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## MONTHLY REPORT

October 2020

Below is a summary of the Ayer DPW's operations for the month of October. The Ayer DPW provides critical essential services to the Town of Ayer including water supply, wastewater collection and treatment, road safety, solid waste disposal, vehicle and equipment repairs and business operations.

Below is a summary of our monthly work project status and a summary of monthly work orders completed.

#### Staffing

The DPW has had numerous staffing changes in the month of August.

- Max Goodwin was hired as the DPW Water Meter Technician / laborer. Max was previously an Ayer PD dispatcher and we look forward to having his work ethic and enthusiasm in the DPW
- Carl Johnson was hired as the Wastewater Division Collection System Operator

#### **Engineering and Administration**

- Prepared and submitted Ayer DPW FY22 5-Year Capital Plan.
- Prepared and submitted Grant application for Tree Inventory and Management Plan.
- Assisting OECD with preparation of Park St Grant Application.
- Started construction on the School Street Sidewalk.
- Started construction of East Main Street Upgrade (MassDOT).
- Working on Water Master Plan Update Report.
- Completed construction and began start-up of the Grove Pond PFAS Treatment Plant.
- Started construction of Spectacle Pond Wellfield PFAS Treatment Plant.
- Started construction of Groton Shirley Road Water and Sewer Improvements.
- Completed design of WWTP Alum Pacing System.
- Upgrading SCADA computers and software for Wastewater Treatment Plant.
- Design of FY21 Sewer System Rehab project.
- Opened bids for West Main Street Bridge Improvements project. Bids were \$1M over budget. We are evaluating alternatives for potential design changes, cost savings and additional funding.
- Completing construction of Wastewater Treatment Plant Improvements Phase 2.
- Quarterly water and sewer bills were prepared and sent out for 2 routes.
- Developed a plan to sell 2021 Transfer Station permits at Transfer Station due to COVID19.
- Processed and approved Road Opening Permits, Trench Permits and Water & Sewer Connection Permits.

#### **Highway / Stormwater Division**

- Preparing trucks and plows for winter.
- Mowing and weed-wacking throughout Town
- Removed debris / beaver blockages from culverts throughout Town
- Installed new signs and / or repaired existing signs at various locations in town

- Equipment and vehicle maintenance
- DPW garage / facility maintenance
- Trash and recycling pickup at numerous locations in town
- Completed DIGSAFE mark-outs

#### **Wastewater Division**

- Construction of Upgrade Phase 2 underway
- All NPDES permit requirements were in compliance for the month except for exceedance of phosphorus. EPA and DEP notified.
- Contractor hauled sludge
- Cleaned UV Disinfection units
- Performed mechanical maintenance on pump stations
- Backwashed filter units
- Repaired Wastewater Division trucks
- Performed daily inspections of wastewater pumping stations
- Performed daily operations, laboratory testing and reporting for WWTP
- Completed DIGSAFE mark-outs
- Completed and submitted Monthly Operations Report for DEP and EPA

#### **Water Division**

- Coordination of PFAS Treatment plant start-up.
- Completed MassDEP Lead and Copper sampling and are in compliance
- Added data to H2O Water Reporting software and submitted monthly reports to MADEP
- Continued media cleaning and regeneration at Grove Pond and Spec Pond WTPs
- Maintenance of chemical feed systems at Grove Pond WTP
- Maintenance of chemical feed systems at Spec Pond WTP
- Continued radio water meter installations throughout Town
- Completed required DEP monthly coliform and chlorine sampling
- Completed meter readings and assisted customers with leak evaluations and dirty water issues
- Completed DIGSAFE mark-outs
- Normal water treatment duties including daily testing and reports, chemical adjustments, equipment maintenance

# **Solid Waste Division**

- Normal transfer station operations including site clean-up, organization and monthly reports
- Lots of leaves this fall!
- Working with organic food waste collection operation
- Brush chipping and hauling fall leaves to brush dump / compost area off Bishop Road
- Coordinated solid waste / recycling disposal including waste oil, scrap metals, textiles
- Purchased new bulk plastic trailer
- Closed "Take it or Leave it" shed in response to emergency declaration

# **Monthly Work Order Summary**

	Address	Work Type	Date	Division	Description
		,			Dan V - Met with owner of 17 School
17	School Street	Project Inspection	10/16/20	Engineering	Street to go over sidewalk project.
		.,	-, -, -	0 0	Dan V collected invert data from catch
	Sandy Pond				basin at Samantha Lane for conversion to
65	Rd	Project Inspection	10/16/20	Engineering	hydrodynamic separator.
- 03	· · ·	1 Toject mapeetion	10/10/20	Liigiiicciiiig	10-17-2020 - Dan V condcuts site
					inspection of 48 Central Ave Site Plan
48	Central Ave	Project Inspection	10/20/20	Engineering	construction with the Planning Board.
40	Central Ave	Froject inspection	10/20/20	Liigiileeiliig	Dan V walked School Street sidewalk
					project with Perry (Foreman for
					D'Ambrosia) on 10-27-2020.
					5 7 misrosia, 611 10 27 2020.
		Field Meeting -			Verizon removed old poles on 10-29-
17	School St	Engineering	10/30/20	Engineering	2020.
	Groton				
	School Rd -				
	Pine Knoll				
11	Trailer Park	Dig-Safe - Highway	9/28/20	Highway	Dig Safe Utility Mark-out
132	Hemlock Dr	Dig-Safe - Highway	9/29/20	Highway	Dig Safe Utility Mark-out
25	Copeland Dr	Dig-Safe - Highway	9/29/20	Highway	Dig Safe Utility Mark-out
	Littleton Rd	0 0 7	, ,		,
55	Unit 8 & 9	Dig-Safe - Highway	9/29/20	Highway	Dig Safe Utility Mark-out
20	Bligh St	Dig-Safe - Highway	9/30/20	Highway	Dig Safe Utility Mark-out
	W Main St -				
	Moore				
22	Lumber	Dig-Safe - Highway	10/2/20	Highway	Dig Safe Utility Mark-out
	Sandy Pond				
75	Rd Unit 6	Dig-Safe - Highway	10/2/20	Highway	Dig Safe Utility Mark-out
55	Wright Rd	Dig-Safe - Highway	10/5/20	Highway	Dig Safe Utility Mark-out
	Beyond 114				
	Pleasant St	Dig-Safe - Highway	10/5/20	Highway	Dig Safe Utility Mark-out
					Patched potholes from Westford road to
0	Nemco way	Pot Hole	10/6/20	Highway	Radisson road on Nemco way
18	loon hill road	Pavement Repair	10/6/20	Highway	Repaved around manhole
	Raddison				
0	road	Pavement Repair	10/6/20	Highway	Repaved around manhole
0	Brook street	Pavement Repair	10/6/20	Highway	Multiple potholes patched
	Waste water				
0	plant	Pavement Repair	10/6/20	Highway	Repaired driveway at blower building
75	Littleton Rd	Dig-Safe - Highway	10/7/20	Highway	Dig Safe Utility Mark-out
16	Jackson St	Dig-Safe - Highway	10/7/20	Highway	Dig Safe Utility Mark-out
					The guys moved equipment around.
					Removed the brush hogs from the side
					walk machines changes tires to winter
					tires and hooked up snow blowers. Also
25	Dun als Ct	Environment D	40/7/20	LU: -l	re-arranged the tank around for the
25	Brook St	Equipment Preparation	10/7/20	Highway	winter
14	Page St	Dig-Safe - Highway	10/9/20	Highway	Dig Safe Utility Mark-out
157	Central Ave	Add New Sign	10/9/20	Highway	Put up new stop sign post and break away

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					Wally Dave and Bruce put together a
25	Brook St	Miss Special Event	10/0/20	⊔ighuay	holding area for millings for the winter for
	W Main St	Misc Special Event	10/9/20	Highway	the pug mill to keep out of weather  Dig Safe Utility Mark-out
41	Park St -	Dig-Safe - Highway	10/13/20	Highway	Dig Safe Offilty Mark-Out
	Dunkin				
16	Donuts	Dig-Safe - Highway	10/13/20	Highway	Dig Safe Utility Mark-out
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169	St	Dig-Safe - Highway	10/13/20	Highway	Dig Safe Utility Mark-out
3	Hibiscus Ln	Sidewalk - Repair	10/14/20	Highway	Dig Safe Utility Mark-out
27	Harvard Rd	Dig-Safe - Highway	10/14/20	Highway	Dig Safe Utility Mark-out
	Washington				Put berm in and fixed side walk at lift
154	St	Pavement Repair	10/15/20	Highway	station
					Paved both electrical vault covers that we
25	Brook St	Pavement Repair	10/15/20	Highway	fixed on road to sewer plant
					Guys cut up and removed tree that fell at
14	E Main St	Downed Tree Removal	10/15/20	Highway	the East main st bridge
33	Shirley St	Dig-Safe - Highway	10/15/20	Highway	Dig Safe Utility Mark-out
	School St	Dig-Safe - Highway	10/16/20	Highway	Dig Safe Utility Mark-out
	Bligh St	Dig-Safe - Highway	10/16/20	Highway	Dig Safe Utility Mark-out
10	E Main St	Dig-Safe - Highway	10/16/20	Highway	Dig Safe Utility Mark-out
	Central				-
13	Avenue	Dig-Safe - Highway	10/16/20	Highway	Dig Safe Utility Mark-out
10	B Harvard Rd	Dig-Safe - Highway	10/16/20	Highway	Dig Safe Utility Mark-out
	Groton				
	School Rd Lot				
	# 12- Pine				
	Knoll Trailer				
11	Park	Dig-Safe - Highway	10/16/20	Highway	Dig Safe Utility Mark-out
15	Oak Ridge Dr	Dig-Safe - Highway	10/19/20	Highway	Dig Safe Utility Mark-out
65	Nashua St	Dig-Safe - Highway	10/20/20	Highway	Dig Safe Utility Mark-out
1	Bishop Rd	Dig-Safe - Highway	10/20/20	Highway	Dig Safe Utility Mark-out
0	Calvin st ext	Repair Broken Sign	10/21/20	Highway	
6	Winthrop Ave	Dig-Safe - Highway	10/21/20	Highway	Dig Safe Utility Mark-out
l _	Groton				Guys pulled hug beaver dam and plug in
0	Shirley rd	Culvert/Swale Cleaning	10/21/20	Highway	culvert under road
23	High St	Dig-Safe - Highway	10/22/20	Highway	Dig Safe Utility Mark-out
					Put Nashua st sign back up that was broke
					off old telephone pole and put it on the
7	Highland Ave	Repair Broken Sign	10/23/20	Highway	new telephone pole
					Switched grove st sign over to new
11	School St	Repair Broken Sign	10/23/20	Highway	telephone pole and fixed sign bracket
					Picked up 2 street lights that grid took
35	Grove St	Misc Special Event	10/23/20	Highway	down off old poles on grove st
114	Pleasant St	Dig-Safe - Highway	10/26/20	Highway	Dig Safe Utility Mark-out
	Trevor Trail	Dig-Safe - Highway	10/26/20	Highway	Dig Safe Utility Mark-out
25	Copeland Dr	Dig-Safe - Wastewater	9/29/20	Wastewater	Dig Safe Utility Mark-out
	Littleton Rd	D. C. C	0/00/==		2. 6 6 1000
55	Unit 8 & 9	Dig-Safe - Wastewater Dig-Safe - Wastewater	9/29/20	Wastewater	Dig Safe Utility Mark-out
20	Bligh St		9/30/20	Wastewater	Dig Safe Utility Mark-out

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22	Lumber Sandy Pond	Dig-Safe - Wastewater	10/2/20	Wastewater	Dig Safe Utility Mark-out
75	Rd Unit 6	Dig-Safe - Wastewater	10/2/20	Wastewater	Dig Safe Utility Mark-out
55	Wright Rd	Dig-Safe - Wastewater	10/5/20	Wastewater	Dig Safe Utility Mark-out
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	Pleasant St	Dig-Safe - Wastewater	10/5/20	Wastewater	Dig Safe Utility Mark-out
75	Littleton Rd	Dig-Safe - Wastewater	10/7/20	Wastewater	Dig Safe Utility Mark-out
38	Central Ave	Dig-Safe - Wastewater	10/7/20	Wastewater	Dig Safe Utility Mark-out
25	Brook St	Dig-Safe - Wastewater	10/9/20	Wastewater	Dig Safe Utility Mark-out
14	Page St	Dig-Safe - Wastewater	10/9/20	Wastewater	Dig Safe Utility Mark-out
41	W Main St	Dig-Safe - Wastewater	10/13/20	Wastewater	Dig Safe Utility Mark-out
	Park St -				
	Dunkin				
16	Donuts	Dig-Safe - Wastewater	10/13/20	Wastewater	Dig Safe Utility Mark-out
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169	St	Dig-Safe - Wastewater	10/13/20	Wastewater	Dig Safe Utility Mark-out
27	Harvard Rd	Dig-Safe - Wastewater	10/14/20	Wastewater	Dig Safe Utility Mark-out
33	Shirley St	Dig-Safe - Wastewater	10/15/20	Wastewater	Dig Safe Utility Mark-out
	School St	Dig-Safe - Wastewater	10/16/20	Wastewater	Dig Safe Utility Mark-out
10	Bligh St	Dig-Safe - Wastewater	10/16/20	Wastewater	Dig Safe Utility Mark-out
10	E Main St	Dig-Safe - Wastewater	10/16/20	Wastewater	Dig Safe Utility Mark-out
12	Central	Dig Safa Wastowator	10/16/20	Mastawator	Dig Safa Utility Mark out
13	Avenue Harvard Rd	Dig-Safe - Wastewater Dig-Safe - Wastewater	10/16/20	Wastewater Wastewater	Dig Safe Utility Mark-out Dig Safe Utility Mark-out
	Groton	Dig-Sale - Wastewater	10/10/20	wastewater	Dig Sale Othity Wark-Out
	School Rd Lot				
	# 12- Pine				
	Knoll Trailer				
11	Park	Dig-Safe - Wastewater	10/16/20	Wastewater	Dig Safe Utility Mark-out
15	Oak Ridge Dr	Dig-Safe - Wastewater	10/19/20	Wastewater	Dig Safe Utility Mark-out
65	Nashua St	Dig-Safe - Wastewater	10/20/20	Wastewater	Dig Safe Utility Mark-out
1	Bishop Rd	Dig-Safe - Wastewater	10/20/20	Wastewater	Dig Safe Utility Mark-out
6	Winthrop Ave	Dig-Safe - Wastewater	10/21/20	Wastewater	Dig Safe Utility Mark-out
23	High St	Dig-Safe - Wastewater	10/22/20	Wastewater	Dig Safe Utility Mark-out
114	Pleasant St	Dig-Safe - Wastewater	10/26/20	Wastewater	Dig Safe Utility Mark-out
	Trevor Trail	Dig-Safe - Wastewater	10/26/20	Wastewater	Dig Safe Utility Mark-out
		Misc Wastewater Work			
25	Brook St	Order	10/27/20	Wastewater	clean uv 2
					wash down and break up grease in
420			40/27/20		wetwell get it ready for Ratta to pump
138	Central Ave	Clean Wet Well	10/27/20	Wastewater	out rags and debri
20	Jackson Ct	Pipe Replacement -	10/27/20	Masteriste	dig up and repair sewer line from ayer
20	Jackson St	Wastewater	10/27/20	Wastewater	building on pleasant
17	nrochaet et	Complaint/Investigation	10/27/20	Mastawata	check sewer line and no blockage must be
17	prospect st	- Wastewater	10/27/20	Wastewater	in the house owner to call plumper
		Complaint/Investigation			Saint mary school water flowing from clean out tried to clear with hand rodder
65	Shirley St	- Wastewater	10/27/20	Wastewater	and unsuccessful owner to call roto rotor
0.5	Similey St	*** ascervate!	10,21,20	.vastevatel	do lab and sampling for the month of
25	Brook St	Sampling	10/27/20	Wastewater	October
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		1	1		do weekly inspections of pump stations
25	Brook St	Weekly Inspection	10/27/20	Wastewater	and record numbers for the month of Oct
		, ,			do all reports for EPA and DEP including
25	Brook St	Reports - Wastewater	10/27/20	Wastewater	DMR and toxcity report
		Misc Wastewater Work			Stake out all walk ways and edges for
25	Brook St	Order	10/27/20	Wastewater	winter
		Misc Wastewater Work			test all plows on trucks and replace
25	Brook St	Order	10/27/20	Wastewater	cutting edges as needed
		Misc Wastewater Work			
25	Brook St	Order	10/27/20	Wastewater	wash down secondary classifier
15	Columbia St	Dig-Safe - Wastewater	10/28/20	Wastewater	Dig Safe Utility Mark-out
	- 10 Central				
8	Ave	Dig-Safe - Wastewater	10/28/20	Wastewater	Dig Safe Utility Mark-out
6	Coolidge Rd	Dig-Safe - Wastewater	10/29/20	Wastewater	Dig Safe Utility Mark-out
	Washington				
32	St	Dig-Safe - Wastewater	10/30/20	Wastewater	Dig Safe Utility Mark-out
153	Central Ave	Dig-Safe - Water	9/18/20	Water	Dig Safe Utility Mark-out
					Dig safe, 132 Groton Shirley, 205 Autumn
					Ridge, , 24 Pingry Way, End of Pleasant st,
					175 W Main, 48 Jackson, 21 Williams, 12
45	Barnum Rd	Misc Water Work Order	9/18/20	Water	Highland.
					PFAS training, Dig Safe, School st, Grove
					st, Groton Harvard Rd, Littleton Rd, 65
45	Barnum Rd	Misc Water Work Order	9/18/20	Water	Nashua St, 7 Sculley Rd, 114 Pleasant
					Numbers at both plants, flush Pfas plant.
45	Barnum Rd	Misc Water Work Order	9/18/20	Water	Repair hydrant on Raddison Rd. Dig safe
					Dump. Replace battery in Chevy 3500.
					Flush Pfas plant, clean office, bathrooms
			- 4 4		and part of garage. Dirty water call at 14
45	Barnum Rd	Misc Water Work Order	9/18/20	Water	Oak St
					Water on and off end of pleasant. Dep,
45	Dawa wa Dal	NAi NAI-+ NAI I. Ou-I	0/40/20	14/-4	Pfas training, met with Tie sales.
45	Barnum Rd	Misc Water Work Order	9/18/20	Water	Inventory meters
24	Cambridge St	Dig-Safe - Water	9/21/20	Water	Dig Safe Utility Mark-out
1	Bishop Rd	Dig-Safe - Water	9/23/20	Water	Dig Safe Utility Mark-out
124	Sandy Pond	Dig Safa Water	0/24/20	Water	Dig Safa Htility Mark aut
134	Rd	Dig-Safe - Water	9/24/20	Water	Dig Safe Utility Mark-out
					Clean gates on Wright Rd, in anticipation
					of blasting at 55. Clean curb stop at 16
					Rosewood. Dig safe 31 Pingry Way, 200
45	Downline Del	Miss Motor Mark Onder	0/25/20	Matar	Groton Rd, 55 Wright Rd, 132 Hemlock, 9
45	Barnum Rd	Misc Water Work Order	9/25/20	Water	Partridge Run
45	Down D -l	Mico Motor Maril: Our	0/25/20	Mata:	Work on low CL2 issue. Rebuild CL2
45	Barnum Rd	Misc Water Work Order	9/25/20	Water	pump. Dig safe 3 Madigan Ln.
					Numbers at Spec and booster. Trip to
45	Barnum Rd	Misc Water Work Order	9/25/20	Water	Moore's, Repair Rotterdam air blower muffler at Spec
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<b>1</b> E	Darnum Dd	Mice Mater Merk Order	0/25/20	\M/ator	Numbers at Spec and booster. Repair service line at 16 Rosewood
45	Barnum Rd	Misc Water Work Order	9/25/20	Water	service title of TD KOSEMOOD

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					Dig safe 24 Cambridge St. 200 Groton St,
					28 Maple, 98 Pleasant, 1 Bishop, 51
					Haymeadow, 153 Central Ave. Low
					pressure call 69 Nashua,: bad pressure
45	Barnum Rd	Misc Water Work Order	9/25/20	Water	reducer.
	Groton				
	School Rd -				
	Pine Knoll				
11	Trailer Park	Dig-Safe - Water	9/28/20	Water	Dig Safe Utility Mark-out
132	Hemlock Dr	Dig-Safe - Water	9/29/20	Water	Dig Safe Utility Mark-out
25	Copeland Dr	Dig-Safe - Water	9/29/20	Water	Dig Safe Utility Mark-out
55	Littleton Rd	Dig-Safe - Water	9/29/20	Water	Dig Safe Utility Mark-out
20	Bligh St	Dig-Safe - Water	9/30/20	Water	Dig Safe Utility Mark-out
	Shirley St -	Complaint/Investigation			
33	Kiddie Depot	- Water	10/1/20	Water	Dig Safe Utility Mark-out
	W Main St -				
	Moore				
22	Lumber	Dig-Safe - Water	10/2/20	Water	Dig Safe Utility Mark-out
	Sandy Pond				
75	Rd Unit 6	Dig-Safe - Water	10/2/20	Water	Dig Safe Utility Mark-out
					Rebuild CL2 pump, 55 Raddison Rd
					replace meter, survey new service line.
					Ask about new main line from fire shed.
45	Barnum Rd	Misc Water Work Order	10/2/20	Water	Trip to Liberty welding supply and Needham electric.
43	barrium Nu	Wilse Water Work Order	10/2/20	vvatei	Change bag filters. Set up hydrant on
					Trevor Trail for paving. Dig safe all of East
45	Barnum Rd	Misc Water Work Order	10/2/20	Water	main st
55	Wright Rd	Dig-Safe - Water	10/5/20	Water	Dig Safe Utility Mark-out
	Beyond 114	2.8 care trate.	20,0,20		J.Board Stilley Mark Suc
	Pleasant St	Dig-Safe - Water	10/5/20	Water	Dig Safe Utility Mark-out
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14	Page St	Dig-Safe - Water	10/9/20	Water	Dig Safe Utility Mark-out
41	W Main St	Dig-Safe - Water	10/13/20	Water	Dig Safe Utility Mark-out
27	Harvard Rd	Dig-Safe - Water	10/14/20	Water	Dig Safe Utility Mark-out