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RE: "New Starting Line" Roadwork

Dear Residents:

I write today to <u>share good news</u> on our roadwork plan. I described that plan in our <u>Summer Newsletter</u> and in my September 30, 2021 letter to residents (see reverse side). During the last two months we have been able to resolve:

- Project cost We selected a paving contractor that is available for "shared services" (with the Town) and is lower than our 7 competitive bids which, in turn, were lower than our 10-Year Capital Plan. In short, the projected cost of the project is much lower than our plan.
- Project funding We have now received our 2018 NYS Road Grant contract for \$125,000. We are also finalizing funding from NatGrid for "road restoration" on their gas main work. Other funding is available from COVID-19 and highway funding. <u>In short</u>, the projected funding for the project is much higher than our plan.

This extraordinary news means is that we can do more work with less money. For perspective, our \$1.1 million, 10-year Capital Plan has about \$500,000 set aside to pave Bournedales, Shore and Beachway. And so, the new plan means that (a) those roads will cost less but (b) we need to add the cost to re-pave Waterway, Neck and Cove (paved in 2018) due to the gas main disruption. We will also elect to do additional and related work with the additional resources available. The benefit to residents of the new plan includes:

- Completing our 10-year Capital Plan with new roads in the <u>Bournedales</u>, <u>Shore</u> and Beachway,
- <u>Full-road</u> (not half-road) paving of the gas main road restoration on <u>Waterway</u>, <u>Neck</u> and <u>Cove</u>
- Significant other improvements and repairs including on <u>Plandome Court</u>, <u>Bay Driveway</u>, Grandview, Summit and elsewhere.

This plan involves paving nearly 85% of the paved roads in the Village. To accommodate this much work we plan to increase our budget to approximately \$600,000. However, the <u>use of Village treasury</u> should not exceed the original plan for the work in the Bournedales <u>alone</u>. This results from vision as well as months of effort, analysis, inquiry, negotiation, perseverance and patience. That effort includes the Trustees, the Village Attorney and Village Engineer.

We will provide more information after the holidays. As always, your comments, questions and complaints are cheerfully accepted. Mayor@PlandomeHeights-NY.gov.

Happy Holidays and Happy New Year to all.

Sincerely,

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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.

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