President’s Message:

On behalf of the Board of Directors (BOD), I would like to extend greetings to the membership and members of the public, who may be reading this newsletter for the first time. The intent of my message is to not only remind the membership of our purpose in the community, but also to inform the general public of our often unnoticed role in everyday life.

The mission statement of the New Hampshire Public Works Association (NHPWA) is “To be a highly visible professional organization that provides leadership to enhance the ethical, technical, administrative and educational development of all public works matters throughout the State of New Hampshire with the goal to enhance the overall service provided to the citizens of the State of New Hampshire.”

Our membership consists of professionals directly or indirectly dedicated to providing, promoting and protecting the public infrastructure in New Hampshire through education and training of management, operations and maintenance of roads, highways, water resources, wastewater, environmental stewardship and any other utilities, to be known collectively as public works.

Our membership includes representation from other public works organizations; NH Standards and Training, NH Public Works Mutual Aid, NH Water Supply, NH Pollution Control, NH Road Agents, New Hampshire Department of Environmental Services (DES) and Department of Transportation (DOT) and American Council of Engineering Companies of New Hampshire (ACEC). This combined representation within the association will help to create one larger, unified voice in the State of New Hampshire. We hope that having representatives from the aforementioned organizations will facilitate better communication with those agencies as well as increase the visibility of the public works community to our citizens and our legislature.

The association was involved in a number of events in September including the Ken Ward Memorial Snow Plow Rally and Construction Career Days, both of which were held at the Hopkinton Fair Grounds. On behalf of the BOD, I would like to extend my appreciation and many thanks to Catherine Schoenenberger for her hard work and dedication in organizing these two worthwhile events.

The association will be sponsoring three educational sessions at the New Hampshire Municipal Association’s 72nd Annual Conference on November 7th at the Radisson Hotel in Manchester. The sessions will include presentations on; “Financing and Funding for Road Maintenance,” “MS4 Communities: An informational Session” and “Emergency Management: Preparing for FEMA.” The association will also be exhibiting at the conference, hope you can stop by and attend at least one of the sessions or see us in the exhibition hall.

If you have any questions or ideas for the Association, are interested in speaking about or know of an interesting project, please contact any member of the BOD. In order to make our profession stronger, I encourage everyone to get involved.

Enjoy the fall.

John R. Trottier, PE
NHPWA President
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Construction Career Days: Looking Back

Article by: Catherine Schoeneberger
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New Hampshire Construction Career Days 2013 took place at the Hopkinton State Fairgrounds September 19th and 20th. With over 900 students attending over the two days, the events were full of excitement, energy and hands-on engagement. The students came in from 35 New Hampshire high schools from all over the Granite State. Female student participation continues to increase, sporting an average this year of 15%, up from 13.5% last year.

The Hands-On Exhibitor list grew to a record 58! Students were able to go from virtual welding to plasma cutting, tree climbing to tool box building, pipe fitting to bridge building, Lego creations to wiring electrical sockets, operating a plow wing to operating an excavator, working a crane to driving a paver!
NH Construction Career Days was established in 2009. Since its inception, nearly 4,000 high school students from New Hampshire have experienced this hands-on event. NHCCD is a fantastic event that exposes students to possible career paths in both the construction and transportation industries through hands-on exhibits and educational resources. Labor unions, construction and engineering companies, trade and professional organizations, and state agencies collaborate to provide students with an introduction to various aspects of construction.

Please visit NH Construction Career Days’ website [www.nhccd.weebly.com](http://www.nhccd.weebly.com) and be sure to like Facebook page NH Construction Career Days.

Interested in participating in the 2014 events, as a Sponsor, Volunteer, Exhibitor? Please contact Catherine Schoenenberger at 866-692-2114 or [nh-ccd@hotmail.com](mailto:nh-ccd@hotmail.com)
8th Annual Ken Ward Memorial Plow Rally: A Recap

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The 8th Annual Ken Ward Memorial Snow Plow Rally took place September 18th at the Hopkinton State Fairgrounds in Hopkinton, NH. The competition attracted over 170 municipal workers and exhibitors who enjoyed cheering on their favorite teams.

Municipal Champions 2013 are reigning Champs, Benji Knapp and Jeff Lewis from the Town of Weare. The team of Fred Bassett and Charles Cote had an impressive rookie run, however, achieving second place. There was just one point difference between the Champs and Second place!

Kanpp and Lewis then went up against the NH DOT Champs, Benjamin Gelinas and Jeremy Minery. The Municipal Champs prevailed once again and were crowned NH State Champions! This Dynamic-Duo will now will go onto compete at the New England Regional Competition in Leominster, MA on November 6, 2013 against other State Championship teams from throughout New England.

The Dana Wright Backhoe Competition awarded Benji Knapp First Place honors, while second place went to William Dourdounas from the City of Keene. Both operators came away with the same exact score, but the faster time belonged to Knapp. Congratulations to all.

New to the Rally this year was a concerted focus on educational workshops. Mark Przekurat of Renaissance Acres Tree Care went nearly all day on the importance of safety in the trees and in/around chain saws. Attendees were able to physically strap on a tree harness and scale the pine. Primex, NH DOT-Driving Towards Zero, DOT Stormwater, and Innovative Surface Solutions also extended their knowledge to the crowd. We are looking to expand this area, so if you have ideas, please share.
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Nashua’s Broad Street Parkway

Article by: Jennifer Royce Perry, PE
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After decades of discussing, planning, financing, acquiring, designing, revising, and demolishing, the construction of Nashua’s Broad Street Parkway is finally about to get underway. The nearly two mile stretch of new urban roadway and no less than three bridges will provide a third crossing of the Nashua River. It will wind along and cross the Nashua River and the historic Millyard. It also crosses through deposits of asbestos waste left behind when the Johns Manville Corporation offered free fill to local property owners.

The Broad Street Parkway will begin east of the Exit 6 interchange of the F. E. Everett Turnpike at the intersection of Broad Street and Blue Hill Avenue. The Parkway generally follows a route adjacent to an active railroad owned by Guilford Transportation to a point where the proposed roadway turns south and crosses the Nashua River with a new bridge. After crossing the river the Parkway passes through the Nashua Millyard and ties into existing Pine Street near the intersection with Central Street.

The Parkway was originally designed to be a 40 to 50 mile per hour, four-lane limited access roadway. A 2003 interactive public process master plan for downtown Nashua recommended significant changes to the plans, integrating the parkway into the cityscape. Their recommendations for a 25 to 30 mile per hour, two lane controlled access roadway with carefully planned intersections with connections to the under developed Millyard, have withstood years of review and critique.

When the project design got started in the late 1990’s, it was managed by NHDOT. The State started the property acquisition process. In 2006, the City took over management of the project. Many engineering consulting firms have been engaged in the design of the project over the years. Nashua Public Works Director Lisa Fauteux and City Engineer Stephen Dookran, P.E. are the project leaders for the City. The final design plans are stamped by Fay Spoford and Thordike.

The project has been divided into three separate construction projects to make them more manageable and complete them on a tight schedule. Bids for the first contract, Broad Street Parkway North and the Baldwin Street Bridge over the railroad tracks and the Parkway were opened Sept. 4, 2013. The low bidder was R. S. Audley, Inc., of Bow, NH at $11.0 million, which was $2.9 million below the engineer’s opinion of cost of $14 million. In October 2013 the Fairmount Street Bridge and the River Bridge will be advertised with total costs estimated to be $16.8 million; this phase of the project also includes 3 major retaining walls and the protection or relocation of a 54-inch sanitary sewer interceptor. The third and final phase will be advertised in December 2013 for the Parkway South area; costs are estimated at approximately $5 million.

All the Parkway projects are expected to be substantially complete with traffic on the Parkway by December 2014. Final completion is anticipated in May 2015.

Overall project costs including property acquisition, design and construction are expected to total over $64 million. Approximately $30.5 million is federally funded, and up to $37.6 can be funded locally.

This is the first in a series of articles on important current public works projects in New Hampshire.
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Calendar

Jan 13-16: TRB Conference, Washington, D.C.
Feb. 21-25: ATSSA’s Annual Convention and Traffic Expo, San Antonio, TX
April 7-11: National Work Zone Awareness Week
May 4-7: North American Snow Conference, Cincinnati, OH
May 22: Mountain of Demos, New Hampshire
May 18-24: National Public Works Week

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