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PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT MONTHLY REPORT – MAY 2020

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Covid-19 kept our work schedule modified. This modified schedule began in March. We have continued with alternating shifts of 2 crews to limit contact. Only one worker per truck and maintaining distance to attempt to limit potential exposure. The difference in May, we expanded the work hours for each crew to 10 hours per day and included Saturday. We also opened up the Yard Waste Drop Off facility at the beginning of May using the same hours of operation as in the past with the exception of the site being closed on Sundays. In order to limit contact we used our full time staff to monitor the site rather than bring back our part time workers. All visitors to the site were required to wear a face covering and maintain safe distance based on the guidelines. As you can imagine, this was well received by the public.

Grass cutting was our major chore during the month and it was difficult to keep up with the amount of grass we cut. Under normal conditions we have 9 or 10 mowers out each day cutting all of our parks, playgrounds detention ponds and open spaces. We are currently using 4 or 5 each day and those numbers are reduced when we have to move 2 men to monitor the Yard Waste Site. We are looking forward to when we can get back to a more normal working environment as we have other maintenance work that is needed, but right now it is difficult to schedule anything else. We are also running the street sweeper and brush hog during this time as well.

The Yard Waste Recycle Center recorded 1179 visits for the month.

Respectfully submitted,

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Chief of Public Works