
PUBLIC WORKS – UTILITIES DIVISION

The Utilities Division consists of six full time, highly trained and qualified employees who maintain the water distribution system, sewer collection, wastewater treatment facility, three gravel packed wells, two water booster stations and six sewer pump stations. I personally want to thank each member of the Utilities Department for their ongoing commitment to excellence. They treat the wastewater to a higher standard than what is required by our EPA permit, and provide the Town with drinking water of the highest quality. Being a water/wastewater operator has its challenges; they are expected to maintain licenses in both fields, which involves 40 hours of training every two years.

Here are some highlights from 2018:

- Underground chemical storage tanks were checked monthly
- Manhole covers and frames were adjusted for paving on Concord and Granite Street
- The three siphons that carry sewage under the river were checked monthly
- The water meter change-out program is ongoing and will continue throughout 2019
- Over 300 backflow devices were tested twice annually and will continue to be tested to ensure the highest quality of water
- The Utilities Department provided support in plowing for the Highway Department during winter operations, and donated the use of their six-wheel dump truck
- The use of hydrants and water is continually donated to the Fire Department for training
- The pre-treatment program features a grease hood cleaning program that helps keep the sewer lines cleaner
- There were numerous Curb stops and gate valves that were repaired and/or replaced
- There were 9 water main breaks repaired in 2018
- Storm water interconnection mapping was started, and 6 catch basins were identified to be connected to the sewer system and will need to be addressed in the future.

The Utilities Department has done an excellent job maintaining all the sewer and water infrastructure. They keep the clean water clean and purify the dirty water before it goes to the river. They are a vital part of the Department of Public Works.

I also want to thank Administration for their continued support of the department. We could not complete what needs to be done without their help.