

The East Shore Road Paving Project is essentially complete with a few minor areas that still need attention. The Highway Department will be backfilling where needed behind the curbing. This project was paid for with a \$500,000 STEAP Grant from the State of CT and with approximately \$200,000 of Town money.

With the millings from taking up the asphalt on East Shore Road, the Town crew was able to cover the Beach parking lot and shaped the lot to have the drainage directed to one location where the water will collect and filtered before draining out to the lake. The millings will also be utilized at the Transfer Station and at the Morris Cemetery Road.

The Town Beach now has a natural goose barrier to keep the geese from walking up to the lawn area. A line of bushes was planted along the top of the beach several weeks ago. There will be three breaks in the barrier for self-closing gates to give people access to the beach. The gates will be installed either this fall or next spring.

The new HVAC units are completed in the Fire House Meeting Room and in the Community Hall Large meeting room. These projects were paid with ARPA funds.

The Fire House parking lot project is ready to be graded and paved. The propane line was removed from the side of the building and run underground and a water line was run down to the War Memorial area for a frost-free hydrant. The leader drains from the Fire House roof gutters were piped underground as well.

The First Selectman applied for and received another \$500,000 Small Town Economic Assistance Program Grant from the State of Connecticut. This grant will be used to offset the cost of the John Weik Road Bridge replacement. We have applied for and received these funds in the past including \$150,000 for Fire House bathroom renovations, \$129,000 to replace a retaining wall at the Transfer Station and \$500,000 to mill and pave East Shore Road. We remain hopeful that we will receive a TRIP (Transportation Rural Improvement Program) grant that we applied for to make improvements to Looking Glass Hill Road. We hope to hear from the State regarding the grant by late October or early November.

A new handrail was installed at the front of the Community Hall along the sidewalk and steps by General Welding of Watertown. This project was funded by a Local Capital Improvement Program grant.