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Dear Residents:

Just quickly, I write to update you on three things (only *good* news).

1. American Rescue Plan ("ARP") – Monday, the Trustees met by Special Meeting to take action to address the July 9 deadline for requesting funds under the ARP (COVID-19 relief). The use of these funds is restricted and evolving. Our Village may, or may not have needs that would qualify. After discussion & debate, we decided to request an allocation of funding in order to preserve maximum opportunity for residents. More as this develops.
2. Roads and gas mains; new plan – We are at the "starting line" of a new plan. Our 2021 plan is to bid, contract and pave Bournedales; instead, we learned of, and need to adjust to, NatGrid's gas main plans.
3. Waterway/Neck - The Village Engineer, Building Inspector, Clerk and I met with NatGrid this week to discuss road restoration and "walk the site" of the first gas main project. The road restoration will consist of (1) a permanent restoration of the road opening holes (2) followed by a plan for "half street paving." The target is for individual openings to be done in the coming weeks and the paving in the Fall.

The gas main/paving project is a major undertaking, and it was not in our plans. The overall timing is shaping up like this: Waterway/Neck - now/Fall, Cove/Beachway - Fall/Winter, Bournedales - Winter/Spring. NatGrid cannot accommodate our desire to pave Bournedales in 2021. Shore Road will not need gas mains but probably paving. More to come.

Since this was not planned, we need time and space to develop, bid and communicate our plans. The Trustees and I look forward to doing the hard work ahead. And, your patience is appreciated. I think this will be great!

Nearly all residents will be affected. And when we are done, I expect 70% of the gas mains in the Village to be brand new and 85% of the paved roads will be new or near new. This is an exciting prospect for the Village. As always, your comments, questions and complaints are cheerfully accepted. Mayor@PlandomeHeights-NY.gov

Sincerely,
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