

2006 NEWBURY MASTER PLAN

CHAPTER IV

COMMUNITY FACILITIES & SERVICES AND RECREATION

Recommendations: Highway Department Services

1. The need to update and replace the Highway Department equipment and facilities should continue to be incorporated into the Town's Capital Improvement Program.
2. Efforts should be made to maintain the six full-time Highway Department employees, all with a certified Commercial Driver's License, and to strive for continued stability and continuity in the Highway Administrator position. Additional part-time laborers could be hired in the summer months.
3. The Town should add an additional full-time Highway Department employee and dump/plow truck for each additional fifteen (15) miles of roads for which the Town assumes maintenance responsibility. Since 1996, the Town has assumed maintenance responsibility on an additional 4.6 miles of Town roads for an 8.3% increase in ten years. The Town added a new dump truck with plow in 2006. If the trend over the last ten years continues and using the standard above, the Town will need to add another highway employee and dump/plow truck about every thirty years .
4. The site of the new highway garage needs to be expanded by two (2) acres or more to provide adequate area for outdoor storage of seasonal equipment, supplies such as culverts, and materials such as sand & gravel for use by the Highway Department. The additional area may also be able to provide a safe public pick-up location for sand in the winter which is lacking with the existing site configuration.
5. The Town Highway department also needs an area for the disposal of ditch material and an area to dispose of stumps. This could be incorporated into the possible acquisition of property contiguous to the highway garage or on another property.