



Town of BEACON FALLS
Connecticut

GERARD F. SMITH
First Selectman

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Happy New Year!!

I am happy to announce that the final phase of the Burton Road Rehabilitation project is officially underway. Since the closure of the road in early 2020, we've provided updates and detailed information regarding financial and construction timelines. Once again, a little history of how we got here. The road had been inspected, and the pending catastrophic road failure identified, as far back as 2014. Repair options were presented, but no action was taken. Six years later, the town engineer deemed the road unsafe for vehicular and pedestrian traffic, recommending full closure and rehabilitation. COVID, supply chain issues and unreasonable requests from the State regarding the demolition of the historic stone wall stalled grant approvals and, therefore, construction.

Patience and understanding from most residents paid off financially for all. Below is the breakdown for the cost and repayment of the entire project:

Total Cost:	\$3,716,631
State Reimbursement (LOTICIP):	\$2,964,550
Federal Reimbursement (ARPA):	\$555,680
Town Funds:	\$196,400

It took time, but by waiting for approval of the State and Federal money, a total of \$3,520,230, Beacon Falls has seen the equivalent of a savings of 5 mills for every taxpaying household.

Weather permitting, the entire project should be completed by late summer 2023. The roadway will remain closed to ALL pedestrian and vehicular traffic; please adhere to these safety closures as heavy equipment is operating daily.

Thank you for your continued cooperation and support with this and other on-going road construction improvements throughout town.

Sincerely,

Gerard F. Smith
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