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RE: Further Update on Roadwork Paving and Gas Mains

Dear Residents:

By insisting on dialog with NatGrid, we have now had the opportunity to understand the gas main project and to incorporate it into our own Capital Project Plan. And the facts are these:

- 70% of our paved roads have steel, unprotected gas mains that need to be replaced,
- With Neck/Waterway gas mains replaced, plans are in-hand for Cove and Beachway,
- Bournedales also need new gas mains. NatGrid has asked us **not to pave** before the new main is installed because it is potentially unsafe to do so. The Village Engineer and Building Inspector agree and advise not to pave before NatGrid installs the new gas main,
- Three paved roads do not need replacement for at least a decade (Bay Driveway/Bayview Circle, Shore Rd. and Willow Ct.). Concrete roads (no paving) will be addressed as needed,

We have worked out a plan to address all of NatGrid's gas main needs as well as the poor communication and start to the program. While there continue to be myriad of details to resolve, the agreed upon plan is the following:


- Because Neck/Waterway should not have been done within 3 years of our paving, NatGrid will agree to "half-road" restoration instead of bell hole "checkerboard" patches,
- Cove and Beachway are already on the NatGrid schedule to be done next, in 2021, and NatGrid will agree to the same "half-road" restoration instead of bell hole patches.
- It is too late to schedule Bournedales for 2021 so Bournedales will be scheduled for gas main replacement on January 2, 2022 with a plan to finish by April 15, 2022.
- Bournedales will be paved, curb to curb, in May or June 2022 upon completion,
- We will evaluate Shore Rd. for inclusion in a paving plan regardless of the gas main status.

When this program is done, 85% of our paved roads will be recently paved and 70% of such roads will have new gas main infrastructure. With NatGrid's participation, a reduction of our costs may be achieved. More on that as it unfolds. This is an outstanding outcome.

The Trustees will address various aspects of the Plan at our July 12, meeting. As we move forward, updates will be provided by our North Shore Alert system and/or on our website. You can sign-up for that at www.northshorealert.org or contact Staff@PlandomeHeights-NY.gov.

As always, your comments, questions and complaints are cheerfully accepted.
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Sincerely,
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