February 22, 2019

Dear Wildes District Road & Maine Street Area Customer/ Resident:

The purpose of this letter is to inform you about an upcoming water main replacement project in your neighborhood. As part of the District’s ongoing water main replacement and renewal program, and in conjunction with the Town of Kennebunkport’s upcoming roadway reclamation and drainage project, the District is planning to install a new water main along Wildes District Road and Maine Street. This project will involve replacing approximately 4,900 feet of obsolete 8-inch main with a new 12-inch main, beginning near Greene Street and ending near the intersection of Turbats Creek Road.

Because of the size of this project it will be broken up into three phases, the first of which will involve Maine Street from Greene Street to approximately 200’ east of South Main Street. Initial preparation for the project should begin during the week of April 15th, 2019 and will include the delivery of pipe and materials, pavement grinding and cutting, and preliminary logistical work.

During that week District personnel will also begin the installation of temporary water mains and services along the edge of the roadways for Phase 1 of the project. If a temporary service line is needed for your home or business, access to the inside of your building may be needed. Also, depending on your specific location, a request may be made by our field personnel to route the temporary surface lines across your property. We will coordinate these special situations individually with those customers affected.

There is a significant amount of ledge just below the road surface along much of the project corridor, so to avoid prolonging the project (with a much slower jack-hammering process) we have decided to hire a blasting contractor to break up the ledge ahead of the water main replacement. Further correspondence regarding the blasting process will follow in the next several weeks. A pre-blast survey of all properties within 300 feet of the work will also be completed prior to construction (a pre-blast notification will be provided to all properties within 500 feet of the work, per the Town’s blasting ordinance).

We anticipate that the actual water main replacement should take approximately 3 months to complete. Work will generally take place Monday through Friday from 7am to 5pm. Paving and restoration of the affected areas should be completed immediately after construction.

The water main replacement project will be designed and administered by the Water District and will be installed by Water District personnel. Any questions regarding the water main installation should be directed to Keith Archibald, Distribution Department Manager (985-3385). Day-to-day on-site field construction supervision will be the responsibility of Ed Thyng, Water District Foreman. For everyone’s protection, the complete work area will be videoed prior to construction. The Water District will make every effort to ensure a safe work zone and to minimize delays and access issues for the traveling public and local residents during construction.
If you have any questions or would like more information about the project, please do not hesitate to contact me via telephone (985-3385) or email at ipaschal@kkw.org.

Thank you for your cooperation,

Jamie Paschal, P.E.
District Engineer