

Carroll Water Department

Inter – dept memo

24 March 2014

Board of Selectman

Re: Major water break on Route 3 @ School St.

8 am, Carroll Police received a call from Buddy Pierce that there may be a water break on Rt 3 and that they need to notify the water department.

8:05 am Chief Trammell and Cpl. Bailey responded to this location and observed water coming up through the road just north of School Street, the water had buckled the travel portion of the south bound lane, was also observed coming up on the center lines of the road. Chief Trammell took Cpl. Bailey back to the station to pick up a second police vehicle to shut down the southbound lanes. Chief Trammell also notified Selectman Bussiere and Scally and Cpl. Bailey notified me.

8:30 Police department notified Troop F of the road closure and they called NH DOT. NH Dot had several highway workers on scene setting up traffic cones and assisting town workers. Twin Mountain firefighter Carl Comeau came out of the fire station and used his personal vehicle to assist with traffic until the police were able to set up traffic control. Fire Chief Oleson was notified of the water issue in case of a major fire. Highway department superintendent Greg Hogan was notified and Sean Moran was called in. After assessing the water flow it was determined that a main water line had ruptured, this was beyond the limits of the towns backhoe and Dan's Dirt Works was called for a larger machine to do the digging.

11:00 am – Chief Oleson notified business north of Route 302 of possible water issues and Chief Trammell notified business south of Route 302 of possible water issues. At this time all state and local workers were on scene and digging to locate the source of the leak.

2:15 pm the leak was located in the center of RT 3 south; the main feed line was the problem. After locating this three-foot section had to be cut out and replaced. After the repair was done there was extensive work continuing for several hours to repair the road temporarily until proper repairs can be complete in the spring.

On this day all responders came to the aid of the town in a moment of need. Everyone gave full attention to get this issue resolved; it was in the 20's and this made for a long cold day for all concerned. Karen Moran came in to pick up pizza for the personnel on scene and I was informed that Selectman Bussiere also made the same offer. We ended this day at 9:15 pm.

While I know this event will not be the last issue we will have to deal with I would like to say thank you for everyone stepping in and helping the town through another typical day of life in the north country.

Sincerely:

Scott Sonia / Water Superintendent