

Bridge Street, Phase 1 CONSTRUCTION KICK-OFF MEETING

WEDNESDAY, May 12, 2021

10:00 AM

Corner of Deerfield Avenue & Bridge Street



Work will be starting on the Bridge Street Phase 1 reconstruction project **the week of May 17**. The Town would like to meet with the impacted residents, business and property owners to bring you up to date on the construction plans. **The May 12 meeting will be held outdoors and social distancing minimums (6 feet apart) will be maintained.**

The project engineer and representatives from the Town and Shelburne Falls Fire District will be present at the meeting to answer your questions. If you cannot make the meeting and have questions or concerns, please forward them to Terry Narkewicz, Town Administrator, (413-625-0300, ext. 1), townadmin@TOWNOFSELBURNEMA.GOV.

The Town of Shelburne has received a Community Development Block Grant to repair a section of the road, **from the Iron Bridge to approximately Baker Avenue**. A. Martins Construction of Ludlow has been contracted to complete the repairs, which will include sidewalk and curb replacement and repair, new road pavement, new water lines and hydrants, and tree replacements.

THE SCOPE OF WORK:

Sidewalks - Sidewalks in the project area will be replaced to eliminate the uneven, unsafe surfaces caused by intrusion of tree roots and to provide a consistent slope and width. Sidewalk ramp transitions will be made ADA compliant and curbs will be reset to better align with sidewalk. Some building entry steps may be reset to bring the initial step height within building code.

Tree replacement – The root systems of the existing trees have caused sidewalk heaving and some trees require extensive pruning. Another two have been removed. The trees will be replaced with species suitable for street plantings. Each tree will be placed in a tree well with grate to contain its root system. A total of 11 trees will be removed and 14 trees planted.

Water system – The current water systems is a hodgepodge of mains and services, most installed circa 1911 and inadequate for contemporary use. The buildings west of Water Street as well as two buildings on Bridge Street, are fed by 2” mains, too small to support fire suppression systems or a hydrant. 12 of the buildings are fed by ¾” copper services, smaller than recommended for contemporary domestic water flows to apartments. The industry standard to support fire suppression systems and hydrants is a 6” service. The

Shelburne Falls Fire District and Town of Shelburne are funding the installation of water bottle filling station near Memorial Hall.

Grant funds will replace the cast iron water main and bring new water service lines as well as 6" service stubs for future fire suppression systems to the buildings' foundations. Extending the new services through the foundation and making plumbing connections are the responsibility of the property owners. The Shelburne Falls Fire District is meeting with property owners to plan the insertion of the connection of the new services through the foundation to the existing building water pipes.

THE SCHEDULE - The contractor has 70 days to complete all work except final paving once the project has begun. Schedule updates will be issued as construction progresses.

Water System Installation – Tentative Start Date, week of May 17. Duration: Approximately 5 weeks. Work will begin with the installation of a new water main and services to buildings in the project area. While this work is underway, the contractor will install a temporary water line to provide safe, potable water to all buildings in the project. Cutover from the old water system to the temporary water supply will result in a short interruption of service; the contractor will provide a minimum 72 hours of notice when the cutover will occur.

Once all buildings are on the temporary water service, the contractor will begin installing the new main. They also will be bringing new 2" water service lines as well as 6" service stubs for future fire suppression systems to the buildings' foundations. Building owners will contract separately to bring the new services into their buildings and connect to interior plumbing.

Tree Removal/Planting – Removal scheduled for the first two weeks of the project to make the water system work go faster. New trees will be planted after Labor Day to provide the best conditions for growth.

Paving and sidewalks – The road surface will be reclaimed, graded and a new layer of pavement laid after the new water system has been installed. New sidewalk construction will then begin a section at a time, removing and pouring the sidewalk just in that section. The contractor has been instructed to maintain building access at all times and will install temporary ramps to building entrances. Final road surface paving will occur after Labor Day.

TRAFFIC and PARKING

Pedestrian traffic will be accommodated to ensure that patrons have safe access to local businesses. Police details will be used to control traffic, as directed by the Police Chief. There will be limited parking on the north side of Bridge Street during water line work. Sidewalk construction will also temporarily eliminate parking in section of sidewalk where work is occurring. Paving will require that traffic be detoured.

PROPERTY OWNERS: Please pass this information along to your business and apartment tenants.