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Eighty Years Ago Sleighing 1870

Through town was very good last week. Beyond the town to the bridge there were many bare spots and Beach Point looked exceedingly bald. All the sleighs owned here (some six or seven) were out Saturday and the jingle of the bells made music until late in the evening (quite exasperating however to those who did not own and could not borrow a cutter). As the sleighing season here does not average in the course of ten years over three or four hours per annum it scarcely pays to invest heavily in sleighing apparatus, which accounts for the street not being thronged, though it would not require many sleighs to throng it, as two large ones would probably produce a blockade in the most commodious part of our thoroughfare, since after the sidewalks are cleared there is little more than room enough for the pile of snow which is thrown into it or heaped on the side.

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Town Prepares For Snow Removal

During snow storms, Superintendent of Streets Frank "Petey" Perry is in charge, assisted by Peter Perry, Assistant Superintendent, it has been announced by Town Manager Walter E. Lawrence. Frank Flores, Superintendent of Cemetery, is in charge of all snow removal in the West End of Town. Joseph Creamer, Superintendent of the Water Department, is in charge of all snow removal in the East End of Town and he will supervise removal of snow from hydrants used for fire protection.

All men of the following departments will be used during severe snow storms including Highway, Water, Sanitation and Health.

The Town sanitary packer type unit with plow will be used on Bradford Street and Shank Painter Road. James Silva's sanding

truck and jeep will be assigned during emergency periods.

The Town Hall will be the headquarters for all snow storms. Supervision of phone calls from citizens and all operations will be conducted from the Town Hall.

Radio communications will be set up with direct contact with some Town vehicles.

All Town equipment, including trucks with plows, front end loader, and sidewalk plows will be used with very little rental of outside equipment.

All churches, parking areas, funeral home, doctors' offices, homes of sick persons, Cape End Manor and similar locations will be plowed out immediately after opening of main streets.

Snow will be removed from the center of the Town and in front of stores immediately after plowing of all streets. This work will be done by Town trucks and men during regular working hours.

Snow will be removed from sidewalks on Commercial and Bradford Streets as soon as possible following a storm.

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New Beacon

Snow Tires Real Help To Winter Drivers Says Chief Marshall

More and more people are using snow tires during the winter season. Do they really help? "Yes," says Chief of Police Francis H. Marshall. In "normal" winter weather, with mild to medium depths of snow, and where hills are not steep, snow tires offer improved traction over regular tires. In more severe conditions of snow or ice one would prefer the far greater protection of tire chains, the Chief points out. In really tough snow or ice conditions, reinforced tire chains are the most reliable method of preventing traffic blockades and accidents, the Chief insists. And he has the test reports of the National Safety Council to prove it.