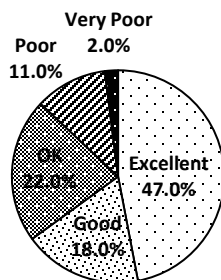


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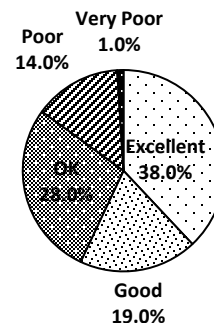
Members of the Sugar Hill Road Committee work with Road Agent Doug Glover to identify places most in need of road work and make plans for surfacing and other rehabilitation projects. The town has 22 miles of paved through roads, two miles of other paved roads, and three miles of gravel roads. In 2022, nearly 3 miles of our major roads were repaved, including large portions of Crane Hill Road, Lovers Lane, and the north end of Blake Road.

Pavement conditions on the town's major paved roads are documented by analyzing photographs taken at 0.1 mile increments and noting the extent of cracking, pot holes and other problems. In 2022, the pavement on nearly two-thirds of the town's major roads was found to be in excellent or good condition, while only 12% were in poor or very poor condition. Center District, Dyke, Jesseman, and Pearl Lake Roads each had about a half-mile with poor or very poor condition. Hadley and Carpenter Roads had two or three such segments, and four other roads had one each. Average pavement conditions improved over the past year, as shown below in pie charts that summarize conditions in 2022 and 2021.

**Pavement Condition for Major Roads
November 2022**



**Pavement Condition for Major Roads
November 2021**



Average ride quality was pretty much the same in driving tests conducted in November 2021 and 2022. It was possible to drive comfortably at the speed limit on nearly two thirds of the paved miles on major roads. Drivers would experience roughness on the remaining roads, but would still be able to drive at the speed limit on most of them. To avoid excessive roughness, drivers would have to slow down on about 10% of our road segments, including the last six segments on Easton Road before the Easton Town Line, four segments each on Dyke and Center District Roads, and three segments on Pearl Lake Road.

In 2023, the committee will continue to work with the Highway Department and Select Board in setting priorities for road work and in examining long-term strategies for maintaining and improving our roads.

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