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FROM: Scott J. Dunn, Town Administrator  
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SUBJECT: Gilford DPW Director Meghan Theriault named 2024 Public Works  
Leader of the Year

Meghan Theriault, Director of Public Works for the Town of Gilford, NH, since November 2019, has been chosen as the 2024 New Hampshire Public Works Leader of the Year by the New England Chapter of the American Public Works Association. The award was presented at the NH Public Works Association Annual Meeting on May 9th, where Meghan was honored amongst her peers from both the municipal and private sectors.

Her selection as the NH Public Works Leader of the Year recognizes her exceptional leadership, innovation, and dedication to the public works profession. In her nomination, Meghan was praised for her forward-thinking approach and her commitment to her team, community, and the industry as a whole. She has demonstrated her dedication to innovation and efficiency by implementing new anti-icing materials for winter operations and establishing New Hampshire's first foam recycling hub and regional collection program.

Meghan's efforts extend beyond her community, as she has been a driving force behind NH Construction Career Days for over a decade, introducing hundreds of high school students to career paths in construction and transportation each year.

"Meghan is a future-thinking and engaged public works leader who isn't afraid to embrace new opportunities for efficiency and effectiveness," said Marilee Enus of the University of New Hampshire Technology Transfer Center. "She keeps public works awareness and engagement core to what she does, and she is a true champion for her team and our industry who serves as an inspiration to public works professionals across the state."

Upon receiving the award, Meghan expressed her gratitude and emphasized the importance of collaboration and innovation in the public works field. "I am deeply honored to receive this award," she said. "I am grateful for the opportunity to work alongside such dedicated professionals, and I am committed to continuing our efforts to improve our communities and our industry."

