

South Glastonbury Spring Grading

August 17, 2017

Spring grading in South Glastonbury accomplished more than any spring grading in memory. All of the platted roads were graded. Ditches were cleaned and new ones were created. The total amount of road mix that was dumped was 58 double truckloads or 1,160 cubic yards, of which 18 loads were generously donated by SG landowners. We received good quality work and were charged a fair price by Mike Adkins Construction.

Some work still remains to be done, and there is unspent money left over from our spring contract. The work that remains is listed below, in order of priority.

Work is still needed at:

- Arcturus Drive – Some of the ditches are only 4 inches deep. The best depth is 8 to 12 inches. Some embankments may need to be graded and pushed back from the roadside to dig ditches deeper.
- Hercules Road by Suicide Curve needs a ditch chiseled out of the volcanic ash, which starts where the fresh 2017 gravel dump ends. Rich Spallone used a skid steer with a rock pounding chisel attachment, to create Mike Rosa's driveway, from the same rock type just up the road from Suicide Curve.
- Hercules Road needs ditch work just past and before Dennis Riley's driveway on that side of the road. Continuing up Hercules, ditch work is needed on the right side of the road as you enter the sharp 180 degree hairpin curve and after that curve as the road flattens out.
- Dirt and gravel have accumulated under the guardrails on Suicide Curve and higher up by the hairpin turn. This debris can best be removed by a skid steer and mini-excavator when we do culvert work.
- Leo Lane – Upper Leo Lane is private, but it dumps a lot of water into the cul-de-sac. There is a clogged driveway culvert at the cul-de-sac that we can open when we do culvert work. A grader should clear a ditch close to the culvert, and then clear a ditch from the other end of the culvert down to the intersection with Leo Drive.
- Virgo Way received one load of gravel and accompanying ditch work. Past the new gravel, Virgo Way has potholes. Another load of gravel and accompanying ditch work is needed.

- Upper Scorpio Way past the Wunsch's home needs at least one load of gravel, grading and ditch work. Two loads of gravel road mix are preferred.
- The last mile of Sagittarius Skyway could not receive a proper grading or any ditch work because Norm does not know where the electrical lines are. The lines must be located by Park Electric, and then grading, rolling and ditching can proceed.

Equipment needed:

- Grader
- Roller/compacter and a water truck
- A skid steer with a rock chisel attachment

Action Items:

- 1) Someone needs to call in an electrical line locate for upper Sagittarius Skyway.
- 2) Someone needs to talk to Mike Adkins to see if he is willing and able to do the above work.
- 3) We need to set a date for work to start – ASAP?

I suggest that we ask Mike to proceed with the above list until he is done, or the funds allocated for the Spring Grading contract are used up. His grader and roller are currently parked in South Glastonbury.