ray (Common Man), Rusty McLear (Inn at Mill Falls), Joan Day (sister of Ray Burton), and Jeff Rose (DRED).



Uncommon

at Revam

After 15 months of construction, the culmination of a unique public-private partnership has led to the transformation of the New Hampshire Welcome Centers on Interstate 93 in Hooksett and changed the way the Granite State welcomes guests.

Under a 35-year ground lease with the State of New Hampshire, The Common Man family of restaurants funded the design and construction of the project, and is responsible for the maintenance and operation of both north and southbound facilities, with the exception of the NH Liquor and Wine Outlet stores, which are funded and operated by the NH Liquor Commission.

In a grand opening ceremony at the northbound Welcome Center on March 17th, New Hampshire Governor Maggie Hassan and, state and private partners unveiled the new mill-style buildings and uncommon roadside amenities, including a new 20,000 square foot NH Liquor and Wine Outlet, a Merrimack County Savings Bank branch, NH General Store, Common Man Roadside eateries in a 16,000 square foot food court, a 3,000 square foot interactive visitor center, a League of New Hampshire Craftsmen retail store, 16 Irving fueling stations, electric car charging stations, upgraded restrooms and more than 300 parking spaces.

A portion of the visitor center was dedicated to the late NH Executive Councilor Ray Burton, commemorating his support of the project with a plaque and family-heirloom

clock that will mark the entrance of the northbound facility.

NHDOT Turnpikes Administrator Chris Waszczuk remembered back in 2008 when initial discussions determined the Hooksett Rest Areas were underutilized and in need of a major capital investment. They were identified as a potential 3P (or public/private partnership) project under a ground lease concept.

“From the project’s inception back in 2008, where an idea was conceived to “expand, improve and commercialize the rest areas” to its completion and grand opening today, it is a Very Proud Day for the Bureau of Turnpikes, the Department of Transportation, the Department of Resources and Economic Development, the New Hampshire Liquor Commission, and the entire State of New Hampshire. This project symbolizes the spirit of cooperation, innovation, dedication, compromise and commitment to excellence amongst all the agencies and parties involved.”

Alex Ray, owner of The Common Man family of restaurants, and business partner Rusty McLear of Mill Falls at the Lake in Meredith, make up the private side of the redevelopment project. David Smith (Turnpikes) was the NHDOT project manager.

The welcome centers will feature food offerings ranging from a 1950’s style Hi-Way Diner to an Italian



Amenities Unveiled

Hooksett Welcome Centers

Farmhouse, a deli and sandwich shop, a bakery and coffee shop, and a 24-hour NH General Store. Other unique features of the building include a 60' x 60' foot video wall highlighting attractions in the state, a rock waterfall with a likeness of the Old Man of the Mountain carved into a cliff, a large topographical map of New Hampshire and a suspended covered bridge.

McLear said of all of the projects he's been involved with, revamping these welcome centers was a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity, and he's glad they accepted the challenge. "I couldn't be more proud of the project and all the team has accomplished together with our partners at the state," said McLear. "The response has been overwhelming. It's turning out to be exactly what we hoped it would be."

"In considering this project at first, it seemed only national companies could do something like this," said Ray. "Then, we thought 'We should give this a whirl.' We've changed the model, made it all local, all New Hampshire, and are customizing the experience for our guests."

Projected Sales & Revenue to State

- Projected Gas Sales: 8 M gallons annually
 - Projected Food Sales: \$13.5 M annually
 - Projected Liquor Store Sales: \$40.5 M annually
 - Minimum Guaranteed Rent: \$23.3 M*
 - Projected Rent (Based on Sales): \$38.0 M*
- * Over 35-year term to Turnpikes

Project Facts:

- Monthly construction expenditures reached \$3.0 million.
- Approximately 200 workers were on-site daily (NB and SB sites combined).
- More than 95% of workers, contractors, sub-contractors and materials were from New Hampshire.
- 3.0 million visitors are expected each year (NB and SB sites combined).

"The new Hooksett Welcome Centers will greatly enhance the motorist experience along the I-93 corridor, allowing for a rest stop and providing a unique New Hampshire range of services," says acting NHDOT Commissioner Jeff Brillhart. "This is a win-win for the residents of New Hampshire, and a private-public partnership that will generate revenue for the State."

The southbound welcome center is expected to be fully open by the end of April.

"I stopped by the shed early one morning at the start of their shift, introduced myself to the guys, told them I was retiring at the end of March, and that I wanted to personally thank them for the job they do. They were very humble and appreciative, I could sense they felt they were just doing their job. But it's the pride and effort they put into the job that made the difference for me, and I wanted to recognize that."

A Special Stop Before the Journey into Retirement

Mary Kulacz worked 35 years for the NHDOT and DoIT before calling it a career on April 1st. She began as a temporary secretary at the Materials and Research Bureau on Stickney Avenue in Concord. She ended as a Systems Develop Specialist IV (Project Manager) for IT Services at the DOT. Along the way there were stops in Right-of-Way, the Executive Office, Highway Maintenance, and Construction.



Mary and her husband Brian, who also worked for the NHDOT for 35 years, have lived the last 30 years in Wilmot and commuted to work in Concord for three decades via US Routes 4 and 3 to I-93. While driving to work one morning this winter after another long weekend of snow, Mary was thinking about her pending retirement and was thankful it would be her last winter driving daily to Concord.



District 2's Andover (#210) patrol crew: left to right: Zach Barton, Walter Moody, Brian Ordway (Patrol Foreman), Logan Donovan, Bill Bailey (Assistant Patrol Foreman), and Jim Hoyt.

"The guys from the Andover Patrol Shed (#210) had opened up my route with shelving and winging back the snow. They did an incredible job and I was so impressed they had done it in such a short amount of time. My husband had worked winter assignments at the Franklin, Andover, Bristol and New London sheds, so I have a personal appreciation for what these guys do. It was at that moment, that I decided I wanted to thank the crew for everything they do to make my commute better. One state employee to another."

Mary knew Patrol Foreman Brian Ordway, who she contacted and asked if it was OK for her to stop by.

Brian Ordway says the entire 210 crew, including hired truck drivers, take great pride in their work and the roads they maintain.

"As far as the crews' reaction, they thought it was very nice that someone would come forward to thank us personally like that...very appreciative."

In the Midst of

Fighting a Blizzard -

TAKING A BIRD UNDER WING

District 6 maintenance crews had their hands full. The latest snowstorm to blow through the seacoast region, this time on President's Day weekend, had dumped 20 inches of snow, and now high winds were blowing what had just been plowed right back into the roads. The crews were throwing everything they could muster at the stiff winter challenge – plow trucks, backhoes, graders, and personnel from several area patrol sheds.

Early on this frigid Monday holiday, District 6 maintenance supervisor Ken Mailhot was heading to the Hampton River Bridge on NH Route 1A where snow drifts were piling up and blocking the roadway. It was about 7:00 am and as I was approaching the bridge I saw a bird flopping around in the northbound lane," Ken recalls. "I got out of my truck, picked it up and set it on a snowbank."

An hour later, a NHDOT backhoe operator came upon the bird at the same location. He repeated what Ken had done – got down from his equipment, picked up the bird, and set it on a snowbank.

At around noontime, Patrol Foreman Arthur Eaton (North Hampton #612) spotted the grayish looking bird in the road closer to Hampton State Park. When he picked it up to repeat the routine, the bird made the unmistakable call of a loon. Still later in the day, as Mailhot and Eaton were riding together along Route 1A, "That bird is back in the road again!" When told by Eaton it was a loon, Mailhot didn't hesitate. "Stop the truck and put it in the back seat," he said. "The wind was blowing ridiculously and it was brutally cold. I felt bad for the bird."

Doing an internet search on his phone, Ken Mailhot eventually found the number to the Loon Preservation Committee in Moultonborough.

And there in the back seat of a NHDOT orange pickup truck, the juvenile male loon sat quietly "as calm as could be" for several hours while winter maintenance work continued.

He spoke with senior biologist John Cooley, who jumped in his vehicle and drove to the North Hampton patrol shed to meet up with the DOT, and took possession of the young loon.

"Thanks to the DOT employees who were willing to take this young loon under their wing, so to speak," Cooley said. "That was really cool that they were looking out for it. It could not have gone better as far as the rescue was concerned."

The loon was taken to the "Wings of the Dawn" wildlife rehabilitation center in Henniker, and initial blood tests and x-rays looked promising. There was talk of releasing the loon back into the wild at Hampton Harbor in the coming days.

But alas, this story was not going to have a happy ending.

The young loon stopped eating and died.

"This is what makes wildlife rehabilitation such a challenge, especially with loons, since any stranded loon is likely to have something wrong with it that caused it to come on shore - the truly accidental strandings are rare," says John Cooley.

"There is often no easy way to gauge from the start the severity of the cause, so it's always worth a try, but the odds are always long. I did want to reiterate that your crew did all the right things in terms of getting the loon... (and) helping it out, and I very much appreciate their efforts."



NHDOT People



Art Johnson retired January 30th with 27 years of NHDOT Service, most recently as a Data Collection Technician III in the Materials & Research Bureau. Art began his DOT service in 1988 at a

District 3 Patrol Facility in Belmont. He moved on to Materials & Research, and in 2002 he joined the Ride Quality section, now known as the Data Collection Unit in Pavement Management. Art is a longtime volunteer youth baseball umpire who has umpired in the Little League World Series.



Dana Abbott has retired after more than 43 years of State service. Dana began working for the State of NH in August of 1971 as an Engineering Aide in the Traffic Section of the NHDOT. He went on

to work as an Engineering Tech IV for 11 years. For the past 28 years, Dana worked as a Project Manager at both the NHDOT and Department of Administrative Services Bureau of Public Works. The Bow resident worked on projects that included courthouses across the state, the NH State House, the NH Legislative Office Building, the NH Veteran's Home in Tilton, and most recently the new Hooksett State Liquor Stores.



Sherry Blanchard, a Program Specialist in the Planning and Community Assistance Bureau, retired on January 22nd after 14 years at the NHDOT. She began as a Program Assistant II in the Municipal

Highways Bureau, which merged and became Planning and Community Assistance in 2006. Sherry was one of two people who suggested the Department's "Proud to be NHDOT" slogan.



Jessie Tichko has retired after 35 years with NHDOT. She began her career in Planning before moving into the Bureau of Right of Way. She was a ROW real estate appraiser for 30 years. Jessie began her

retirement with a trip to New Zealand with her husband Rich.



After 30 years of NHDOT service, **Douglas DePorter**, District 6 Maintenance Engineer, retired on March 19th. Doug started his DOT career in Highway Design, working two years in

consultant section before moving to District 6 as the utility engineer. He was also a Maintenance Supervisor and Assistant District Engineer, before serving as the District Engineer for the last 10 years.



John Leonard (Bridge Maintenance) retired on March 31 with almost 38 years of State service. The Bureau's longest serving employee worked on a number of crews over his career as a Bridge

Maintainer III, including Allenstown (Crew #5), Twin Mountain (Crew #2), and New Hampton (Crew #3). He has been foreman of the Bedford crew (#14) since 2010. According to Bureau Administrator Doug Gosling, John was "a big help to us in passing his knowledge on to the younger Bridge Maintainers."

Service Awards (2nd Quarter)

10 Years:

Marshall T. Bennett - 10 Years:
Laurie J. Bellamy – District 4, DO 20
John E. Bijeau – District 1, Crew 9
Howard C. Burgess – Aeronautics
Ronald P. Dionne – Bridge Maint-Newfields
Richard J. Eames – District 6, Crew 3
Todd D. Ferland – District 1, Crew 25
James M. Gilbert – Hwy Maintenance
William P. Gosselin – Mechanical Div-Concord
Mark A. Hamilton – District 6, Crew 11
Kellen V. Jordan – District 5, Crew 6
Daniel R. Milligan – District 1, Crew 7

15 Years:

Norman D. Bergeron – District 1, Crew 5
Ellen B. Charron – Finance And Contracts
Wayne A. Cherrette – Planning & System Dev
Maureen M. Harrington – Tpk-Bedford Main Toll
Jon A. Johnson – District 2, Crew 20
Kimon J. Lalas – Tpk-Rochester Toll
David F. Latuch Jr. – District 5, Crew 13
Bliss S. Magoon – District 3, Crew 16
Robert S. O'Blenes – Bridge Maint-Ossipee
Bryan J. Pease – District 3, Crew 24
David R. Preve Jr. – Bridge Maint-Epping
Jarrett C. Roseboom – Highway Design
Rocco L. Russell – Mechanical Div-Concord
Robyn T. St. Pierre – Turnpikes-Hooksett
Robert S. Therrien – Traffic Pave Marking
Waldo H. Twombly – District 5, Crew 13
Patricia A. White – Construction

20 Years:

Michael F. Boylan – District 5, Crew 19
William H. Boynton – Commissioners Office
Dennis A. Clark – District 4, Crew 7
Robert R. Hyslop – Traffic Heavy Sign Crews
Ronald S. Linscott – District 6, Crew 43
James A. Marshall – Highway Design
Ricky H. McAllister – Bridge Maint-Epping
Christopher R. Moen – Bridge Maint-Sunapee
Fred E. Shepard Jr. – Traffic Pave Marking
Patrick R. Sweet – Traffic Pave Marking
Tara L. Taylor – Construction

25 Years:

Ronald J. Grandmaison – Highway Design
Brian P. McCrea – Traffic Sign Shop

30 Years:

James C. Bowles – Construction
B. E. Bowser – Bridge Maint-Epping
Victoria Chase – Highway Design
Steven K. Glines – Construction
Frederick W. Oberst – Construction
Stephen R. Piper – Construction
Mitchell D. Plante – Highway Design
Daniel L. Prehemo – Highway Design
Ronald E. Weilnau – Mechanical Div-Concord
Dennis E. White Sr. – District 2, Crew 3
Nasser Yari – Turnpikes-Hooksett

35 Years:

Paul J. Huckins – Material & Research
Steven J. Huckins – District 3, Crew 13
Roy W. Mardin – District 3, Crew 84
Brenda L. Ordway – Highway Design
Paul F. Spinney – Bridge Maint-Newfields
Scott M. Stevenson – Construction

Retires:

Patricia Bailey – District 3
Michael Bernier – District 6, Crew 11
Sherry Blanchard – Planning & System Dev
Bruce Clark – Highway Design
Charles Davis, Jr. – Construction
Martha Eaton – District 2, Crew 14
Arthur Johnson – Material & Research
Dennis Laperle – Construction
Charles Reed – Bridge Maint-Twin Mtn
Lynne Riel – Right of Way
John Rusinski – District 5, Crew 16
Carroll Thompson Jr. – District 2, Crew 53
Jessie Tichko – Right of Way

Personnel Updates

New Hires:

Keith Ballard – Highway Maintainer I, District 6, Crew 7
Anthony Barton – Highway Maintainer I, Dist. 2, Crew 11
Steven Beck – Highway Maintainer I, District 5, Crew 25
Madison Belisle – Toll Attendant I, Tpk-Hampton Main Toll
Benjamin Billings – Highway Maintainer II, Dist. 4, Crew 7
Brian Bilodeau – Tran Mgmt Comm Spec I, TSMO
Dispatch Operations
Daniel Cilley – Highway Maintainer II, District 2, Crew 14
Bradley Clough – Highway Maintainer II, District 2, Crew 4
Christopher Cloutier – Hwy Maintainer I, Dist.1, Crew 25
Lloyd Cornell – Civil Engineer I, Construction
Patricia Deshaies – Toll Attendant II, Tpk-Merrimack/
Exit 11 Toll
Eugene Doe Jr – Highway Maintainer II, District 3, Crew 12
Frederick Domowitz – Toll Attendant I, Tpk-Hampton
Main Toll
Joseph Duchemin – Highway Maintainer II, Tpk-Hooksett
Maintenance
Joshua Dyrkacz – Toll Attendant I, Tpk-Bedford Main Toll
Chadd Enman – Highway Maintainer II, District 5, Crew 12
Nicholas Felix – Highway Maintainer I, District 2, Crew 7
Lance Foss – Asst Hwy Patrol Foreman, Dist 3, Crew 16
Abigail Franklin – Survey Team Technician I, Hwy Design
Randy Gagne – Toll Attendant I, Tpk-Bedford Main Toll
Joseph Gallagher – Heavy Equipment Mechanic,
Mechanical Div-No Hampton
Sandra Gromoshak – Right Of Way Appraiser I, ROW
James Hargy – Civil Engineer III, Material & Research
Gerald Labreck Jr – Hwy Maintainer II, Dist. 3, Crew 25
Lewis Lamears – Highway Maintainer II, District 4, Crew 7
Christopher Lozier – Hwy Maintainer II, Dist. 5, Crew 15
Richard Lucier – Highway Maintainer III, Tpk-Hooksett
Maintenance
Mark Lundblad – Hwy Maintainer II, District 1, Crew 13
Ross Magoon – Highway Maintainer I, District 2, Crew 24
Philip Nardi – Highway Maintainer II, District 6, Crew 4
Johnathan Ober – Highway Maintainer I, Dist. 3, Crew 14
Fred Rivet – Highway Maintainer II, District 5, Crew 25
Kerry Smith – Highway Maintainer II, District 2, Crew 15
Michael Sonderland – Hwy Maintainer II, Dist 2, Crew 24
Tyler Spaulding – Hwy Maintainer I, District 1, Crew 25
Kyle St Clair – Highway Maintainer I, District 2, Crew 24

Lauren Stromer – Financial Analyst, Finance And Contracts
Gregory Taylor – Hiwy Maintainer II, Traffic Dist Sign Crews
Justin Twomey – Highway Maintainer I, District 3, Crew 11
Tyler Vaughan – Civil Engineer I, District 4, Crew 21
Isaias Vieira – Highway Maintainer II, District 5, Crew 3
Franklin Vojkufka II – Highway Maintainer II, Tpk-Hampton
Maintenance
Jason Walters – Highway Maintainer II, District 4, Crew 12
Christopher Washburn – Hwy Maintainer I, Dist 5, Crew 3
Glenn Whalon – Highway Maintainer I, Tpk-Hooksett
Maintenance
Douglas Wright – Highway Maintainer I, District 2, Crew 5
Timothy York – Highway Maintainer I, District 5, Crew 27

Promotions:

Joshua Beaudoin – Highway Maintainer II, Dist. 5, Crew 27
Daniel Brennan – Highway Maintainer II, District 5, Crew 25
Ralph Carter – Warehouse Supervisor, District 2, Crew 20
Gloria Chamberland – Accountant II, Finance And Contracts
Jeffrey Collins – Bridge Maintainer III, Bridge Maint-Lancaster
Peter Crouch – Civil Engineer V, Traffic Signal Crews
Clayton Green – Asst Hwy Patrol Foreman, Dist. 2, Crew 2
Paul Hodgman – Hwy Patrol Foreman, District 4, Crew 15
Robert Irwin IV – Civil Engineer V, Planning & System Dev
Toby Kenison – Highway Maintainer II, District 1, Crew 4
Justin Keyes – Asst Highway Patrol Foreman, Dist. 2, Crew 7
Ross King – Highway Maintainer III, District 5, Crew 25
Daniel King II – Highway Maintainer II, District 5, Crew 14
Alexis Martin – Administrator III, Human Resources
Kevin McMahon – Engineering Technician IV, Construction
Sam Newsom – Civil Engineer III, Turnpikes-Hooksett
Julie Owen – Administrative Assistant I, Right Of Way
Emily Polychronopoulos – Civil Engineer II, Highway Design
Marc Poulin – Highway Maintainer III, District 1, Crew 3
Trevor Renaud – Highway Maintainer II, District 5, Crew 28
Barbara Rollins – Supervisor III, Highway Design
Daniel Steagald – Asst Hwy Patrol Foreman, Dist. 5, Crew 15
Peter Wilsie Sr. – Asst Hwy Patrol Foreman, Dist. 5, Crew 28

Letters



February 3, 2015

Just wanted to pass a note of thanks and appreciation to your crews that take care of Rte. 3, Rte. 101A and Rte. 101 in the Milford/Wilton/Temple area. They have worked relentlessly to keep my commute safe! (My husband is a driver for a town Highway Dept. in the Monadnock area and I work at a Highway Division in Mass. I get numerous complaints and few compliments/thank yous or appreciation for the hard work our divisions plow guys put in to keep roadways safe/passable during and after storms, especially the last we have received and more to come!

*Julie Dean
Chelmsford, Mass.*

March 4, 2015

On Tuesday nights I teach Advanced Topics in Electronics from 5:30-10:30pm at NHTI. Because of the snow last night, which was forecast to get heavy and wet, with fog around 10:00, we did an exam and postponed the 2 hour lab so that students (many with an hour or more to drive) wouldn't be getting out at 10:30 in really bad conditions. As I came to the foot of Bean Hill in Chichester around 9 pm, I saw the little blink blink of a bicycle being pedaled up the hill. The snow was coming down pretty hard. As the pickup truck in front of me (orange in color) passed the cyclist, he turned on his yellow flashing light for a couple seconds. Then near the top of the hill, his yellow flashing light came on again and he did a U-turn and headed back down the hill. I am fairly certain that it was an employee (district road agent?) for NHDOT being a good citizen to offer that cyclist a lift to wherever he was going. I am aware of a number of older citizens whose only transportation is a bicycle and I pictured this person trying to get home with the only means at his disposal. Kudos to the NHDOT guy in the orange truck for "doing the right thing."

*William French
NHTI, Concord's Community College*

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I am writing to say thank you to the considerate road crew working on Squam Lake Rd. in Sandwich today, Wed. Feb. 11th. They were carefully working on pushing back the snow piles on the roadside. They pushed snow into our driveway as a consequence of their cutting back the piles. I was inside and prepared to go out and shovel away that stuff. When I went out 2 minutes later I discovered they had carefully pushed that snow away as well, leaving my driveway entrance as clear, or clearer, than when they had come by. A nice surprise. So, thanks for the good work!

*Ruth Stuart
Sandwich, NH*



Those ultimately responsible for much of the NHDOT's winter maintenance efforts are pictured at a February District Engineers meeting held at Hampton Beach.

(left to right) Brian Schutt (District 1) John Kallfelz (District 4), Mark Kirouac (Assistant State Maintenance Engineer), Alan Hanscom (District 2), Mark Morrill (District 3), Doug DePorter (District 6), and Caleb Dobbins (State Highway Maintenance Engineer). Since this photo was taken, Doug DePorter has retired and Brian Schutt has taken over as District 6 Engineer.

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Governor Hassan Visits Patrol Crews in Support of Transportation

Brings Funding Message to Sunapee and Londonderry Sheds

It's not every day that the Governor of New Hampshire visits your patrol shed.

Crews at the Sunapee (#213) and Londonderry (#512) Patrol Sheds got personal thank yous from Governor Hassan during April stops for their winter maintenance efforts and overall work to keep New Hampshire roads safe.

The Governor also visited nearby rough sections of road and brought a message to each stop: "We need to come together to address the operating needs of the Department so that it has enough people and equipment to keep the roads and bridges in good shape."

Governor Hassan told the crews that a modern and safe transportation system is really important to the citizens of New Hampshire, and that it affects "all of us" in many ways.

"The budget I proposed is still a very frugal budget for the DOT," Governor Hassan said. "We need to stop budgeting by gimmicks. The one-time solutions to address the DOT budget over the last decade have dried up. We need sustainable revenue to plan and invest in the system."

The message from the NHDOT to the Governor: "The concern is that we're falling behind," said Director of Operations Bill Janelle. "The Governor's budget maintains the status quo. We need to get on a ten year cycle for paving the highway system and replacing equipment."



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Bill Cass is the NHDOT's new Assistant Commissioner

Bill Cass was nominated by Governor Hassan and approved by the Executive Council as the NHDOT's Assistant Commissioner and Chief Engineer. He succeeds Jeff Brillhart, who retired on April 16. Bill Cass has 29 years of transportation program management and engineering experience with the NHDOT, and has served as Director of Project Development since September 2007. Under NH State law, the Assistant Commissioner serves as acting Commissioner in the absence of a Commissioner. Previous positions held by Bill included Assistant Director of Project Development, Chief of Preliminary Design, Chief Project Manager, and Project Manager for the I-93 reconstruction and widening project from Salem to Manchester.



Cover photo - A colorful late winter sunset over the Hooksett Tolls. Photo by Matthew Blixt (Turnpikes)