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Town Meeting approves water main for Goldsmith St. project

LITTLETON – A major water infrastructure upgrade will be done this summer as part of the Goldsmith St. reconstruction project, as Special Town Meeting voters unanimously approved its inclusion in the overall roadway improvement plan.

The water main installation will occur concurrently with the drainage and paving work already underway on Goldsmith St. For financial reasons, the Water Department did not intend to address the water infrastructure issue until FY2012, as part of its capital improvement plan, but General Manager Savas Danos recognized the efficiencies of completing the work now, and lobbied state officials for its inclusion.

As a result of negotiations among local and state officials and the contractor, P.J. Albert, a change order will be issued for the additional work. The Water Department will employ its own clerk of the works to ensure that the construction is completed according to its specifications.

The Electric Light Department will also be involved in the project, as it is responsible for pole relocation. The project cost, estimated at approximately \$750,000, will be covered by a bond, on which the town will pay the debt service until the Water Department can assume the payments in FY2012.

The water infrastructure on Goldsmith St. is highly suspect, based on its age, and has experienced several breaks over the last few years, Danos said. To reconstruct the street without making the necessary water upgrades would have made no sense, he added, and it would have proved both costly and inconvenient to dig up the road again in just a few years.

Customers with special water needs for medical equipment and devices are asked to call the department (978-486-3104) so that alternative arrangements may be put in place during service interruptions.

During the project, the department will employ a new public notification system, known as CodeRED, to alert customers to water service interruptions. This system has the ability to call cell phone numbers in addition to land lines, which should improve communication. Residents must enter their cell numbers into the system in order to be called. To register, go to www.lclwd.com and click on the CodeRED logo. On the CodeRED page, customers may enter their addresses and cell numbers.

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