Even in ‘Retirement,’ Dave Capelle Still Giving Back to His Profession

by Keith Regan

It’s a situation anyone that has been in the public works field for as long as Dave Capelle has been knows all too well. A quick burst of snow has swept across the area just as Capelle is making his way to an interview to discuss his 40 years of experience in and around public works—and the untold hours he has volunteered to keep the profession thriving.

Instead of being Operations Manager at the Shrewsbury Department of Public Works for this storm, as he was for decades before, Capelle is just another driver stuck in traffic on the roads between Shrewsbury and Hopkinton.

The weather delays him by an hour, yet despite the extra drive time and another hour spent recapping his career, Capelle isn’t in a rush to get home. For when it’s time to wrap up, his thoughts shift to possibly paying a visit to a few of his public works colleagues while in town. He gets directions to the Hopkinton DPW offices, brushes the snow from his car and off he goes.

The same scene could have played out in almost any community in Southern New England. Capelle’s 40-plus years in and around public works—years marked by untold hours of volunteer service to a host of professional associations, including the APWA and the Massachusetts Highway Association—has left him with an almost limitless network in the profession.

Now an employee of Highway Rehab Corp., Capelle travels New England visiting those friends as he continues to advocate for the profession, a job description that clearly seems more like pleasure than work for him.

“Public works has been my life, it really has,” he says. “It’s like one large family and I have tried to treat it as a family, giving back the way others gave to me.”

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Greetings to the members of the New England Chapter APWA and a special greeting to future members of the Chapter. As the Chapter strives to go green, our ability to harness the various forms of electronic media also allows us an exciting opportunity to make each edition of the Chapter Chatter available to many beyond our usual recipients. Through the efforts of the Public Works Awareness Committee, the Board is seeking to have all members who receive the Chatter electronically forward items and future editions of the Chatter to others in your community. I encourage you to make a copy available to your Mayor, your Town Manager or Town Administrator, and to departments you may interact with on a routine basis. You can also have copies on display in public places of your buildings, at your front window, and even the break room.

For those who may be reading the Chatter for the first time, welcome to the New England Chapter. We hope this introduction will help you become better acquainted with the profession of Public Works. In future editions, we plan to provide insight on how Public Works professionals embrace the 2015 National Public Works Week theme “Community Begins Here” every day of the week.

The Public Works Departments are the heartbeat of your community and Public Works professionals are the life blood. Take a moment to consider that the functions performed by the Public Works Department have an impact on nearly everything you do. Beginning with the water for your morning cup of coffee, the roads, sidewalks, and transit systems you travel to get to your work or school, the park where you enjoy eating your lunch or an evening concert, and the clean, efficient removal of your waste and recyclables. All serve the goal of sustainability and resilience in a desirable community.

As you read through this edition of the Chatter, you will learn about the special work of the members of the New England Chapter APWA. You will get to meet a special individual who has dedicated his life’s work to the community, both in his job and personal time. You will learn interesting facts about the New England Chapter members and explore links to the larger APWA community. I hope you enjoy this edition.

For our current members I hope you are recovering from one of the most challenging Februaries since records have been kept. For some of you, records for annual snowfall have been broken. We have all experienced one of the coldest winters on record. Believe it or not, this may actually be the result of climate change (formerly known as Global Warming). However, as we begin to see the snow cover shrink, the days get longer and warmer, and we begin gearing up for a full schedule of maintenance, repairs or construction, please remember our annual spring conference on April 14, 2015 in Windsor, CT and National Public Works Week May 17-23 highlighted by the Public Works Week luncheon on Wednesday, May 20, 2015 at Lombardi’s in Randolph. I encourage you to plan now to attend these functions and I challenge you to bring members of your department who may not typically get to attend. I strongly urge you to include a young professional in that group. Taking a peek further, the summer conference will be returning to Cape Cod in June with expanded opportunities for training at all levels of your organization. Stay tuned.

Finally, I am excited to share with you that the New England Chapter has been selected to host the 2016 North American Snow Conference in Hartford, CT. This will occur the week following 2016 National Public Works Week in May. The Chapter organizing committee has been formed and meetings with the National Staff have begun. Opportunities to participate on a committee or serve as a volunteer at the conference will be announced soon. In the revolutionary spirit of the hugely successful 2010 International Congress and Exposition in Boston, I am fully confident the city of Hartford and the New England Chapter will blow the snow fighting professionals away.

Rick Merson
New England Chapter President 2015
Welcome to the Spring 2015 issue of the Chapter Chatter. We hope you are enjoying this issue.

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Editor’s Notes

Public Works Week May 17-23, 2015
“Community Begins Here”

In the spirit of the upcoming National Public Works Week, this issue of the Chapter Chatter highlights several New England communities and how they managed this challenging winter. Also featured are communities that have advocated and celebrated public works awareness.

Since 1960, APWA has sponsored National Public Works Week. Across North America, our more than 28,000 members in the US and Canada use this week to energize and educate the public on the importance of the contribution of public works to their daily lives: planning, building, managing, and operating the heart of our local communities and building the quality of life.

There would be no community without the quality of life public works provides. There would be no community to police and protect, no public to lead or represent. Public works allows the world as we know it to be. This year’s theme, “Community Begins Here,” speaks to the essential nature of Public Works services in support of everyday quality of life. Diverse in function creation and use, public works is truly where community begins.

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Williston, Vermont - Teaching the ABCs of PW

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If you want to spread a message, start with kids. Lisa Sheltra learned this valuable lesson while teaching fire safety as a volunteer firefighter, and now applies it to community outreach efforts as assistant public works director for the Town of Williston, VT.

During Public Works Week in May, Sheltra planned a presentation and show-and-tell event for Williston’s two elementary schools. Six heavy equipment operators brought vehicles onsite so the children could inspect—and in some cases climb aboard—a dump truck, grader, vacuum trailer, backhoe, excavator, and roadside mower.

In one day Sheltra, Public Works Director Bruce Hoar, and the vehicle operators reached more than 450 children in pre-K through 5th grade. In addition to a general overview, the team emphasized public works as a good career opportunity.

Sheltra’s presentation focused on stormwater management to coincide with students’ environmental studies, although she plans to develop other topics and involve older students in community projects in the future.

The event’s budget was minimal, including pencils, erasers, and plastic hardhats for some of the students. A friend of Sheltra’s designed posters and coloring pages. “Eventually we’d like donations from local businesses,” she says, “not only to garner more resources, but to raise awareness.” The more taxpayers understand what we do, the more likely they will support new initiatives.”

Sheltra was inspired to plan educational events as she completed a Public Works Manager training program through APWA’s Donald C. Stone Center. “The curriculum involved 12 different criteria, and I realized most people probably have no idea what a public works department actually does,” she says. Williston’s 18 full-time public works employees are responsible for roads, sewers, stormwater management, as well as an extensive parks and recreation program, including summer-long kids’ camps and skiing in winter.

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This past fall, the Town of Simsbury, CT’s Department of Public Works cosponsored a “Touch-a-Truck” event with the Town Library.

With the promotional help of the staff at the Library Children’s Room, this 4-hour long event had over 400 visitors and lines of children waiting to climb on the DPW equipment.

Entire families came out (kids, parents and grandparents). All of the equipment was Town equipment for Public Works and Parks. As the children are already familiar with fire trucks and police cars, the library staff suggested only showcasing the DPW’s equipment.

There were games for the kids – each piece of equipment had a “license plate” with a nick-name for the vehicles and the kids needed to match it with the type of equipment it was on... “Cranky” = excavator, “shifty” = front end loader, etc.

The event was well received by both the children and their parents and the DPW staff was asked to do the event again.

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On October 25, 2014, the DPW hosted an Open House at the DPW Garage. The event allowed Town residents to view the new DPW facility, get a first-hand look at the equipment, and meet the DPW staff. Over 150 residents attended the event.
A Desire to Stay Close to Home

Capelle’s resume includes just under 40 years of service to the Town of Shrewsbury’s Public Works Department, retiring in 2011 as Operations Manager.

But while public works became his life over the course of those decades, it didn't start out that way. As a young man, Capelle worked in national sales for an electric lighting fixture company, a job that required him to travel extensively as he serviced scores of Zayre's Department Stores around the country.

“This was during the riots in major cities. I remember having to have bodyguards to get into a store in Chicago,” he said. “After a while, I started thinking it might be nice to work in town.”

Capelle didn’t have to look far to find an example of the type of work he wanted to do. His father-in-law at the time was an employee in the Shrewsbury Public Works Department.

But economic doldrums had depleted local budgets. Fortunately for Capelle, the federal Emergency Employment Act of 1971 provided grant funds for the town to take him on as a laborer. By the time the grant funding wound down, Capelle had already proved his worth and the town hired him directly.

It was quickly clear he'd found his niche as he advanced through the ranks at the DPW, eventually rising to Operations Manager. His favorite part of the job: The challenge that comes along with the sheer unpredictability of the work.

Managing from Experience

Having started at the bottom, Capelle could relate to his workers and the challenges they faced in balancing the need to be on call around the clock with their lives at home—and they in turn knew he had their backs.

“I loved the challenge. There were maybe 10 days in 39-and-a-half years that I didn’t feel like going to work. Every day was something new. You would come in to start the day thinking you were going to do this project and this one would call and say there’s a stop sign down or a tree falls down overnight. There’s always something different. At the end of the day, you felt good knowing you had done all you could. I was always proud of my guys.”

“You want to be managed the way you were managed,” he said. “The guys did well and that made me look good, and that made my boss look good to the Town Manager, and him look good to the Selectmen. To be able to serve the town all those years you have to have confidence from management to allow you to do that.”

The department continues some of the programs Capelle initiated, including the kids equipment show he organized for Public Works Day.

“I remember the first year we did that it was pouring rain and we had a very light turnout. But I also remember one kid who showed up and when he walked in the door, his whole face just lit up. And I said, ‘wow, it was worth it even if only this one kid showed up.’”

Capelle has seen how the public works field has evolved and hopes the changes continue for the better. “I remember I used to talk with [retired DPW Director] Bob Moylan of the City of Worcester and he always said the biggest challenge was to change the image of public works. When I was a kid, what you saw was six guys riding in the back of a dump truck with a bottle of wine and every once in a while they’d slow down and drop a shovel of patch, not even get out of the truck.

“So much has changed. A lot of people have come along who have helped
changed that."

Capelle credits programs such as Bay State Roads with helping to create a better-educated, more professional workforce. He personally also knows the value of learning from colleagues through his association involvement. “I learned a lot through Bay State Roads and on the job, from my peers, just listening and paying attention.”

During his time in Shrewsbury, Capelle also saw first-hand how even in communities where leadership supports and understands the importance of public works, departments are doing more with less than in the past. He saw the department shrink during his time in town, even as the population grew.

A Full Calendar
Quantifying the work Capelle himself has done to promote and improve the profession would probably require a degree in advanced mathematics.

At one point, Capelle shows his interviewer the freshly printed 2015 calendar produced annually by the Massachusetts Highway Association. Featuring historic photos of public works departments and the tools of their trade in action, the calendar is a fixture in highway facilities and DPW offices around the state. It also lists scores of meetings throughout the year, gathered from the county-based highway associations, as well as the APWA.

“I belong to all of these groups and I try to go to as many meetings as I can get to,” he said. “My employer was good about encouraging me to be part of these groups and staying active in them as much as possible.”

Of course, as usual, Capelle is under-selling his role: He also oversees the committee that produces the calendar each year.

For years, Capelle has also overseen the Mass Highway Association’s Public Works Equipment Expo and under his leadership, the event has grown exponentially. Annual attendance has grown from 400 to 1,500 attendees, in part thanks to a shift in the business model for the event, which funds the MHA’s scholarship program. Several years ago, Capelle and other organizers moved to make attendance at the Expo free of charge and to rely on vendor payments for booths to cover expenses.

With no admission fee, more public works departments can send employees to the show, which in turn helps vendors reach a larger audience. “Plus in the towns with departments of two or three people, the vendors might never get out there and this is a chance for them to see what is coming down the road and what is new,” he said.

The Expo’s growth has prompted the association to move it to Boxborough beginning in 2015, a more central location than Topsfield, and one that Capelle hopes will foster even more growth in the future. That’s because the expo generates the funds that power the association’s scholarship program.

Last year, the association was able to provide 23 scholarships of $1,000 each, Capelle notes with obvious and deserved pride.

“We do it for the scholarships,” he said. “At least, I do it for the scholarships. I’ve been doing the show for probably 10 years. I keep saying I’m going to back away from it, but then a new president takes over and says, ‘Come on Dave.’”

New Lease on Life
Improving his health through recent weight loss means Capelle can better enjoy his favorite leisure activities including traveling—he was preparing to leave the snow behind for Aruba—fishing and golf, though he still thinks 18 holes is too many to play at all once. “I always said that 15 holes would be the perfect number,” he joked.

Of course, Capelle’s contributions to the public works field, which include holding a slew of leadership positions within industry organizations have not gone unnoticed over the years. He is a past president of the Worcester County Highway Association and the Mass. Highway Association, and is an elected trustee of MHA.

In 2014, he accepted the George Russell Award as Vendor of the Year.
CONTRIBUTOR NEWS

Peabody, MA – Weston & Sampson is pleased to announce that Thomas Hydro, formerly of Layne Christensen Company, has joined Weston & Sampson as a Project Manager in the firm’s water program. Tom brings more than 23 years of experience related to water wells, pumps, and drilling throughout New England. His experience will augment our pump station design work, supervisory control and data acquisition (SCADA) engineering services, and general water work throughout New England.

Scott Henriques, PE, LEED®AP O&M, has joined the firm as a Senior Project Manager/Mechanical Engineer. He brings more than 20 years of experience with mechanical and HVAC design, energy conservation, and distributed energy projects for private clients and municipalities throughout the eastern US, as well as for the federal government, industrial clients, and academic institutions.

Manchester, NH – BETA is pleased to announce our newest office has opened in Manchester, New Hampshire. This expansion comes on the heels of another year of great growth for the company. Increased capabilities, coupled with greater demand for our services in New Hampshire and northern New England, prompted the search for an office that would be better situated to provide service to clients in this region.

Office space has been secured, and Tony Puntin, P.E. has been hired to lead the effort to spread awareness of BETA and our capabilities in New Hampshire and northern New England. Throughout his 22 year professional career, Tony has worked in the Civil Engineering industry with a focus on transportation-related design and project management.

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**Contributor News Continued**

**Tighe & Bond**

**Westfield, Massachusetts** – February 19, 2015 – The American Council of Engineering Companies of Connecticut (ACEC/CT) honored Tighe & Bond and the Town of East Lyme, CT with the 2015 Grand Award during its Engineering Excellence Awards ceremony on January 12 at the Middletown Inn. Tighe & Bond, a New England leader in civil and environmental engineering, won praise for its design of the $10 million East Lyme–New London water system interconnection that ends more than 20 years of summer water shortages in East Lyme, Connecticut.

Applauded by local and state dignitaries as a model of regional cooperation for its unique water “banking” solution, this landmark inter-municipal project was completed last year, and is the first of its kind in Connecticut. The interconnection allows East Lyme to “bank” excess water from its wells at New London’s Lake Konomoc reservoir and water treatment facility during the fall and winter, when East Lyme’s water demands are at their lowest. Then, during the spring and summer, New London provides East Lyme with water when demands are the highest, and tourist season is in full swing.

**APWA North American Snow Conference**


The Conference will highlight the redevelopment of downtown Hartford and the area surrounding the Convention Center including a wrap-up party in the Connecticut Science Center. We are working to set up technical tours to the State of Connecticut Emergency Operations Center in the Hartford Armory, the Town of Manchester’s EOC, and the State’s Quick Response Staging Center at Brainard Field.

The Chapter will soon distribute a call for sponsors to assist in hosting the event. We will need volunteers to assist in the many activities over the four days. For public agencies, we will be offering an Agency Sponsorship opportunity that will provide one-day access for staff into the exhibits, floor displays, vendors and suppliers.
The winter of 2014/2015 challenged the operational and financial resources of public works departments throughout the New England Chapter. The record breaking snowfall totals from multiple storms in the first few months of 2015 tested the planning, response, and communications skills of public works departments, both large and small. Now that we have reached the conclusion of this winter, which will serve as a marker from which future winter storms will be measured, public works directors, municipal managers, and selectboards and councils will assess 2015 needs and begin the discussions in planning for 2016.

The following stories relate the planning, communications, and response efforts utilized by public works departments in the New England Chapter. The professional public works leaders in these communities don’t see anything special or unique in their efforts or that of their staff – it’s their job. However, without the planning, communication, and extraordinary efforts by staff exhibited throughout the public works operations in New England, the impacts of the 2015 winter storm season would have been more severe.

Emergency Management Planning Averts a Crisis

Tom Collins, Natick’s Deputy Director of Public Works, is a champion for training and emergency response planning in public works operations. Tom is a former Chapter president and chairs the Chapter’s committee that organizes the popular Mechanics Workshop.

Tom reported that he and his staff were anticipating a fuel delivery on February 2. Another major storm was ramping up and the Town needed the gas and diesel for the plows and fire equipment. The fuel delivery company pulled their trucks off the road because of worsening snow and road conditions. Tom expressed the need for this delivery in order to maintain fleet operations. Later that afternoon conditions improved such that a delivery truck was dispatched. Unfortunately, the driver reported about 20 minutes later that he put 3,000 gallons of gasoline into the Town’s diesel tank. This was an apparent error on the part of the driver as he had delivered to this site many times before. Disintegrating road conditions prevented the delivery company from pumping out the tank until the next day. In the meantime Natick was without enough diesel to manage the snow and emergency response needs of the community.

As part of Natick’s emergency response planning the Town had previously set up a memorandum of understanding (MOU) with a local oil company to address any break in fuel supply necessary to maintain operations. This situation was just that. Tom invoked the MOU, thus able to keep all 45 diesel vehicles fueled up and on the road working, including all fire apparatus.

Tom sees this event in Natick as a learning opportunity for him, his staff, and other public works departments. He wrote, “In our line of work you need to always expect the unexpected and to be prepared for the worst. As far as fuel deliveries, make sure you send a person to meet the truck at the delivery site, and make sure the dispensing pumps, tanks and fill pipes are all clearly marked (as ours were). Make sure you have a backup plan (MOU) in place, hopefully one that has a standby generator and 24 hour access.” Natick’s preplanning countered the consequences of human error and third party failures and the existing MOU guaranteed a backup fuel supply.

Public Works Staff Respond to the Emergency at Hand

Public works professionals know that winter storm response is much more than just plowing and sanding. Kevin Sheppard, Public Works Director in
Manchester, NH, shared an example where one of his staff found a resident in dire straits, called for appropriate aid, and exposed himself to the elements to provide comfort and assistance. Kevin is a past president of the New England Chapter. Kevin’s presidential agenda included promoting public awareness of the emergency response roles embedded in public works operations.

Kevin refers to the public works operators as the City’s eyes and ears on the road. During the storm on February 5 at 0100 hours, one of Manchester’s DPW plow drivers stopped to investigate what he thought was a trash can in the road. It was actually an elderly woman with dementia, cold and wet with a head laceration. The driver called in the incident and remained with the woman until help arrived. He provided her reassurance and covered her with his coat, which left him with just his shirt. This information is from a request to the DPW from the local ambulance service to identify and recognize this operator as “really going above and beyond in my book…”

In the public works community there are lots of good men and women who are responding to challenges just like the plow driver in Manchester. The challenge for the profession is to communicate that awareness to local officials and residents. 

Facebook is an Opportunity to Communicate the Latest

The City of Keene, NH uses Facebook to update and inform the public on public works issues, including winter storm preparation and management. Public Works Director, Kürt Blomquist, PE is one of two New Hampshire delegates on the New England Chapter Executive Board. He is the former chairperson of APWA’s national Emergency Management Committee. Kürt recognizes the importance of keeping the public informed and managing the expectations of the community through regular updates on the status of winter storm planning and operations.

Traffic on Keene’s Public Work’s Facebook page, measured by total engagements, is significantly higher just before and during storm events. The most popular posts have been the winter weather updates, operational updates, and the availability of sand for residents at the department yard. Facebook posts from Keene’s “Plow Guys” include the schedule for snow removal operations, noting priorities and management objectives. For example the Facebook post anticipating the March 4 event is as follows:

WINTER STORM 3/4/15 This event is expected to produce 2-5 inches of snow, and then turn to freezing rain and plain rain ending early morning. The freezing rain and plain rain could present very slippery conditions. The Division’s operating guidelines for a storm like this is to initially not plow. The logic behind this is that if we plowed off the snow the freezing rain and plain rain landing on the roads would turn into black ice. The snow is left on the roads to act like a “sponge” and absorb the rains. Near the storms end all plow operations will commence. Please be careful driving.

Additional posts include status updates on the number of hours spent responding to winter conditions including plowing, sanding, repairing potholes, clearing drain basins, and more. Posts receive “likes” and are “shared.” Residents can ask questions on either the public page or through the private email. All are responded to as soon as possible.

Winter 2015 Sets Records and Results in New Firsts

Mike Nelson, PE from Danvers, MA, Engineering Division, is a member of the New England Chapter Public Works Awareness Committee. Mike reports that Danvers has recorded four double digit snowfall events since the last week of January, with the single largest measuring 27 inches on January 26 to 28. The two week total for January 27 to February 9 is a 500-year event, and the four day through one month totals are the greatest on record, according to one of the Town’s consultants.

Danvers told non-essential employees to stay home from work three times this winter due to states of emergency. Local knowledge recalled that happening only once in the past 25 years. After the February 10 snow event, Danvers Square was closed to all traffic overnight to clear snow from the downtown area. The City utilized backhoes, bob cats, and private contractors to clear as much snow as possible out of parking bays, sidewalks, and store fronts. Snow was piled into the middle of the road where Danvers’ “Snow Monster” was able to rapidly load the trucks for removal.

Danvers, like other communities throughout New England, is exceeding budget. As of this reporting, the Town is at 215% of its snow removal budget and is closing in on a $1 million snow removal budget deficit.

The Future is Not Set

For public works operations throughout New England, the winter...
of 2014/2015 will serve a reference point. Whether this season is an anomaly and the 2015/2016 winter will more represent the average, or this winter is an indicator of long term weather changes, remains to be seen. Clearly the frequency of extreme or historic snowfalls is increasing in the Northeast. Judah Cohen and Jason Furtado of the Washington Post report that “whether this is simply natural variability, or a consequence of climate change, can be answered only by more rigorous analysis and modeling studies; nonetheless, the increase in historic snowfalls is striking.” No matter what, public works operations in New England will be expected to have the resources to respond to whatever the winter storm season brings. As shown in the stories above, the members of the New England public works community show that they and their staff have the knowledge and skills to plan, communicate, and execute a winter operations program that protects the health and safety of the residents and minimizes the impacts on local government and business operations.


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David Ridzon Memorial Service

David Ridzon, a long time Tolland Public Works employee, was killed on Thursday, March 19th, while performing roadway maintenance work.

Hundreds turned out to pay their respects, including Public Works employees from around the region, dressed in yellow safety vests. They lined the streets of the funeral procession as a tribute to their fallen comrade.

NEAPWA President, Rick Merson told FOX CT News, “We want to make sure the family, the town, and the community family is aware that there is a broader family, beyond just what they’re seeing,” said Merson, “they’re part of a larger group of people that work for the public good.”

“When you see something like this,” said Merson, “It’s just absolutely staggering to see the great turnout from all over New England.”

Our Fallen Comrades

Robert W. “Bob” Simonds 12/13/14
Retired Superintendent
Woburn Public Works Dept.
Past Chapter President (1995)

John W. Kiley III
2/15/15
President
Atlantic Broom Services, Inc.

Charles “Charlie” Button
3/17/15
Member, APWA/NEC
Chairman, Boston Conservation Commission

David L. Ridzon*
3/19/15
Tolland, CT Public Works Dept.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

2015 APWA New England Chapter Events

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APWA Self Assessment Workshop Coming to South Burlington, VT in May

- Learn about become a nationally accredited public works agency
- Improve efficiency
- Identify gaps in needed procedures
- Strengthen weaknesses

Date: Friday, May 15th
Location: South Burlington, VT
Cost: $25 per person

Registration deadline is May 8. Space is limited so register soon.

Go to www.newengland.apwa.net and look under “Upcoming Events” for more details or to register online.

For more information, contact:
Jennifer Perry at jtperry@exeternh.gov
or Lisa Sheltra at sheltra@willistonvt.org
On September 24th, Chapter members traveled to Loveland, Colorado to participate in the Western Snow and Ice Conference and National Snow Plow Roadeo. The Massachusetts Highway Association and the Rhode Island Public Works Association sponsored each of their 2014 Roadeo Champions participation to the annual Conference and Snow Plow Roadeo. The New England Chapter 2013 Roadeo Champions were also sponsored by the Massachusetts Highway Association.

The Massachusetts Highway Association 2014 Snow Plow Roadeo Champions from West Stockbridge, MA, Jamie Boyer and John Lyford were joined by the 2013 New England APWA Snow Plow Roadeo Champions from Southbridge, MA, John Jesky and Jose Ortiz, and the Rhode Island Public Works Association 2014 Snow Plow Roadeo Champions from Narragansett RI, Mike Nally and Jason Teolis. The Maine Chapter of the American Public Works Association and the State of Vermont Department of Transportation were also represented at the National Snow Plow Roadeo.

The teams competed in the National Snow Plow Roadeo with teams from across the country, as well as attending the Winter Maintenance Workshop and Snow and Ice Equipment Show.

The National Snow Plow Roadeo featured the country’s best and most experienced Public Works equipment operators competing in 5 events. Each of the events listed below included a CDL /D.O.T. written exam, a diagnostic vehicle inspection, and a timed obstacle course.

The Winter Maintenance program is a one-and-a-half day workshop comprised of multiple sessions and designed for supervisors with winter maintenance responsibilities, operators that aspire to be supervisors, and operators wanting a greater understanding of the intricacies of winter maintenance. The workshop consists of multiple sessions with a focus on sustainability and lessening the impact of winter maintenance practices on the environment.

All of the New England Chapter representative completed and received the Winter Maintenance Workshop Certification from the American Public Works Association.

The equipment show featured over 200 vendors and manufacturers of snow removal equipment and services. The Trackless MT6 with the Ribbon Snow Blower, Volvo L90H and L110H Wheel Loaders and Larue Loader Mounted Snow Blowers were a few of the pieces of equipment on display and demonstrated to attendee’s.

The Snow Plow Roadeo Committee would like to thank all of the cities and towns who have participated in and supported us in our continued efforts to provide quality Snow and Ice Training Programs to its membership. We would like to especially thank all those who volunteer their time making the New England Snow Plow Roadeo a successful event.
Young Professionals Networking Event

Please join APWP YP and NEWWA (New England Water Works Association) YP for a joint networking and social event at the Harpoon Brewery in Boston’s Seaport. The event will be held in a private event space adjacent to the Beer Hall and includes a tour of the brewery, pints of Harpoons beer (20 varieties on tap) and their freshly baked pretzels with dipping sauces.

This event will be open to both APWA members and non-members, so we encourage you to bring a friend or forward this along to anyone who is involved in Public Works and may be interested networking with others in the Public Works community.

Date: Tuesday, April 28th
Time: 6pm-9pm
Location: Harpoon Brewery
306 Northern Ave
Boston, MA 02210
Cost: $20 per person

Contact Conrad Leger for more information!
CLEger@beta-inc.com

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• Live Workshops and Conferences
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