

Buildings and Grounds

Projects we are working on to meet legal requirements, meet needs or save money

Senior Center – New Elevator to continue Use of Second Floor

The new elevator was installed at the Mascoma Senior Center in the Indian River Grange building. The total cost for the elevator was \$27,065. The Town owns the building and we are responsible for all repairs to the structure of the building. The elevator at the senior center has been in violation of state law for the past two years. We faced a deadline for replacing it in 2012.

Meeting House Tower – Replace Rotted Tower Beams

The Canaan Meeting House required extensive restoration work to replace the beams that supported the cupola, the roofing, the railings and interior beams. This work went out to bid in the spring of 2012 and the work was completed by October of 2012.



Highway Department Salt Shed – Reduce Waste Sand and Salt Make Loading & Spreading easier - Saves \$20,000 a year

We have already starting reducing salt on some roads to reduce the environmental impact. Mixing salt and sand together should reduce the need for straight salt application. In order to effectively reduce the salt, we needed a larger salt shed that will allow us to mix salt and sand together. We also needed to get the sand under cover so that it didn't freeze up making it difficult to load and spread. Two large fabric structures were constructed at the gravel pit to store all of our winter sand and salt and allow us to mix and load the salt and sand under cover. The Town spent \$126,675 most of which was funded by FEMA

reimbursement from Hurricane Irene. Basically, the employees earned the salt shed making the repairs after Irene.



Highway Lighting, Drainage and Storage Area

The Town spent some of the 2011 budgeted money in 2012 to build a larger mezzanine storage area in the highway garage that also allowed the crew to have a small room for meetings, breaks and lunch. Money was also used to make the lighting in the Highway garage more energy efficient and to create a floor drain system for the garage.

Playground

The Highway crew, firefighters, buildings and grounds crew, parents, teens and friends turned out to install the new playground equipment in July. The playground cost \$39,546 and was paid for solely by fund-raising and contributions.



Relocation of the Monument and Road



After years of discussion and fundraising, the Soldiers' Monument that has graced the island by Jog Road that skirted the Common was moved slightly to the south allowing people to view the monument without standing in the road. Jog Road was officially discontinued in 2011.

Museum Prepped For Painting

Twenty students from Cardigan Mountain School spent a half day scrapping the Union Academy Building to prepare it for painting in 2012.

**Respectfully Submitted,
Mike Samson, Town Administrator**

