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Town to Begin Replacing Water Mains Along Route 9 and Maxwell Road

Newtonville, N.Y. – Beginning Monday, March 19, 2018 the Town of Colonie will begin two projects to install almost a mile of new water mains along sections of Route 9 and Maxwell Road, replacing aging 1930s-era mains that have become increasingly prone to breaks.

Along Maxwell Road, 3,000 feet of new 12-inch ductile iron water main will replace an existing 6" cast iron main running from Old Niskayuna Road east to Hills Road.

Similarly, 2,150 feet of new ductile iron water main and high-density polyethylene (HDPE) main will be laid along Route 9 (Loudon Road) from Town Hall to Campus View Drive and from Spring Street to Turner Lane, replacing a 10" cast iron main.

The projects will be carried out by Peter Luizzi and Brothers Contracting, Inc. under the supervision of the Latham Water District. Luizzi Bros. was low bidder for the two projects, which total \$1.7 million. Construction is anticipated to continue through the end of July.

An additional project to replace 3,800 feet of water main along Route 9 from Maxwell Road to Old Loudon Road, estimated at \$1.67 million, is anticipated to begin later this summer.

The new water mains will increase water system reliability, pressure, and fire flows to residents and decrease unplanned shutdowns caused by water main breaks.

Since the new mains will be installed in virtually the same location as the existing mains, temporary, above-ground mains will be installed to supply water to residents affected by the projects.

During construction, residents are urged to avoid delays by seeking alternate travel routes if possible.

“This is the fifth year we’ve made major investments in both our water and sewer infrastructure,” said Colonie Town Supervisor Paula A. Mahan. “These investments are possible only because we put the Town back on a sound financial footing and planned strategically to upgrade our infrastructure.”

By the end of 2018, the Town will have invested more than \$18 million in strategic improvements to its drinking water system and \$14 million for its sewer system.

“I want to thank Latham Water District Superintendent John Frazer and his staff for the tremendous job they do every day in delivering millions of gallons of fresh, pure drinking water to our residents and in planning so well to meet the Town’s water needs far, far into the future,” said Supervisor Mahan.

Each year, the Latham Water District provides 3.8 billion gallons of water along more than 430 miles of water main to nearly 24,500 service connections. Water is treated at the Mohawk View Water Treatment Plant, stored in 15 water storage tanks, and pumped throughout the distribution system by five pump stations.