

Transportation

Automobiles comprise most of the transportation in Lee. Many commuters use Lee as a short-cut, resulting in increased weekday traffic. Many bicyclists include the scenic roads of Lee on their longer rides, particularly on the weekends. Lee roads are winding and without sidewalks, making walking along roads challenging. However, walking paths exist in town and are (refer to the map of walking paths)

Roads

In the early years, all roads in the Town were maintained by the Town. There were as many as 16 road districts and road surveyors at a time and these surveyors would pay their taxes by taking care of the Town roads. Eventually as the state began to take over some of the higher traffic roads and as mechanical equipment replaced laborers, the Town replaced the surveyors with three *road agents*. Finally in the late 1940s the town elected one part time road agent who oversaw the maintenance of the roads. In 1985 the road agent became full time with the responsibilities of overseeing roads, transfer station and cemeteries. As more roads have been added and as demand for better roads has increased, the Highway Department has grown to three full time employees. The Town Highway Department currently maintains 37.4 miles of road, maintains the equipment for road upkeep, maintains the cemeteries and parks, and assists other departments as needed.

Goal 1: Analyze the current road infrastructure and develop a plan for safety improvements and a plan for road reconstruction

Goal 2: Upgrade the fleet (mostly plow trucks) to newer equipment.

Action items

- Analyze the fleet and determine how many trucks are needed and the best method to upgrade to newer trucks.
- Continue to fund the Highway Equipment Trust Fund.

Goal 3: Continue with the programs in place to replace the four bridges and three big culverts that have not been replaced.

Action items

- Continue putting funds away in the highway bridge and road trust fund.
- Seek outside funding where possible (FEMA, State Bridge Funding).

Goal 4: Ensure that current highway buildings are maintained to address current and future needs.

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- Determine the life expectancy of the current buildings.
- Consider changes and additional buildings to address the future needs.

Add new goals with Rec and Police and Roads to consider transportation options.

- Work with other Town departments to consider needed safety improvements for the town roads, possible sidewalks and/or bike paths.

Bike Paths

Walking Paths

Sidewalks

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