

Date: September 15, 2010

To: Mayor and Council Members

From: John Archocosky, Manager

RE: Monthly Activity Report

The past month's DPW activities have primarily been devoted to routine fall activities. Orders have been placed for grader blades and winter sand, as a result of those proposals having been accepted at last month meeting. The past two storms have caused some minor damage. Several trees were blow down into the streets causing damage to at least one home and a vehicle. The DPW was kept busy with cleanup work and trying to repair the washouts resulting from the heavy rains. The wind also damaged one of the baseball dugouts at the ball park.

The raft at the Ice Lake Park was removed early this season as a result of substantial damage that was done to it by a group of swimmers. The repair work will be costly and resulted in permanent removal for the balance of the season. Vandalism has been ongoing throughout the summer at various locations including the new Disk Golf Course near the RV Park. This senseless damage of public property results in using the taxpayers' dollars for repairs that could otherwise be used to improve our recreation facilities. Our Police Department is hoping to hear from anyone that may have seen any damage being done. Anyone having such information can report it to the police or any of the City departments and if so desired, it will remain confidential.

As reported in the "Pending Project List" the Central School Committee has been meeting weekly, and sometimes more frequently, as environmental cleanup activities are once again underway on the building's interior. The market for tax credits seems to be improving and therefore there has been a renewed interest from potential investors. The Brownfield Committee has been meeting to review proposals with regard to asbestos removal. All of the coverings on the windows and doors have been removed and will be replaced and made more secure once the cleanup has been completed. Applications for the various forms of funding this project have resubmitted and the committee is working very closely with those agencies to promote the Central School Project. As MSHDA has received many requests for funding projects called "Central School" they asked the committee to rename the project. In response, the committee has selected the name of "Apple Blossom Apartments" to use on the applications.

Several projects were under construction this summer and may have caused a minor inconvenience to our residents and guests visiting the area. We appreciate their patience throughout the construction season and ask that everyone understand that these projects have been undertaken to improve the City's aging infrastructure.