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In Your Service: Pittsford’s Public Works Team

“Community Begins Here.” That’s the slogan of the American Public Works Association, as I learned during the association’s recent promotion of its National Public Works Week. Thinking about it, I consider that it captures nicely the motivating spirit of Pittsford’s own Department of Public Works.

Our DPW members take on daily the task of planning, building, managing, operating, repairing and cleaning Pittsford’s physical municipal infrastructure. In addition to a lot of snow plowing. Many aspects of their work are less visible than plowing, but all of their work contributes to our quality of life and the integrity of our community life.

Our Planning, Zoning and Code Enforcement staffers play a valuable role for builders and residents alike. They make sure that projects, public and private, proceed safely, in accordance with proper engineering and construction practice and comply with the standards of Town. Our Building Maintenance team is at work constantly to make sure municipal buildings for public use are safe and attractive. As you’d expect, the Town’s Sewer Department manages the network of sanitary sewers. What you may not know is that it also undertakes stormwater management, maintenance of drainage and flood management and prevention.

The public works employees who may be most familiar to you likely are the members of our Highway Department. They repair roads in the temperate months and keep them open when the snow flies. They manage our programs for collecting yard debris and leaves. The crew of our Parks Department is dedicated to maintaining our parks, fields, trails and greenspace to a professional standard. Their work and dedication benefits all of us who enjoy the abundant beauty of Pittsford’s landscape.

The culture of our Town government as an organization is focused on providing the best possible service for residents of Pittsford. Members of our DPW exemplify brilliantly this tradition and this commitment. Their priority is you. So it is for all of us in your Town government. Community is about working together, achieving together, celebrating together. I extend my thanks to the staff of our Department of Public Works for their efforts, their example and their role in supporting our community.

Should you have any input or comments about our public works services, please pass them along to me. You can contact me at bsmith@townofpittsford.org or 248-6220.