

## **Paving — August 10<sup>th</sup> - 21<sup>st</sup>**

Maine DOT will be paving our one State road next week: Main Street and Pulpit Harbor Road from Calderwood Hall to the Union Hall (Grange). The work will be done by Thibodeau Construction under DOT's supervision. While Thibodeau is here, they will also do some paving for the Town:

- Upper Smith Street (from Church Street to Brown's upper yard)
- Dole Road
- Bartlett Harbor Road
- West District Road (western end from Crabtree Point to the dirt portion)
- A portion of North Shore Road near Witherspoon's
- The Triangle at the intersection of Pulpit Harbor Road and North Shore Road
- A portion of Middle Road near the Burns' and the Jermann's
- The ferry parking lot (just the asphalt portion)

Thibodeau is bringing equipment and hot asphalt to the island via the *Burgess* and the *Island Transporter*. Here's what to know:

- Thibodeau will move as quickly as the job and weather permit; the job may not take the full two weeks
- The ferry will be crowded with trucks. If you don't have to travel to the mainland next week, please stay on the island or fly off on Penobscot Island Air
- We have asked the Ferry Service to help by putting the *Libby* into service; they are working on it - obtaining a crew is the challenge
- The *Island Transporter* will land most of the trucks at Pulpit Harbor on Izzy's Beach (near second bridge); please keep the roads clear, including the area surrounding the Town Dock
- If the Transfer Station containers fill up, we may have to close for a day until we can work around the paving to get a container truck on the *Burgess*
- Road Closures:
  - Main Street and Pulpit Harbor Road are wide enough so Thibodeau can pave one-half at a time, allowing traffic to pass
  - The remaining roads are too narrow to pave half a lane at a time, so the roads will be closed completely during paving
  - The Town Office will notify residents of the closures the day before, as Thibodeau's schedule becomes more clear
  - The ferry parking lot will be closed the day of paving; vehicles will line up on Main Street; we will post separate notices and instructions a couple of days before

We all know this is a rotten time of year to pave (good for adhesion, but rotten for congestion). Please help by:

- Doing your best to be patient
- Driving carefully and obeying flaggers
- Working with the Ferry Service to adjust your travel

If you have questions, please call the Town Office, 867.4433