

NH Public Works Association

Community Profile:

Enfield NH

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The Town of Enfield is home to 4,800 residents and is located in the Upper region of the Connecticut River Valley.

Ken Daniels is the Director of Public Works and

oversees: Water & Sewer Division, supervised by Bruce Prior; Building & Grounds, supervised by Roger Labonte; and Highway, supervised by Kelly Ann Butler.

Kelly supervises a 9-person crew. One of her first assignments was to find a contracting company to transform a "junk pile" of reclaimed asphalt, gravel, and concrete into usable material. Kelly was allotted a \$30,000 budget for her project.

FL Merrill, a contractor from Pembroke, began the work on June 15, 2005. Four days later, 9,268 tons of material had been crushed. The price was \$3.15 per ton, or \$29,194. "Although there is still a pile," Kelly says, "it is now very compact and easier to manage, and done under budget!"

Developing an interactive GIS system is Enfield's DPW primary goal. They have started the project by obtaining base maps. A GIS system will allow users to instantly access information about the town infrastructure, such as roadways, bridges, drainage structures, and signs.

For more information: <http://www.enfield.nh.us/>.

President's Message

It is with pleasure that I take over as President of the NHPWA. I extend appreciation to Jim Brown for his time and effort given as the previous President.

Time is a valuable commodity. Demands continue to increase and we must balance these with family and personal time. As I participate in the many NHPWA activities, I see the same individuals volunteering. This trend concerns me.

There is more to work on than job performance. We are part of a larger community. I have been reminded of this concept with the recent disasters and heroic recovery activities occurring in the areas affected by Hurricane Katrina.

It is the time outside of crisis when relationships are formed and maintained. Being able to pick up the phone and talk to another person who faces similar issues is an important part of our profession. Where does someone go to meet and establish a relationship with another public works associate? I want to make the activities of NHPWA that place.

I am challenging all NHPWA members to step forward and recruit one new member and to attend at least one NHPWA function. Each individual making a small effort will strengthen our Public Works community. A dear friend of mine says, "Many hands make light work." Thank you to all the people who support the NHPWA. I look forward to a great year!!

Kürt Blomquist
NHPWA President, Keene

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2005 FALL SOCIAL



The 2005 Fall Social was held at Gunstock, Gilford, on Friday, August 26th. There were games for the entire family, including kids of all ages, and even a dunk-booth! Two board members took the plunge!

Kürt Blomquist, Keene
Director of Public
Works and President
of NHPWA



Mike Faller, Meredith
Director of Public
Works and 2005 Fall
Social Organizer



2005 NH Plow Rally

The Plow Rally was held at the 58th Annual NH Good Roads Show. Awards were presented by Carl Quiram, Director of Public Works, Goffstown.



WINNERS:
NHDOT, Cameron
Huntoon and
Brian Ordway.



2nd place team: Town of
Goffstown, Mike Brown
and Doug Wordell.



3rd place team: City
of Dover, Darrell
Pelletier & Mike
White.



Congratulations to Everyone!

Scholarship Recipients

The NH Public Works Association scholarships were awarded to UNH students. The Civil Engineering Scholarship was awarded \$1000 to **Jeff Gagnon**, Bedford. The Thompson School Scholarship was awarded to three deserving individuals: **Erica D. Jannino**, West Lebanon; **Holly M. Spinney**, Newington; and **Maria Wright**, Kensington.

Congratulations to all four!

What's wrong with this photo?

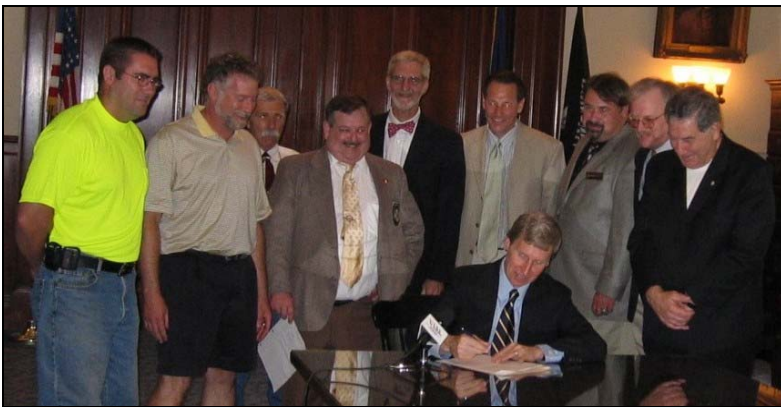


Answer: Be sure to cut trees and other debris in order to ensure visibility for drivers. See MUTCD Ch. 2A, Section 2A.22.

Legislative Update

Senate Passes Exemption Law

On April 5, 2005 the House passed SB 138, which exempts municipal public works employees from certain financial responsibilities, relative to on-the-job duties. This law takes effect on January 1, 2006. Governor Lynch signed the bill into law in May.



Preliminary Agenda for 2006 Spring Annual Meeting:

- Invasive species
- Historical resources
- NHDOT research project

Contact Kathy DesRoches to join program committee.



Member Profile

Catherine Schoenenberger

Catherine Schoenenberger is the President and Owner of Stay Safe Traffic Products. She has sold traffic control and safety products since 1996 and interacts with Public Works professionals throughout New England.

Catherine recognizes that providing her customers with a safe work environment requires more than just selling a product. Therefore, Catherine has volunteered her time for the last seven years to instruct the Work Zone Traffic Control workshop for the UNH Technology Transfer Center.

Catherine received a BA in Political Science from the University of Lowell. Her professional business training comes from eight years of working for advertising agencies as a Business Manager.

Catherine is serving her second term as the vendor member on the NHPWA Board of Directors.

Catherine has been married for nineteen years to her high school sweetheart, Keith. They live in Westford MA, the town where Catherine grew up.

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Calendar

LGC Annual Conference

November 16 – 18, 2005

Radisson, Manchester

The Conference is packed full of informative workshops and seminars for every aspect of local government. Exhibitors pack the room with new equipment and services for communities. It's virtually one-stop shopping for any municipal official.

www.nhlgc.org/Public_Documents/NHLGC_Events/AnnConf

NHPWA Sessions at the LGC Conference

November 17, 2005 9:45 – 11:15

- Zakim Bridge
- Wetlands Permit

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