

# MONTGOMERY



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May 9, 2019

Mayor Bassett & Village Trustees  
Village of Rhinebeck Board of Trustees  
76 East Market Street  
Rhinebeck, NY 12572

Dear Mayor Bassett & Board of Trustees:

Thank you for hosting a public informational workshop on the water main project and allowing questions and concerns to be addressed. I appreciate all of the Water Dept and Village Board efforts to date and hope that this project is completed in a manner that does not negatively impact businesses and residents.

I have already spoken to a number of people from Water Dept/Village Board/etc in February and thereafter. Much of the information was helpful but also some of the information was contradictory so I am looking forward to getting more accurate info.

My tenants and I are greatly concerned about the day-to-day schedule of the project, the financial impact it will have on business operations, water service, traffic flow, parking, and dust/noise. Please respond to me regarding the following items so that we may make best efforts to be prepared:

## 1) SPECIFIC WORK SCHEDULE

- a. Daily hours – is this happening at night or day?
- b. Is this 7 days/week?
- c. Start and end dates/schedule for each street and which end of street it will start at
- d. I've been told that contractor will trench about 50-80 feet, do work, then close up road so that I can be driven on – is this correct?
- e. I was told by Mayor Bassett that the work would be completed at night, is this correct?
- f. WATER SERVICE - Schedule of water being off & on
- g. When will road be blacktopped/put back together
- h. RESPONSIBILITIES OF PROPERTY OWNER – its currently unclear what we are responsible for if anything? I have requested an 'inspection' back in winter for confirmation on my 'connection/curb valve'.

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- Please confirm that project contractor is responsible for putting sidewalk/landscaping back? Public vs private prop confirmation
  - i. What is the contact info for the project facilitator?
  - j. When will the work commence for each street? How many days do you anticipate for each street?
  - k. Will weather (rain) impact daily work schedule?
  - l. [a good chunk of Montgomery st/ Rt9 has water connected on garden street...with no connections, how quickly will Rt 9 sections btwn Fosters and Delamater be able to be completed?]
- 2) DUST & NOISE from project
- a. What specific requirements do you have in the bid or otherwise that the contractors will need to do to keep dust contained/wet
    - Many restaurants along rt9 have outdoor dining
    - Street cleaning and bldg. washing
  - b. How far will trench be off of west side curb of Montgomery Street?
- 3) TRAFFIC FLOW
- a. What will the traffic flow be? Alternate route?
  - b. How will customers/staff be able to access buildings when driveways are compromised due to work
    - Use our 2 Rt parking lots & Livingston St parking lot
  - c. Pedestrian crossing/access
  - d. Will 2<sup>nd</sup> half of street (opposite side of trench) be open for traffic?
  - e. How will traffic flow to access West Market Street when doing work adjacent to Beekman Arms
- 4) PARKING
- a. Village parking is already congested. What plans does the Village have to offer other parking locations in lieu of street parking?
  - b. Without Rt 9, street parking will be greatly impacted. We would greatly appreciate it if you would override the permit parking in Village during project.
  - c. Where will you have workers park? Please limit areas similar to the Mirbeau project.
- 5) VILLAGE PROMOTION/SUPPORT
- a. What specifically will the Village of Rhinebeck be doing to encourage regular business and minimize interruptions to Village tourism & patronage
    - This occurs in other tourist dependent towns
- 6) SAFETY/LIABILITY
- a. Trenches
    - I am assuming that the Village is responsible for open trenches and liability of such during project whether it is on private or public property.

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b. Please confirm access of emergency vehicles via alternate route?

7) COMMUNICATION

- a. Can you create an easy to find link on website with updates/changes so property owners/business owners/residents can easily access updates on schedule/project?
- b. Is it the contractor's or the Village's responsibility to provide signage for traffic flow and alternate parking options?

8) COST

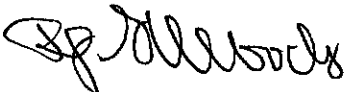
- a. Can you go over how this project is getting paid for?
  - How much of this project is covered by village tax payers, county \$, etc? How much will be responsibility of water/sewer district.
- b. What kind of cost savings will you find with having more efficient water lines/main. I am guessing less water leaks, etc.

9) VILLAGE DRAINAGE/CACHE BASIN – are these in line with water main? Any concern with drainage or sewer lines that may be in line with water main? Particularly the main sewer line that runs on my property between Krause's Chocolates and Starr Building?

Although this will be a definite inconvenience to Village Center business I am hopeful that it will be organized in such a manner that both businesses and residents won't be significantly negatively impacted and that the Village Board will choose a contractor and enforce requirements so that Village Center/businesses can be continue to be a vibrant destination.

Please respond to me at 845.876.0543 or via mail at PO Box 231, Rhinebeck, NY 12572

Best Regards,



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