

PHASE 1 – Sewer Extension Project in Amherst Woods

PHASE 1 STREETS: Wildflower Drive to Larkspur Drive, both ends of Larkspur Drive, Ladyslipper Circle, Woodlot Road and Teaberry Lane

UPDATES

News as of April 25, 2017: Phase 1 is officially complete following loaming and seeding of all Phase 1 areas.

News as of April 17, 2017: Loaming and seeding begins in Phase 1 areas that were repaved: Teaberry Lane, Ladyslipper Circle, the Woodlot Road and Larkspur Drive cul-de-sacs.

News as of December 5, 2016: The contractor completed the fill-in work along the Teaberry Lane sidewalk on Monday, Dec. 5th and continued loaming in the Phase 1 areas for the remainder of the week. No date given for seeding the loamed areas, but it is assumed to wait until Spring 2017.

News as of November 30, 2016: AWAHA sent an email to DPW regarding a safety hazard along the Teaberry Lane sidewalk and requesting the Town to require the contractor to fill in the height disparity (6 inches in some areas) before the first snowfall.

News as of November 28, 2016: Warner Brothers Construction completed paving driveway aprons in all Phase 1 areas.

News as of November 11, 2016: On Monday, 11/14, Warner Brothers Construction will install the asphalt topcoat on the Teaberry Lane sidewalk. Monday through Friday, November 14-18th, loam will be used to fill in behind the new asphalt curbs in Amherst Woods. No on-street parking in work areas.

News as of November 7, 2016: Warner Brothers Construction completed the topcoat paving on Ladyslipper Circle, Teaberry Lane and the Woodlot Road and Larkspur Drive cul-de-sacs. As a separate step, Warner Brothers Construction will return to line up the lip created by the street topcoat with driveways. No date yet given for final paving on the Teaberry Lane sidewalk and driveway aprons. When all final paving is complete, a cleanup crew will come through to remove excess debris and loam and seed the grassy areas next to all new curbs.

News as of November 4, 2016: Warner installed the base coat of asphalt on the Teaberry Lane sidewalk and driveway aprons.

News as of October 25, 2016: Work continues sporadically toward final paving on Ladyslipper Circle, Teaberry Lane and cul-de-sacs on Woodlot Road and Larkspur Drive. New Cape Cod curbs were installed on the Woodlot Road cul-de-sac and Teaberry Lane. The sidewalk on Teaberry Lane has been removed and prepared for paving. The dates for final paving of the 4 areas remaining in Phase 1, has not yet been announced.

News as of September 19, 2016: Work on final paving began on September 16th, with the removal of curbs on the Larkspur Drive cul-de-sac. Removal of curbs continue on Ladyslipper Circle, Teaberry Lane and the Woodlot Road cul-de-sac. Following removal of curbs on these streets, the existing asphalt will be ground down to prepare the surface for final paving anticipated to begin later this week. Jason Skeels, Town Engineer, stated they are awaiting final approval from DPW to begin the repair of the Teaberry Lane sidewalk.

News as of August 19, 2016: Final paving of Phase 1 streets (except for Wildflower Drive and the section of Larkspur Drive toward Rt. 9) Ladyslipper Circle, Teaberry Lane and the cul-de-sac ends of Larkspur Drive and Woodlot Road, are expected to begin in September, 2016. **NOTE:** Wildflower Drive and the section of Larkspur Drive toward Rt. 9 will not receive final paving until Phase 2 construction is complete. The Staging Area off Wildflower Drive that was used for Phase 1 construction will be used again for Phase 2, which means that heavy construction machinery will travel on that section of Wildflower Drive and enter the neighborhood from Rt. 9 on Larkspur Drive.

News as of September 28, 2015: The final testing of the last two streets in Phase 1 is now complete. Residents on Woodlot Road and Teaberry Lane may now connect to the new sewer line.

News as of June 24, 2015: Phase 1 of the Sewer Extension Project is now complete! Sewer stubs were installed today on Larkspur Drive and the deep sewer pipe on Woodlot Road passed the Town's inspection on June 23rd. Revoli will begin regrading Woodlot Road and expects to complete paving there by Tuesday, June 30th. Also today, the Town Water Department installed a new fire hydrant between house #46 and #48 on Woodlot Road. AWAHA will be awaiting official notice from the Town and will send out an email announcing when Phase 1 homeowners on Wildflower Drive, Ladyslipper Circle and Larkspur Drive (the streets where the new sewer pipe has already passed the 90 day wait period) may begin connecting to the new sewer line. Homeowners on Woodlot Road and Teaberry Lane will need to wait to connect to the sewer until final testing is complete on those streets.

News as of June 21, 2015: Larkspur Drive will be closed to through traffic between Wildflower Drive and Old Belchertown Road on Monday, June 22nd from 7am-5pm. Only 7 sewer stubs remain to be installed on Larkspur Drive, so that installation is expected to be completed by Wednesday, June 24th. On Tuesday, June 23rd, the Town will be doing a video inspection of the deep sewer pipe on Woodlot Road, which will remain open during the process. If the inspection goes well, Revoli will soon schedule the re-grading and paving of Woodlot Road. Additional testing, paving, and cleanup will take place throughout the neighborhood during the week.

News as of June 11, 2015: Revoli completed installing stubs on Ladyslipper Circle on June 9th and is now working to install stubs on the cul-de-sac end of Larkspur Drive. It is expected that during the week of June 15th, sewer stubs will be installed on the end of Larkspur Drive near Old Belchertown Road.

News as of June 2, 2015: Revoli must wait to repave Woodlot Road between house #59 and Teaberry Lane until the Town completes an inspection and approval of that section of sewer pipe which required additional engineering due to the higher water table on Woodlot. Revoli will be installing the last three stubs on Teaberry Lane today, Tuesday June 2. Revoli is also paving over stubs on the Woodlot Road cul-de-sac and Teaberry Lane. Revoli plans to begin installing stubs on Wildflower Drive on Wednesday, June 3rd, then continuing on to finish sewer stubs on Ladyslipper Circle and Larkspur Drive.

News of May 13, 2015: Revoli is currently working 4 days a week, 10 hours each day. Today they installed the last manhole in Phase 1 on Woodlot Road. They will continue to install the main sewer pipe down Woodlot Rd toward the intersection of Teaberry Lane and expect to complete the last section of pipe in Phase 1 by the end of May. Once they have passed the culvert near the Robert Frost Trail entrance on Woodlot, they will begin shutting down the 8 pumps at the rate of one pump per day.

News as of May 4, 2015: The sewer construction on Woodlot Rd. is made more difficult and time-consuming because of how deep the pipe needs to be laid. The area requiring the deepest pipe is between house #59 and just beyond house #62.

News as of April 27, 2015: Revoli continues work to install the main sewer pipe along Woodlot Road from house #59 to Teaberry Lane. Generators and pumps, which now run 24/7, will be phased out as each section of the sewer pipe between two manholes is completed.

News as of April 13, 2015: Revoli will be installing sewer pipe on the remaining section of Teaberry Lane this week, so residents on the upper part of Teaberry Lane will need to park on Wildflower Drive between 7AM-5PM. Also, on Woodlot Road, Griffon Dewatering has drilled 8 dewatering wells. There are pumps at each of the 8 wells along Woodlot and 3 generators to power the pumps which are required to run continuously to draw down high ground water levels to allow the sewer pipe to be installed. The round-the-clock noise of the generators and pumps is temporary and necessary until the sewer line is installed.

News as of April 6, 2015: Revoli will resume sewer construction on Woodlot Road on **April 8th**. The street will be closed to through traffic from 7am to 5pm between Teaberry Lane and Woodlot house #51 from **April 8-10**.

News as of April 2, 2015: The Town began inspection of the sewer construction site on Woodlot Road on April 2. During the last week in March workers were on Teaberry Lane and Woodlot Road marking the location of underground cables so that a hydrology company could begin borings related to high groundwater issues and the deep (18-20') trenches required on Woodlot Road.

News as of December 6, 2014: Sewer construction stopped for winter on Friday, December 5th, with Revoli paving the lower end of Teaberry Lane. The sewer construction will resume in spring, most likely in late April or early May. Over the winter months, potholes may develop in newly paved streets where new sewer pipe was laid as a result of soil settling around the sewer pipe. Silt fences installed during construction will remain in place as required by the Conservation Commission. The large concrete sewer pipes will remain on the medians over the winter months. Revoli's machinery has been moved to the staging area off Wildflower Drive until construction resumes next spring.

News as of November 18, 2014: On November 19th, Revoli will be completing work on the cul-de-sac end of Woodlot Road and paving there for the next two days. On November 20th, they will begin work on Teaberry Lane.

News as of November 12, 2014: Revoli will continue work on the Woodlot Road cul-de-sac during regular weekday hours until the sewer line is completed there. In addition, another Revoli crew will be repairing storm drains on Wildflower Drive, resulting in closed sections of Wildflower on Thursday and Friday. A Press Release was emailed to Amherst Woods homeowners with details of the street closures.

News as of November 6, 2014: According to Jason Skeels, workers on Woodlot Road have encountered extreme groundwater issues which will require bringing in a geotechnical consultant. While a new plan is being developed to deal with the groundwater issue, Revoli will move construction to the cul-de-sac end of Woodlot Road. They will begin by installing a manhole at the intersection with Teaberry Lane, and continue from there down the cul-de-sac. Residents must exit the Woodlot cul-de-sac before 7am, or park the previous night along Teaberry Lane or beyond house #67 on Woodlot. From now on, Revoli plans to work a 5-day week.

News as of October 27, 2014: According to Jason Skeels, Town Engineer, Phase 1 of sewer construction will be completed in Spring 2015, followed by 3 months of testing before sewer hook-ups can be made. **Breaking News: Bidding for Phase 2 construction will be delayed until 2016.** The reason given for the delay of Phase 2 is to avoid beginning construction in the Fall/Winter season.

News as of October 17, 2014: According to Jason Skeels, Revoli Construction is ahead of schedule and will begin work on **Woodlot Road** on **Tuesday, October 21st**, beginning at the pumping station (down the lane near house #s 51, 53 & 55). All existing sewer connections on that part of Woodlot Road will be reconnected as the work progresses down the street toward the cul-de-sac. However, work will be slower due to the high groundwater table and the depth of the trenches. To see details of construction on Woodlot Road, scroll down the page to read the article "**Phase 1 and Phase 2 of Sewer Construction**", which contains links to the **Phase 1 Plan** and Revoli's **Construction Schedule**.

News as of October 2, 2014: On **Friday, October 3rd**, Revoli Construction will begin installing pipe on Larkspur Drive at the intersection of Wildflower Drive continuing down the street toward toward Rt. 9. They will not be working on Monday, October 6th, but will resume work at 7am on Tuesday, October 7th. On **Wednesday, October 8th**, Revoli will begin paving the cul-de-sac end of Larkspur Drive and once complete, the cul-de-sac end of Larkspur Drive will be reopened.

News as of October 1, 2014: Initially the Town issued a Press Release, stating that Ladyslipper Circle would be closed next for sewer construction. However, Revoli Construction revised their construction schedule and will instead (as weather permits) install the pipe on Larkspur Drive at the intersection of Wildflower Drive continuing down the street toward toward Rt. 9. The paving crew will begin grading the cul-de-sac end of Larkspur Drive where they have completed the sewer main installation.

News as of September 19, 2014: Due to Sewer Extension construction, **Larkspur Drive will be closed to traffic beginning at 7:00AM on Monday, September 22nd.** Once excavation begins on Larkspur Drive, there will be no safe way for vehicles to access the street. All vehicles must exit Larkspur Drive before 7:00AM. If residents cannot leave before 7:00AM, they need to make arrangements to park on Wildflower Drive the previous night. These parking arrangements should continue until construction has progressed well past your driveway. Construction is expected to continue for 2 full weeks (8 ten hour days), from 7:00AM to 5:00PM, Monday-Thursday. If there is a rain day or unanticipated problems, Revoli Construction may decide to work on Friday. If residents have sprinkler heads or invisible pet fences inside the Town Right-of-Way residents will need to clearly mark their location. The contractor, Revoli Construction, is NOT responsible for damage to these systems, but will try to avoid them if they are clearly marked.

News as of August 18th, 2014: The Sewer Extension Project, Phase 1, officially began. According to Guilford Mooring, construction on **Woodlot Road and Teaberry Lane**, while originally part of Phase 1, **will be delayed until Spring 2015.** Construction on Wildflower Drive to Larkspur Drive (including both ends of Larkspur Drive), as well as Ladyslipper Circle is expected to be completed before work stops in winter 2014. The Town has not yet solicited bids for Phase II.

News as of August 15, 2014: A drawing submitted by the Town indicated that a 20-30' wide swath of buffer trees along Wildflower Drive would need to be cut down to create an access road to a staging area on the Old Landfill. On August 14th, Sig Nilsen, AWAHA President and a

number of Amherst Woods residents, met with DPW's Guilford Mooring to discuss plans for the staging area. It was agreed at this meeting that the access road to the landfill site would follow a diagonal path already in place to minimize the loss of buffer trees along Wildflower Drive. On August 15th, Revoli Construction workers began tree removal following the agreed upon path.

News as of August 7, 2014: Nearly three years after the Sewer Extension Project in Amherst Woods was approved, the Town issued a Press Release giving September 10, 2014 as a tentative start date for Revoli Construction to begin work on the project. The Town also approved Revoli's plan to use the "sledding hill" area of the Old Landfill site as the Staging Area for equipment and materials during the construction phase. AWAHA scheduled a meeting with DPW's, Guilford Mooring, to discuss concerns about cutting down the buffer of trees along Wildflower Drive required for the staging area and to explore an alternative.

News as of November 7, 2011: The Select Board voted to move forward with the Sewer Extension Project in Amherst Woods on October 24, 2011 and Town Meeting approved borrowing on November 7, 2011.