



# Town of Chaplin, Connecticut

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## DPW Report – September 2022

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Greetings Board of Selectman,

Monthly report for September 2022.

**Personnel:** All is well with our fantastic staff that we have. However, I'll again offer my monthly plea for an additional full-time employee. Our efforts continue, but with a repair/replace approach rather than the ability to be proactive with our duties. I ask that you please discuss this deficiency.

**Equipment:** The new plow truck is ordered and will roll off the line at Freightliner 1<sup>st</sup>/2<sup>nd</sup> quarter of 2023. Equipment Specialists will build the body and as of now, we should have a working truck by the end of 3<sup>rd</sup> quarter of 2023. Fingers crossed.

The purchase order has been made for the new Tiger Boom mower on John Deere tractor, that should be to us March/April of 2023. Thank you, Board of Selectman, we'll need them both!

We just had our annual DOT inspections with no major problems found. This will likely be the last time the 2002 "Groton truck" passes inspection due to numerous issues. The worst of which being rot.

The old blue Ford pickup is still working hard but nearing the end, also due to rot.

Backhoes, sweeper and tractors are holding their own.

**OSHA:** We are close to completing and correcting all noted deficiencies from our visit in June. We have a new Respirable Silica plan, hearing conservation program, and soon will complete our updated lockout/tagout policy.

**Work completed:** We've replaced some drainage structures on Mansure including asphalt. We've started increasing our tree efforts with cooler temperatures as well. Several roads were chip sealed – about 55,000 square yards. The Goodell pipe replacement job is complete and now capped off with fresh asphalt. We also regraded and paved the apron of Pumpkin Hill rd including a 250' shim over a bad patch of the road. Several days were spent on Bicentennial preparation, that day, and clean up.

**Work for October:** The sweeper will be out cleaning up excess chip stone for a week or two. Upper Tower Hill will receive about 340 tons of asphalt with shimming and stabilizing the apron with Harakally – currently scheduled for the week of the 17<sup>th</sup>. Equipment maintenance/winter prep will fill in the rainy days.

**Trees:** Working hard on trees and vegetation. Getting a lot done but the list seems to grow every time it shrinks. Unfortunately, after exhausting all resources and research, we will no longer be able to rent a bucket truck. This means, all money budgeted within the general fund and Capital Improvement will have to be used with contractors. Although I've made contradictory comments on this in the past, I think it's time to source and own our own bucket truck. As it is now, I will be requesting at least \$35,000 to be added to funding next fiscal year for

trees. The numbers make ownership more appropriate now as it would absolutely save the town tens of thousands of dollars, if not more. I feel comfortable we can find a unit which serves our needs for \$40-50,000.

Respectfully submitted,

Dave Stone  
Supervisor, Chaplin Public Works

**TOWN OF CHAPLIN  
RESIDENT STATE TROOPER  
September 2022**

TO: Juan Roman; First Selectman  
FROM: TFC Shaun Tucker #1237

Sir,

The following reflect the statistics collected between the dates of September 1, 2022 – September 28, 2022:

	Resident Trooper	CSP (all except RT)	TOTAL
TOTAL CALLS FOR SERVICE	50	45	95
Traffic Accident – No Injury	0	0	0
Traffic Accident – With Injury	0	1	1
Reportable Incidents	0	6	6
Traffic Stops	25	12	37

**Notable events/incidents:**

During the month of September the Resident Trooper performed regular enhanced security checks at the town's schools. I also participated in the safety planning for, and attended the Bicentennial Celebration. No major safety concerns or incidents arose during that event.

Planning and Zoning approached me on behalf of several concerned residents from the area of Miller Rd. The residents were concerned about a new neighbor who had been target shooting on his own property. The residents were concerned with safety. A meeting was held with the concerned residents and P&Z on September 27, 2022, and following the meeting I met with Brandon Longe of Miller Rd. Brandon was very cooperative, and showed me where he intends to set up a firing range. Once the range is complete he has agreed to allow me to take a look at it to give his neighbors peace of mind. The issue has been resolved for the time being, and I will follow up with all the concerned residents.

I have now been certified nationally in the inspection/installation of car seats, and believe this will be a helpful tool for the residents of Chaplin. I am available to meet with parents, grandparents, and caretakers and inspect their child safety seats.

I met with the First Selectman on August 15, 2022 and he requested focused motor vehicle enforcement along the Route 6 corridor due to recent serious motor vehicle accidents along that stretch of roadway in and around Chaplin. A total of nineteen (34) traffic stops were conducted along Route 6 during the month of September.

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Respectfully,

TFC Shaun Tucker #1237