

December 16, 2019**Select Board Meeting Announcement, Town of Raymond:**

As the site of the Federal Highway Administration's NH Local Technical Assistance Program (LTAP), and through funding from FHWA and NHDOT, the mission of the UNH Technology Transfer Center (UNH T2) is to foster a safe, efficient, and environmentally sound surface transportation system by improving skills and increasing knowledge of the transportation workforce and decision makers. We provide training and outreach to public works road and highway teams through New Hampshire.

Along with this, we offer a Roads Scholar achievement program to recognize the dedication and commitment of those public works professionals in New Hampshire who pursue ongoing training and professional development from UNH T2 in order to continually build and enhance their expertise, knowledge, and use of best practices in road maintenance to their teams, and citizens.

The Roads Scholar Program recognizes those who have successfully completed specified UNH T² Center workshops. Public works teams and communities throughout New Hampshire recognize these individuals in a variety of ways, which may include events held during National Public Works Awareness Week (3rd week of May), through career advancement opportunities, and at presentations at local meetings, such as your graciously allowing us to be here tonight to recognize Raymond DPW employee Craig Sykes.

We commend Craig for his achievement of Advanced Master Roads Scholar last year, the highest level of honor in the Roads Scholar Program. Since 1998 he has spent over 200 hours in our workshops gaining and refining road management skills, learning new technologies, and understanding best practices in a variety of road topics, including employee safety, leadership, sustainable winter maintenance practices, Pavement Management, and Culvert Installation.

In addition to 200 hours of training, Advanced Master Roads Scholars also contribute a special project to support public works. Through his effort to co-instruct several UNH T2 workshops in the last 9 years, Craig has shared his wealth of knowledge and years of experience with numerous other public works colleagues, both in Raymond and across the state.

Craig's passion extends beyond improving himself, in that he also works to ensure cost-effective educational opportunities for others. This includes that by partnering with UNH T2 to host our workshops in Raymond, the Town of Raymond DPW has been able to earn free "host" seats that allow them to then provide training to the Raymond DPW crew at no cost. UNH T2 greatly appreciates this partnership and opportunity.



Craig's commitment to, and enthusiasm for, his field of work is undeniable, and ever present. We thank the Town of Raymond's Public Works team for their ongoing support and participation in UNH T2's program for training and outreach and recognize their interest in serving their community. We recognize Craig for his devotion to the public works industry and to the UNH T2 Center with the achievement of earning Advanced Master Roads Scholar. Congratulations, Craig!

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