

Mendon Highway Department  
101 Semmel Road  
Honeoye Falls, NY 14472-9755  
Town Board Meeting, March 12, 2012  
@ Mendon Town Hall

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1. The ice rink at Semmel Road Park has been closed for the season. The tarp has been removed and placed in storage for next season. To say the least, this was not a good season for the ice rink. The rink was open for approximately a day and a half. The up and down temperatures did not allow sufficient ice to form to support skaters.
2. The Highway Department drainage project for HFL off Papermill Street has been concluded. HFL is reimbursing the Town for labor and materials utilized in the job.
3. The Highway Superintendent, along with highway superintendents from around the state, was in Albany last Tuesday and Wednesday. This "Advocacy Day" is an effort by the superintendents to make the case for state funding for local roads. The Town of Mendon sees this mostly through the CHIPS funding each year.
4. The mild winter has resulted in some savings for the Town in labor and material. It appears that overtime for labor will be down, along with diminished use of salt, magic and fuel. The reduced salt usage may result in the Town incurring some storage fees for that unused salt. This storage is spelled out in the NYS OGS contract, under which we purchase salt each year.
5. The savings in fuel will help ease the escalating fuel prices we are all seeing. The current budget provided additional funds for higher fuel prices, but if current news projections come to reality, we may be glad we had the winter savings.
6. We, along with other superintendents in the area, are concerned with the escalating oil prices and the effect it will have on anticipated summer roadwork. The amount of roadwork to be completed is directly effected by the price of oil and asphalt.
7. The mild weather has also allowed us to get a jump on some of the County's summer projects on W. Bloomfield Road, and Smith Road. The highway department has also conducted some ditching for the County on East Street, Town of Pittsford.
8. We have received several calls from residents inquiring about the spring brush pick up. The recent periods of high winds have brought down numerous limbs and sticks. We anticipate that the pick up will commence around May 1. This date, of course, is heavily dependent on the close out of winter.

Respectfully,

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William E. Smith,  
Highway Superintendent