

Village of Richmondville

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Installed primary, transferred customers, and energized new conductor on Smith Road. We have about a days of work left over there, which I plan on after Richmondville Days.

Richmondville Days Banner is up

Flags are up

Putting Veteran Banners up. We hope to have them all installed by Memorial Day

Poles for Little League field should be here this week and will get started on that as soon as possible

Awaiting permit from DOT to be approved, and I will get started on a line extension for a customer that wants power on his property. This will be along Rt 7 in West Richmondville parallel to Palmer Road. The state also wants power in that area for a road sign, so I plan on building it to eventually bypass Palmer Road and serve as an alternate feed to isolate Palmer Road if needed, and still be able to supply power to West Richmondville.

Inventory is done

Another line extension for a customer building a house is in the works, on West Richmondville Road

The School is looking at sites for a new bus garage, and some of the sites are within our service area. Carl and I have met with them to discuss some of the possibilities. One site is on our border, and the School presented the possibility of us servicing the bus garage, and National Grid servicing their bus chargers, if we could not. We approached National Grid for their thoughts on the idea, and still waiting for a reply. I personally feel we should upgrade whatever we need to fully service them. That would be a big customer, and the school should be able to get grants to help with any upgrades. Other benefits would be since the school would be paying lower electric bills, they shouldn't need as much money for taxes as if they were under National Grid. With New York's electrification mandates we likely will have to make these upgrades anyway. Our substation transformers were installed in the late 70's and early 90's so they aren't getting any newer either. Carl and I are looking into PLM to possibly take a look at our system and advise us of our best course of action in these upgrades.

Attending MEUA and NYMPA meetings this week

Digger truck has been ordered. We need to start turning our attention to replacing our material handling bucket truck, which is 15 years old. Our bucket truck schedule of replacement used to be every 10 years, so we are well behind in replacement on this as well. Once we eventually purchase a new Material Handler, I'd like to try and get back on that replacement schedule. It ran like this. Let's say we bought a Material handler in 2009, we would take a 5 year BAN on it. We would pay for it in 2014. Then we also would have our second bucket truck already spec'ed out and ready to purchase and purchase that under a 5 year BAN, also in 2014. Then we would replace the Material Handler when that BAN was up in 2019, so on, and so on. We got off of that schedule and we are finding ourselves in a logjam of finding ourselves trying to replace trucks almost at once.

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