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June 10, 2021

RE: Roadwork and gas mains in the Village

Dear Residents:

I write to inform you of progress on our roadwork plans for the Bournedales as well as related matters on Cove, Shore, Neck and other roads. Many residents are affected.

On June 3, the required waiting period under our authorization to pave Bournedales expired. So we hired our Engineer and went right to work on our bid, methods and utilities interface.

On Tuesday, June 8, we met with NatGrid to discuss; (i) <u>existing</u> road restoration on Waterway and Neck, as well as (ii) a <u>new request</u> to replace gas mains on Cove and Beachway and (iii) to <u>determine any sensitivities to our Bournedales road plans</u> for 2021.

NatGrid advised us that the <u>Bournedales have been "scored" for gas main replacement</u> in the near future. Further, unlike the "bell hole" work done recently on the west side of the Village, this work will involve "trenching" nearly all of the Bournedales. Further, NatGrid advises that a heavy paving roller risks damage to aging steel gas mains.

We obviously don't want to pave a road that will be ripped up in less than a year.

So, we need to determine if we can move the NatGrid work to an acceptable timeframe or whether it is feasible and safe to put their project off for five or more years. More broadly, we learned that the gas main project is pervasive to our Village. This needs to be managed according to a plan. NatGrid now understands that we will not issue any further street opening permits until we have agreement on that plan including:

- A plan for Bournedales that is acceptable to the Village and
- Acceptable road restoration on the west side of the Village.

We have a follow up meeting with NatGrid on June 15.

Because these matters are pervasive to our plans, and so many residents are affected, I have tentatively set aside Wednesday, June 23, 2021, 6:00 p.m., to have a Town Hall style meeting if residents are interested to attend. I expect our Village Engineer and NatGrid to attend.

If you are interested in attending a Town Hall style meeting on this topic, likely on Zoom, please inform the Clerk at 627 1136 or Clerk@PlandomeHeights-NY.gov or email me.

I thought you should hear this from me and have the opportunity to provide your input.

Sincerely.

INCORPORATED VILLAGE OF PLANDOME HEIGHTS

Kenneth C. Riscica

Mayor