

PHASE 2 – Sewer Extension Project in Amherst Woods

PHASE 2 - PART A STREETS: Wildflower Drive from Larkspur Drive to Station Road, Trillium Way, Foxglove Lane, Indian Pipe Lane and Alyssum Drive

PHASE 2 - PART B STREETS (outside the Amherst Woods neighborhood): Station Road, Iduna Lane & Cortland Drive

UPDATES

News as of February 5, 2019: The Town announced that Eversource has now connected electricity to the Pump Station along Wildflower Drive, which has been tested and is functioning properly. Amherst Woods homeowners (as well as homeowners along Station Road) may now connect to the new sewer line. Fencing and landscaping around the Pump Station is planned for Spring 2019. Final street paving is also expected to be completed in 2019.

News as of Dec 2, 2018: Base paving was completed on Trillium Way, Foxglove Lane, Indian Pipe Lane and Alyssum Drive. Final paving on these 4 streets along with Wildflower Drive is expected to be completed in 2019. The final inspection of the Pump Station on Wildflower Drive is expected in mid-December 2018; after which EverSource will connect the power. Following final testing of the Pump Station, residents on the Phase 2 streets will be allowed to connect to the new sewer line.

News as of Nov 9, 2018: All sewer construction and installation of the Pump Station is now complete, awaiting only final inspection by the Town and Eversource to make the electrical connection to the Pump Station. Final repaving of all neighborhood streets is expected to be completed by Fall 2019.

News as of June 14, 2018: A propane tank was installed underground at the site of the new Pump Station along Wildflower Drive.

News as of April 27, 2018: The installation of sewer pipe and trench paving on side streets is now complete. In addition, Geeleher has completed installing the electrical conduit from Station Road to the location of the new Pump Station on Wildflower Drive. Next steps will include installing an underground propane tank, emergency generator and the actual pump for the Pump Station, as well as Eversource installing the electrical line to the pump. Fencing and landscaping around the Pump Station will follow.

News as of March 24, 2018: Geeleher Construction will resume Phase 2 work on Monday, March 26, 2018. They will begin work on both Trillium Way and Foxglove Lane. Trillium Way will be closed to all traffic from March 26-April 6th, from 7AM-5PM. Foxglove Lane will be closed to all traffic March 26-28th. Upon completion of the installation of sewer pipe and trench paving along the streets, loam and seeding will begin.

News as of Dec 1, 2017: Construction on the Sewer Extension Project will stop today for the winter season. In Spring 2018, they will resume work on Trillium Way and Foxglove Lane, and connect to the Pump Station on Wildflower Drive. This will be followed by a period of testing the system to make sure there are no leaks. It will likely be late Summer or Fall 2018 before residents on the Phase 2 streets can connect to the new sewer line.

News as of Nov 3, 2017: Trillium Way will be closed during the week of Nov 6-10th. Due to challenging terrain, work on Trillium Way is expected to take 5-7 weeks.

News as of Oct 28, 2017: Work will begin on Trillium Way on October 30th, with the street closed from 7am to 5pm. Residents are advised to park on Wildflower Drive if they need access to a vehicle or intend to leave later than 7am. Work on the cul-de-sac end of Foxglove Lane has been delayed and will resume when parts become available.

News as of Oct 12, 2017: Indian Pipe Lane will be paved on October 13th. Foxglove Lane to remained closed week of October 13-16th. The Amherst Tree Department will be pruning back any broken branches from construction on Saturday, October 21st and October 28th.

News as of September 22, 2017: Indian Pipe Lane will be closed the week of September 25th.

News as of July 2, 2017: Geeleher Construction will not be working on Monday July 3rd or July 4th. On Wednesday, July 5th work will begin on Alyssum Drive (weather permitting). Alyssum Drive will be closed to all traffic starting Wed, July 5th, from 7am-5pm. Work is expected to last approximately 3 weeks.

News as of June 19, 2017: Starting Tuesday, June 20th, Station Road will be closed to thru traffic at Wildflower Drive. School bus traffic will continue to be accomodated.

News as of June 2, 2017: Work on Alyssum Lane has been rescheduled to the beginning of July. Work will instead be focused on Wildflower Drive for the next month. Wildflower Drive will be closed from Alyssum Drive to Station Road from 7am-5pm.

News as of May 30, 2017: Wildflower Drive will be closed from 7am-4pm through Friday, June 2, 2017. Starting Monday, June 5th, Alyssum Drive will be closed from 7am-4pm. If residents on Alyssum Drive cannot leave their homes before 7am, please make arrangements to park on Wildflower Drive the previous night, parking a minimum of 100 ft. from the intersection.

News as of May 23, 2017: Water shut off will occur on Wed, May 24th, 8am-4pm, for #74, #75, #79, #82, #83 & #86 Larkspur Drive; #37, #43, #47, #50, #51 & #54 Wildflower Drive, Trillium Lane, Foxglove Lane & Indian Pipe Lane.

News as of May 20, 2017: Water shut off will occur on Tuesday May 23rd from 8am to 4pm, for Alyssum Drive, Indian Pipe Lane and #31, #35, #43 Wildflower Drive, while workers relocate the water main on Wildflower Drive. For those areas, it is advisable to draw water prior to shut off for in-house use. When water service is restored, run water for several minutes to clear up any discoloration and purge air trapped in pipes.

News as of May 15, 2017: Phase 2 resumes, with Geeleher Construction installing the main sewer pipe from the new Pump Station on Wildflower Drive located between Alyssum Drive and Indian Pipe Lane. Wildflower Drive will be closed from 7am to 5 pm between Indian Pipe Lane and Alyssum Drive from Tuesday, May 16th to Friday May 19th.

News as of December 13, 2016: Caracas Construction installed the wet well component of the Pump Station along Wildflower Drive.

News as of December 7, 2016: The AWAHA Board and several Amherst Woods residents met with Town Engineer, Jason Skeels, at the proposed Pump Station location along Wildflower Drive to discuss the site details and ways to minimize its visual impact on the street. There are significant constraints due to the proximity of the site to wetlands, but the following agreements were reached: 1) The propane tank needed to power the back-up generator will be buried below ground, which means fencing will not be needed or required; 2) The center of the wet well will be moved back one foot from the Wildflower Drive curb.; 3) The (11'X16') concrete platform will be rotated so that the 11' side will parallel Wildflower Drive (not the 16' side) to minimize its visual impact. 4) DPW will work with the AWAHA Board to agree on the selection and design of plantings and potential fencing for screening once the Pump Station is installed, with various

options discussed.; 5) Town Engineer, Jason Skeels, agreed to confirm these agreements in writing with AWhA and also to provide a revised drawing of the Pump Station showing the new location and orientation.

News as of October 25, 2016: The Town has been unresponsive to requests from AWhA for updates on Phase 2 of the Sewer Extension Project in Amherst Woods. **Residents with questions and concerns about the progress of Phase 2 are advised to contact DPW Superintendent, Guilford Mooring (mooringg@amherstma.gov), Town Engineer, Jason Skeels, (skeelsj@amherstma.gov) and Town Manager, Paul Bockelman (townmanager@amherstma.gov) to ask about the status of the project.**

News as of August 19, 2016: On August 18th, bids were opened and the DPW provisionally accepted a bid from Geeleher Enterprises of Southhampton, MA. The Town needs to confirm and officially award the bid, with an additional 3 weeks of paperwork before construction can begin. The Town estimates that the earliest work could begin, assuming availability of the contractor, is mid-September 2016. It is anticipated that residents in the Phase 2 area will be able to connect to the sewer line **no earlier than Fall 2017**, considering that construction has not yet begun, will stop during the winter months and once installation is completed, requires a 2-month testing period. For comparison, Phase 1 took just over a year to complete, from August 2014 to September 2015 (see **Details of Phase 1 Updates**). Installation of the Pump Station along Wildflower Drive has been delayed until late September, due to the contractor awaiting delivery of a concrete basin needed for the project.

News as of July 27, 2016: The Town is seeking bids for Phase 2 of the Sewer Extension Project, which are due on August 11, 2016. It is hoped that the contractor selected through the bidding process will begin construction by early September 2016. Construction on the Pump Station along Wildflower Drive is expected to begin by mid-August, 2016. Paving on Teaberry Lane, Ladyslipper Circle and the Woodlot Road and Larkspur Drive cul-de-sacs is expected to be completed by mid-August, 2016.

News as of May 12, 2016: Town Meeting unanimously voted to authorize the borrowing of \$3 million needed to complete all of Phase 2 of the Sewer Extension Project including: A) pump station on Wildflower Drive; B) installing sewer pipe in the remainder of Amherst Woods; C) installing sewer pipe outside our neighborhood along Station Road, Iduna Lane and Cortland Drive. DPW Superintendent, Guilford Mooring, said that work on the Sewer Extension Project would begin on the pump station in late May or early June, and he expected the rest of the job to go out to bid before the end of May, so that work would begin after the Fourth of July holiday. Re-paving of the following Phase 1 streets (Teaberry Lane, Woodlot Road cul-de-sac, Ladyslipper Circle and Larkspur Drive cul-de-sac) will begin in late July or early August 2016. Final repaving of Phase 2 streets will take place in 2017, one year after the new sewer line is installed to allow the soil to settle around the new sewer pipe. Also, final repaving of the Phase 1 streets not repaved in 2016 (Wildflower Drive and Larkspur Drive toward Rt. 9) will take place in 2017.

News as of December 15, 2015: AWhA President and Vice President along with a half dozen Amherst Woods homeowners met with Interim Town Manager, Dave Ziomek and DPW Superintendent, Guilford Mooring, to discuss plans for Phase 2 of the Sewer Extension Project. It was announced that the Town would begin Phase 2 in Spring 2016 in the Amherst Woods neighborhood. Mr. Mooring presented plans and explained that Phase 2 will be divided into 3 segments: 1) Amherst Woods, including Wildflower Drive from Larkspur to Station Road, and all the streets off Wildflower Drive (Alyssum, Indian Pipe, Foxglove and Trillium); 2) Station Road from Cortland (including Cortland and Iduna Lane) down the hill to the railroad tracks; and 3) Station Road from Cortland Drive to the Belchertown town line. It was noted that Phase 1

was more expensive than anticipated, so that the Town will need authorization for additional borrowing from Spring Town Meeting to complete Phase 2. Phase 2 construction will begin in April 2016 with a new pumping station installed on Wildflower Drive using currently available funds. If all goes as expected, Phase 2 construction will begin in early July 2016.

News as of November 2015: AWAHA President, Sigurd Nilsen spoke before the Select Board on November 23, 2015 in support of the Town moving forward as soon as possible with Phase 2 of the Sewer Extension Project in Amherst Woods. Phase 1 of the Sewer Extension Project was more expensive than estimated and the Town will need to borrow additional funds to continue with Phase 2 of the Sewer Extension Project.