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RE: "New Starting Line" Road Restoration and other matters

Dear Residents:

I write today to <u>bring the good news of progress</u> on the "new starting line" for our roadwork plan. I described that plan in our July 22, 2021 <u>Summer Newsletter</u>. The work includes the extensive gas main replacement being done by Nat Grid. Our progress includes the following:

- In September, after long delays, NY State completed, and we fully executed, the Grant Disbursement Agreement for our \$50,000 road grant sponsored by Senator Kaplan in 2019,
- Working with NatGrid, we defined the scope of the gas main project; street opening permits are being prepared for this fall (Cove and Beachway) and January 2022 (Bournedales),
- In September, we put out bid documents for contractors in order to receive competitive bids for the paving work,
- We are negotiating with NatGrid for contracts to reimburse us for limited road restoration under terms which we have discussed.

A lot of work has gotten us this far and I am encouraged with the progress. There is much more to do including: (i) finalizing our remaining NY State road grant (\$125,000), (ii) evaluating bids, (iii) negotiating contracts and (iv) finalizing the budget and impact of this very large project. Our original authorization (when the project was primarily Bournedales) is for \$500,000 and now I expect the work to require an increase. We will consider that after we receive the bids. The paving is organized into two "work orders" for timing, scale and grant considerations; (i) Waterway/Neck & Cove is one work order and (ii) Bournedale/Shore/Beachway is the second work order. The Village Engineer estimates the total job to be about 26,500 square yards of road and 3,300 tons of asphalt. Current timing anticipates paving in early spring 2022 and finishing in June.

On other matters:

- At our September 13, 2021 meeting, we authorized certain restrictions on cannabis,
- In August, we received over \$53,000 of American Recovery Plan Act funds. We are studying the complex set of rules governing the expenditure of such funds,
- In September, we collected approximately \$12,000 from FEMA for 2020 Storm Isaias costs,

I am also pleased to report that no matters are on the horizon for our streamlined Planning Board.

As always, your comments, questions and complaints are cheerfully accepted. Mayor@PlandomeHeights-NY.gov

Sincerely,

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Kenneth C. Riscica

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