

Major work was recently completed on the replacement of the Purdy Bridge #6389 in North Waterford. Voters approved the work at the annual March Town Meeting with a budget of \$200,000.

The 1960, 11-foot wide, 58-foot span bridge was given “serious condition” and “advanced deterioration” ratings by the MDOT, and was posted for a maximum load of 12 tons. The derated load amount eliminated the ability for home heating oil, firewood, and other loads to reach residents on Purdy Drive.



The Town partnered with ADM Welding and Fabrication of Warren, PA on a number of options, and ultimately purchased a used bridge for \$58,970. The 102 ton capacity, 14' x 70' bridge was delivered in two oversized loads to property owned by Tom Chadbourne. Bancroft Contracting unloaded the 40,000 pound sections, and Cross Excavation installed the bridge in the days that followed. Guardrail installation was completed by Superior Construction Services, leaving only minor decking repairs remaining to complete the project for 2022. Project cost to-date is \$154,974.







The Town would like to specifically thank the contractors and suppliers that assisted with planning, engineering, and operations to complete this project under budget with minimal disturbance to the residents of Purdy Drive.





Furthermore, access granted free-of-charge by Tom Chadbourne via Hersey Road for fuel deliveries to residents throughout the winter months, as well as the delivery of the bridge components itself, allowed the Town of Waterford to navigate options and ultimately complete this project with a high level of success.

- Todd Sawyer, Selectman