

Public Works Report March 2018

Club 1 Generator: Our crew installed our used 8Kw generator at club one. JP Carroll tied the new gas service into the 1000 gallon tank there. When our mechanic went to replace the ignition coil that we ordered after the October wind storm he discovered that the flywheel magnet had been damaged due to a manufacturers defect. Of course that little gem could not be ordered alone so we had to buy a whole new flywheel for 200 bucks. It starts and runs great now. The Power Point electrician was scheduled to come this week to tie in the electrical but had to cancel because of the blizzard. He is rescheduled to come next Tuesday the 20th.

Late Winter Snows: The recent warm temps and huge snowstorms have made plowing our gravel roads a very difficult and costly process. The thawed roads and heavy wet snow make a bad combination. Despite being as careful as possible during the past couple storms we have done more damage to the roads than all the storms combined earlier this winter. All of that leads to much slush and mud being left on our roads. We know folks are unhappy and we are doing our best to clean it up between storms but that's spring plowing in Maine. Hopefully the predicted cold temps will tighten things up a bit before the big storm that's already scheduled for next week.

Snow Plow Pit Crew: After every snow storm like a well practiced race team the LAC pit crew of mechanics inspects, adjusts, order parts, repairs and lubricates every single plow truck and piece of equipment we use to fight back the white stuff. Quite often they are just finishing up repairs from the last storm as the next one is rolling in. Of course we cannot foresee every break down but this regimen of inspections really helps keep us in the fight at all hours of the night.

Downed Trees: During and after the past few storms our crew has had to clear several large pine trees that either fell across our roads or CMP wires.

Water Main Breaks: One main break that we discovered during the blizzard the other day right in the middle of Beaver Dam road. Luckily it wasn't leaking so bad that we had to stop plowing to fix it. It was an easy fix the next morning.

Water Production for February 2018 was 13.4 Million Gallons.