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Dear Bacon Drive/Falls Road area neighbors, and residents of Shelburne:

Please find below an update to our last letter to you about the Town's Sewer Collection System Project that is currently underway in your neighborhoods. As you know, work began in this area on October 29th, and will continue until sometime late November. During this time, the intent was to close Falls Road to expedite construction only during daytime hours; with the daytime detour using Bacon Drive, and with local-only traffic still permitted to enter in and out of driveways.

When we wrote to you last, the best information we had was that this portion of Falls Road between Mount Philo Road and Bacon Drive would be reopened to through traffic during evening hours. As you now have seen, that is not the case. Unfortunately, in the process of excavation, significant complications were uncovered that make it functionally impossible to reopen the road at night. The sewer lines themselves are deep in the ground, and the other underground utilities (power, communications, natural gas) make the sewer line replacement work much more complicated than anticipated. The trenches must be dug much deeper and wider than expected, which takes much more time than expected; thus the need to keep the work area open and the road closed.

We understand the challenge and inconvenience that this causes to everyone, and that it is detouring traffic through the Bacon Drive neighborhood 24 hours per day. Unfortunately, this full road closure will need to continue through the week of November 5. We apologize for this unexpected turn of events. Please know that the contractors are doing their best to do this necessary work as effectively and efficiently as they can, and that with signs, flaggers, the temporary traffic lights, and Police patrols, the Town is also doing its best to manage the project and its complications as best as we can.

Thank you for your patience and understanding as we complete this much-needed infrastructure replacement project. As noted previously, closing the road and using the detour route is expected to reduce the construction time by at least one week.

If you have any concerns or would like to discuss the project please feel free to contact:
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Respectfully,

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