

## TOWN OF NORTH READING

*Massachusetts*

### Department of Public Works

#### Water Main Replacements

The Town of North Reading will be starting water main replacement projects on North Street and on Mount Vernon Street over the next few weeks. This work will replace the older water mains with new larger diameter water mains, and will provide new connections to homes supplied by these new water mains.

**North Street:** The existing water main in portions of North Street will be replaced with a new 12-inch diameter water main in two phases, as described below.

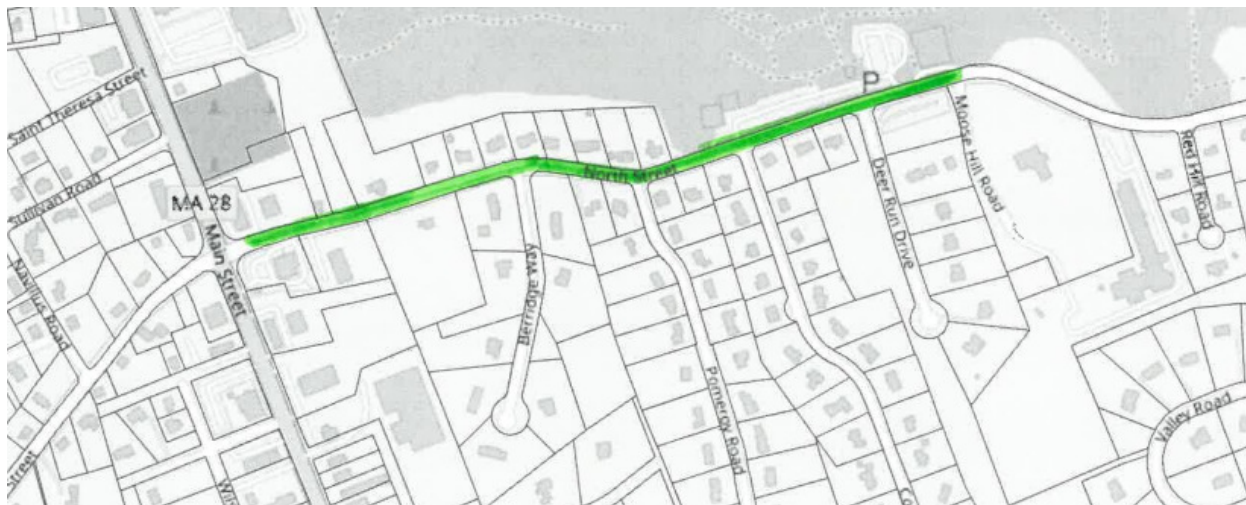
**Phase 1** will take place beginning the week of April 5, 2021 and starting at the intersection of Lowell Road and North Street and proceeding up North Street to just west of the intersection of North Street and Main Street. The water main installation in this area is expected to take approximately three weeks to complete. Once the water main is in place, it must pass pressure tests and water quality tests before the main can be activated. When the water main passes these tests, houses and water mains feeding the cross streets will be connected to the new main.



North Street Phase 1 Water Main Replacement – Lowell Road to Main Street

**Phase 2** will take place in starting approximately three weeks after the work in Phase 1 is started. In this phase, the water main will be replaced from just east of the intersection of North Street and Main Street and proceeding up North Street to the Hillview Country Club (where the feed from the Town's

Moose Hill water storage tank meets North Street). This phase will include “bypass” piping where the existing homes will be connected to a temporary piping system installed above ground while the construction is underway. The Contractor has estimated the water main installation in this area is anticipated to take approximately two to three weeks to complete. As with Phase 1, once the water main is in place, it must be pass pressure tests and water quality tests before the main can be activated. When the water main passes these tests, houses and water mains feeding the cross streets will be connected to the new main.



North Street Phase 2 Water Main Replacement – Main Street to the Moose Hill Access Road

**Mount Vernon Street:** The existing water main in Mount Vernon Street between Haverhill Street and Woodland Drive will be replaced with an 8-inch diameter water main. It is anticipated this work will begin in late May. This work will also include “bypass” piping where the existing homes will be connected to a temporary piping system installed above ground while the construction is underway. The Contractor has estimated the water main installation in this area is anticipated to take approximately two to three weeks to complete. As with the other work, once the water main is in place, it must be pass pressure tests and water quality tests before the main can be activated. When the water main passes these tests, houses and water mains feeding the cross streets will be connected to the new main.



Mount Vernon Street Water Main Replacement – Haverhill Street to Woodland Drive

## **What Impact Can I Expect During This Construction?**

There will be significant traffic impacts during this project. During the work in Phase 1, this section of North Street will be open to Town Hall and local (abutter) traffic only. Access to Town Hall will be limited to deliveries, Town employees, use of the outside drop-box, and appointments scheduled in advance. Other traffic will be detoured around the work area. Decisions regarding traffic control for other work will be determined by the North Reading Police Department.

If you use North Street or Mount Vernon Street to travel, please be aware that the operators of the heavy equipment are focused on their jobs and may not be aware of your vehicle. Pay attention to road closures, detours and Police Officers directing traffic in the work zones.

Note that the initial work on Phase 1 of the North Street construction will involve crossing Lowell Road (Route 62) from near Mullin Field to North Street between April 5 and April 7. This work will further limit travel on Lowell Road (Route 62) to one direction at a time. Again, avoid this area if possible during this work.

If your home is on North Street or Mount Vernon Street where the new water main is being installed, the Contractor and the Water Department will try to maintain full water service to your home at all times during this construction. It is not unusual during this type of construction for the older water main or water services to break in the area of the work and require emergency shutdowns for repairs.

If you experience an unanticipated period of no water or reduced water pressure, contact the Department of Public Works at (978) 357-5260 during Town Hall business hours (Monday to Thursday from 8 am to 4 pm and Friday from 8 am to 1 pm). During other hours, please contact the North Reading Fire Department at (978) 664-3112.