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By mid -October, the Highway Department will have completed its yearly paving program. The Primary focus was to make sure that wear course was applied to all roads that have received binder layer in the past two years. These roads include;

1. Century Pines
2. Forest Brook
3. Pond Hill
4. Beauty Hill from Rt.125 to Hall Road
5. Pond Hill from Camp Fireside to Second Crown Point Road
6. Sawyer Lane
7. North Mallego
8. Cate Road
9. Oak Hill Road from Scruton Pond Road to Meetinghouse Road.

Other roads to receive wear course as a result of our pavement management program include;

1. Brewster Road
2. Heights Road

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3. Clover Lane

A deteriorated section of Tibbets Road was rebuilt and binder coated to ready it for overlay next year.

Also, this year, we implemented a first-time crack sealing program which was used on;

- Oak Hill Road
- Brewster Road
- Heights Road
- Clover Lane
- Aspen Court
- Wintergreen
- Calef Island Road
- Peabody Way Bear Creek
- Hillside
- Robinson
- Stagecoach
- France
- Caldwell
- Steppingstones

The price per ton of asphalt laid in place increased significantly from last year because of a number of factors. First, our engineers (CMA) strongly suggested the use of asphalt with a reduced reused asphalt content with more virgin binder of a performance grade added to make for a stronger mix than the

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normally obtainable mixes. This added seven dollars per ton by itself. Our engineers also specified lane joint adhesive on all the centerline joints to mitigate centerline cracking. This added sixty cents per running foot to the price. Because of the volatility of the asphalt market at the beginning of the year, we included an escalation clause in the bid package to avoid the contractors having to highball the number just to protect themselves. As a result, as the year went on, the prices constantly went up according to the posted price for binder liquid published by the State of New Hampshire. Therefore, the amount of roadway we were able to do last year was far greater for the same price than this year. I have never seen asphalt prices drop a whole lot after they are spiked in a time like this, so I believe this is what we have to look forward to in the future. This trend should be taken into consideration when budgeting funds for this coming year and beyond.

Respectfully
Marc Moreau
Road Agent