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MONTHLY REPORT

December 2023

Below is a summary of the Ayer DPW's operations for the month of December, specifically our monthly work project status and a summary of monthly work orders completed. The Ayer DPW provides critical essential services to the Town of Ayer including water supply, wastewater collection and treatment, road safety, solid waste disposal, vehicle and equipment repairs and business operations.

Engineering and Administration

- Continue evaluation of Stormwater Utility with Tighe and Bond, Advisory Workgroup Meeting on December 20
- Working on 25% Main Street Transportation Improvement Project Design Road Safety Audit and Intersection Control Evaluation in progress
- Subdivision inspections Panther Place and Shaker Pond Rd
- Continue WWTP Phase 3 Upgrade (biosolids dewatering and waste pump upgrades). Project is substantially complete, awaiting long lead time parts to finalize project.
- Implementing plan to operate Woodlawn Cemetery, general maintenance and burials performed, building Cemetery Management Software. One (1) burial in December.
- Continue water meter upgrades
- Processed and approved Road Opening Permits, Trench Permits and Water & Sewer Connection Permits (limited number due to Winter season)
- Continue implementing SmartGov permitting software, meeting with Brightly scheduled for January
- Planning and Zoning Reviews, attend PB meetings: 201-205 West Main Street, Stratton Hill, 42 Park St
- Continued assisting Parks Dept with Kiddie Junction Playground Replacement
- Assisting Conservation Commission with public access to Flannagan Pond project
- Complete Main St lights project flag/banner arms received in December and installed
- Continue assisting Senior Center Site Selection Committee DPW developed maps of all Town-owned properties, RFP for Architect
- Assist PACE and Silent Springs with water modeling and historic information for public health study
- Select Board execute change order for Third Street Water and Drainage Improvements Project, provide water supply update and Board votes to lift the current mandatory ban on outdoor water use, approve ARPA for Transfer Station Evaluation
- Sandy Pond Road Complete Street in-house design (from Beach to Westford Road)
- Wright Way Pump Station project bid results were high, evaluating options to move forward
- Continue working with MassDOT to replace water main on Willow Road near intersection project
- Utility Coordination meetings for West Main Street Bridge, bid date tentatively set for February 14
- Continue assisting with Hazard Mitigation Plan development
- Continue implementing Grove Pond Water Treatment Plant Clearwell project, met with Town's consultant and Army regarding production issues at Grove Pond WTP
- Continue New Well Source Approval project, receive and respond to application comments from DEP and Division of Fisheries and Wildlife

- Continue job search for Department Assistant and Highway Division Mechanic, fill position of Wastewater Treatment Plant Operator
- Open bids for Spectacle Pond Filter Media Project
- Prepared and submitted annual Green Community Report
- Received Awards from Central Massachusetts Municipal Recycling Coordinators
- Meet with MBTA for project involving fiber utility installation along railroad tracks
- Continue with Transfer Station Evaluation through Rate Review Committee

Monthly Work Order Summary

	Address	Work Type	Date Flagged	Description
	Address	- Work Type	Date Haggea	A resident reported a large
			12/29/2023 9:18:30	pothole on the left side of the
	Rosewood Avenue	Pot Hole	AM	road on Rosewood Ave.
	Nosewood Avenue	1 of floid	Alvi	20235203448 - Installing new
				Pole #35-1. Working side of
				the road/Private Property.
				Please mark 20 ft. radius from
				new pole 35-1. Questions call
				Connor Reynolds at 774-312-
				0350 WR# 30601159. Nat'l
			12/28/2023 9:58:50	Grid
182	Willard Street	Dig-Safe	AM	Start date: 01/03/2024
		8		20235202352 (20234801994
				working on MBTA Row from
				Littleton town line to Shirley
				town line installing
				communication conduit in the
				row-start date 1-2-24 Randy
	MBTA Row from Littleton		12/27/2023 11:59:34	Thompson 717-439-3204 area
	T/L to Shirley T/L	Dig-Safe	AM	is pre marked
	, ,			20235202279 grading on
				James Brook Way side of the
				property-not pre-marked-
				start date 1/2/24
			12/27/2023 11:51:00	George Smalanskas 857-260-
53	Groton Shirley Road	Dig-Safe	AM	0424
				20235108313 - Test borings.
				The extent of work: 100 ft. on
				each side of the bridge, both
				sides of the road. The area is
				premarked.
				Caller: Michael Martin 413-
				323-8700 413-531-9925
				Martin GEO Environmental
		_	12/26/2023 8:20:45	LLC
104	Groton School Road	Dig-Safe	AM	Start date: 12/28/23
				20235106942 trenching for
				conduits, two for power &
				one for data from pole in
				front yard to garage/right side
				of driveway in front of home-
			12/21/2022 12:22:24	not pre-marked-start date
17	Shakar Baad	Dig Safa	12/21/2023 12:23:24	12/27/23 Ed Falter 617-971-
17	Shaker Road	Dig-Safe	PM	7791 Sewer Odor Complaint - A
				•
				resident called indicating there is a sewer odor (has
				been for some time) in the
				area of 46 Snake Hill Road.
				Please investigate. Notably,
				this is near where low
		Complaint/Investigation	12/20/2023 1:26:22	pressure force mains
46	Snake Hill Road	- Wastewater	PM	discharge to gravity.
40	Shake thii Nodu	vvasicvvatei	. 141	a social Sc to Stavity.

				20235104784 replace gas
				riser, street and street to
				house-area is pre marked,
			12/20/2023 12:34:41	start date 12/26/23
15	Jonathan Drive	Bact-T Sampling	PM	National Grid Gas
13	Jonathan Brive	Bact i Samping	1 101	20235003973 - Fence
				installation. Enclosing the
				backyard. The area is pre-
				marked.
				Caller: Isaac Desouza 774-204-
				4745 774-239-7164
		6	12/12/2023 3:05:58	New England Fencing
6	Shaker Pond Road	Dig-Safe	PM	Start date: 12/15/23
				20235003639 - Emergency
				Gas Repair.
				Working street, street to
				house 50 ft.in all directions.
			12/12/2023 12:42:17	Caller: Adam Mooers 877-
125	Oak Ridge Drive	Dig-Safe	PM	304-1184 Nat'l Grid Gas
				20235003570 - Soil testing.
				Working entire property,
				public & private, house to
				edge of the road. The area is
				pre-marked.
				Caller: Mike Bergeron 508-
			12/12/2023 12:25:40	393-7234 Curtis Septic
62	Willow Road	Dig-Safe	PM	Start date: 12/15/23
		2.8 00.0		20235002444 Previous
				20234501996 11/6/23
				Gas leak repair. Extent of
				work, street.
				Caller: Kelly Roberts 617-594-
			12/12/2023 10:06:40	5536 978-853-9111
38	Littleton Road	Dig-Safe	12/12/2023 10.06.40 AM	
36	Littleton Road	Dig-Sale	AIVI	Start date: 12/15/23
				20235002270 Previous
				20234508988 11/8/23
				Dig/backfill foundations,
				water, sewer & electric at the
				subdivision.
				Caller: Laurie Merrill 860-917-
			12/12/2023 9:42:43	7567 978-952-8505
128	Washington Street	Dig-Safe	AM	start date: 12/15/23
				20235001862 - Ground rod
				installation, Working within
				10 feet of the Meter.
				The area is NOT pre-marked.
				Caller: Rochelle Pagan 978-
				795-6309 Sunrun Installation
			12/12/2023 9:35:34	Services.
119	Woodland Way	Dig-Safe	AM	Start date: 12/14/23
				20235001790 Previous
				20234606899 11/15/23
				Access Rd & Access Pad
				construction. Working along
			12/12/2023 9:18:11	Nat'l Grid/Eversource Right of
88	Groton School Road	Dig-Safe	12/12/2023 9.18.11 AM	Way on both sides of the
- 50	Si Otori Scribor Noau	DIS JUIC	/ 1/VI	way on both sides of the

1		1	1	road. Area is premarked
				Caller: Melissa Sutton 251-
				583-6413 Bluroc LLC
				Start date: 12/14/23
				Start date: 12/14/23
				20235001793 Previous
				20234606903 11/15/23
				Access Rd & Access Pad
				construction. Working along
				Eversource Right of Way. The
				area is premarked
				Caller: Melissa Sutton 251-
	Groton Road Eversouce/		12/12/2023 9:13:42	583-6413 Bluroc LLC
	Nat'l Grid Right of Way	Dig-Safe	AM	Start date: 12/14/23
				20235001789 Previous
				20234606896 11/15/23
				Access Rd & Access Pad
				construction. Working along
				Nat'l Grid/Eversource Right of
				Way
				The area is premarked.
				Caller: Melissa Sutton 251-
	Groton Shirley Road		12/12/2023 8:46:30	583-6413 Bluroc LLC
	Eversource/Nat'l Grid ROW	Dig-Safe	AM	Start date: 12/14/23
				20235001788 Previous
				220234606893 11/15/23
				Access Rd & Access Pad
				construction. Working along
				Nat'l Grid/Eversource Right of
				Way West. Area is premarked
				Caller: Melissa Sutton 251-
	Groton Shirley Road		12/12/2023 8:42:05	583-6413 Bluroc LLC
	Eversource/Nat'l Grid ROW	Dig-Safe	AM	Start date: 12/14/23
				20235001735 Previous
				20234606849 11/15/23
				Access Road & access pad
				construction. Working
				between Westford Rd &
				Sandy Pond substation to str 1A.
				Caller: Melissa Sutton 251-
			12/12/2023 8:37:40	583-6413 Bluroc LLC
65	Westford Road	Dig-Safe	AM	Start date: 12/14/23
0.5	**CSCIOI a ROad	Dig Juic	7 1141	20235001754 Previous
				20234606867 11/15/23
				Access road construction
				access pad. Construct
				throughout the eversource
				ROW. Working around
				substation & along the
				eversource Right of way.
				The area is premarked.
				Caller: Melissa Sutton 251-
			12/12/2023 8:33:58	583-6413 Bluroc LLC
75	Park Street	Dig-Safe	AM	Start date: 12/14/23

				20235001731 Previous
				20234606846 11/15/23
				Access road and access pad
				construction along the
				Eversource row K137-L138
				line.
				Caller: Melissa Sutton 251-
			12/12/2023 8:27:23	583-6413
15	Raddison Rd	Dig-Safe	AM	Start date: 12/14/23
13	Nadalson Na	Dig Suite	7 (14)	20234909659
				(20234606869)drill for fiber
				optic line working along side
				of RR track within 40 feet of
				track on the north side of
				track on Groton Harvard Rd
				along the tracks for
				approximately 100 feet from
				both side of road & to
				excavate pits for fiber optic
				line system within 4o feet of
				RR track on North side of the
				tracks running parallel with
				the tracks-pre marked-start
		_		date 12/13/23 Tim Conlin
	Groton Harvard Road	Dig-Safe	12/8/2023 3:31:09 PM	617-571-4173
				20234909665 Previous
				20234606882 11/15/23
				Drill for fiber optic line
				working alongside of RR track
				within 50 feet of track on the
				north side of track on Sandy
				Pond Rd along the tracks for
				approximately 100 feet from
				both side of road & to
				excavate pits for fiber optic
				line system within 50 feet of
				RR track on North side of the
				tracks running parallel with
				the tracks-pre marked.
				Caller: Tim Conlin 617-571-
				4173
78	Sandy Pond Road	Dig-Safe	12/8/2023 3:16:51 PM	start date 12/13/23
				20234908036 - Ground rod
				install. Working within 10 ft.
				of the meter. The area is NOT
				pre-marked.
				Caller: Rochelle Pagan 978-
				795-6309 Sunrun Installation
				Serv.
21	Cambridge Street	Dig-Safe	12/8/2023 8:06:38 AM	Start date: 12/12/23
				20234906265 - Install Techno
				Posts in front of the house.
				The area is pre-marked.
				Caller: Tom Desimone 774-
20	Wright Road	Dig-Safe	12/7/2023 8:12:15 AM	696-5801 774-293-1544
	····biic nodd	2.5 3010	1 12/ // 2023 U.12.13 AIVI	555 5661 774 255 15 44

Î				Page Contracting Inc
				Start date: 12/11/23
				20234906055 - Sewer repair next to the Schoolhouse driveway entrance on Westford Road. The area is pre-marked. Caller: Matt Hernon 978-772- 8240
150	Sandy Pond Road	Dig-Safe	12/6/2023 2:48:25 PM	Start date: 12/11/23
58	Groton Harvard Road	Misc Highway Work Order	12/6/2023 8:25:51 AM	Retrieve mattress and box spring illegally dumped 20234902767 - Drainage
				system. Working in front of the property. The area is premarked. Caller: George Christman 978-726-1888 GC Construction
7B	Turtle Hill Rd	Dig-Safe	12/5/2023 9:12:47 AM	Start date: 12/8/23
				20234902761 - Drainage system. Working in front of the property. The area is pre- marked. Caller: George Christman 978- 726-1888 GC Construction
5B	Turtle Hill Rd	Dig-Safe	12/5/2023 9:10:13 AM	Start date: 12/8/23 20234902011 drilling soil
55	Raddison Rd	Dig-Safe	12/4/2023 3:12:42 PM	boring on National Grid substation within substation property at specified coordinates (42.56970 - 71.52546)call Heather with questions at 781-562-9859 start date 12/7/23 area is pre marked
33	Nauuisoii Nu	Dig-Sale	12/4/2023 3.12.42 PIVI	20234901915 - Drilling.
				Working at the National Grid substation located at the end of Raddison Rd. Please call Heather with location questions at 781-562-9859. The area is pre-marked. Caller: Joe Hamilton 508-835-6724 Drilex Environmental
55	Raddison Rd	Dig-Safe	12/4/2023 2:52:59 PM	Start date: 12/7/23
			12/4/2023 10:17:37	20234900871 Nat'l Grid install meter protection, street & street to house-start date
3	Grove Street	Dig-Safe	AM	12/7/23-pre marked
31	Fletcher Street	Dig-Safe	12/4/2023 10:12:20 AM	20234900867 Nat'l Grid install meter protection, street &

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				street to house-start date
				12/7/23-pre marked
				20234900864 Nat'l Grid install
				meter protection, street &
			12/4/2023 10:09:26	street to house-start date
10	Willow Rd	Dig-Safe	AM	12/7/23-pre marked
				20234900862 Nat'l Grid install
				meter protection, street &
			12/4/2023 10:05:14	street to house-start date
7	Grove Street	Dig-Safe	AM	12/7/23-pre marked
				20234900836 Nat'l Grid install
				meter protection, street &
			12/4/2023 10:02:12	street to house-start date
9	Grove Street	Dig-Safe	AM	12/7/23-pre marked
				20234900831 Nat'l Grid install
				meter protection, street &
				street to house-start date
52	Westford Road	Dig-Safe	12/4/2023 9:59:08 AM	12/7/23-pre marked
				substantial pothole on the
			12/1/2023 11:51:19	right side when turning on to
	Bishop Rd	Pot Hole	AM	Bishop Road
				20234811200 percolation test
				entire private property, is pre
			12/1/2023 11:27:09	marked start date 12/6/23
91	Groton Harvard Road	Dig-Safe	AM	GPR 978-772-1590
				20234810783 excavate to
				install parking area & walkway
				at "little red schoolhouse"-
				working in rear of building off
				handicap ramp-start date
				12/6/23 Joe McDonnell 978-
150	Sandy Pond Road	Dig-Safe	12/1/2023 9:33:03 AM	505-7703