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Memo To: Board of Selectmen

From: Timothy D. Higgins, Senior Planner *T. Higgins*

Subject: McLean Water Line Installation

Date: April 10, 2003

As you are probably aware, McLean Hospital has finalized plans to install a new twelve-inch water main from Concord Avenue to Mill Street. This line was required by the Water Department and is a condition of the three Planning Board Design and Site Plan Review approvals for the McLean redevelopment. It is necessary to provide adequate service to the new residential development within Zones 1A and 1B as well as the McLean campus.

Extensive work is planned at the intersection of Concord Avenue and Somerset Street that will require the closing of the streets. Municipal staff (Water, Police, Fire, Highway, Cemetery and the Office of Community Development) and the contractor believe that due to technical considerations, it would be best to complete this activity during the evening hours, after peak demand. Traffic impacts, while less of a concern, can also be controlled more easily. The target date for this work is Friday evening, April 25 into Saturday morning April 26th. A brief summary of this work is provided for your information.

The design plans have been reviewed and approved by the Town and the Paolini Corporation has been retained by McLean to perform the installation. A working group consisting of the above municipal departments, McLean representatives, Ellen O'Brien Cushman, (Chairman, Land Management Committee), Bob Gallant (Chairman, Implementation Committee) and the contractor, has been meeting to agree upon the many details of this effort. This is only one phase of the new water line installation. Two new municipal meter pits will be installed on either side of the McLean campus. The majority of the construction activity will occur within the so-called "north meadow" area. It is scheduled to begin the week of April 21st and conclude in early June. (The working group is finalizing a detailed construction schedule and it is expected to be available for distribution next week.) There will be work on Mill Street and extensive excavation on Concord Avenue. **There is not expected to be any loss of water service to residents.** However, some water discoloration can be expected.

The Police Department plans to close down Concord Avenue from Mill Street to Pleasant Street. Somerset Street will also be blocked off at Pleasant Street/Juniper Road. There will be message boards at these three locations informing motorists of the closures. Of course, residents of those areas will have constant access to their homes. The Paolini Corporation will notify all affected residents by mail of the construction schedule and possible impacts. Also note, the evening work will most assuredly violate the Belmont Noise By-Law standards (Belmont General Laws, Article 23, Section 23.4). Once again however, it is the opinion of the Police, OCD, Water and Fire Departments that public safety will be best maintained with the construction occurring during the evening hours.

Thank you for your attention to this matter. Please contact me if you have any questions or concerns.

Cc: McLean Water Line Working Group Members