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The Barnstead Highway Department, in conjunction with Pennichuck Water Company, will begin work on Varney Road commencing May 23rd, 2016. This project will take 3 years to complete as it involves installing new water mains along the road. Pennichuck will be responsible for maintaining the road throughout the process of installing the water mains, which will limit the amount of work the Highway Department will be able to do this year.

Phase One: This will consist of the Highway Department reclaiming the roadway (grinding the pavement), allowing the water company to install their new water mains, As the Water Company proceeds down the road, the Highway Department will begin to improve the drainage (ditching, culverts, and some under drainage). A lot of driveway culverts will need to be reset, which is usually the responsibility of the land owner. The Select Board has approved my request to reset the culverts at no cost to the land owner, however if a culvert is damaged, the land owner will be responsible for the price of the culvert at the town's cost.

The Highway Department will be adding a quality base gravel to the roadway as the Water Company proceeds, but Varney Road will have to remain gravel until next summer. There are two reasons for this;

1. Pennichuck will not have the mains installed in time for us to complete our work and pave this year.
2. Pennichuck will excavate on side of the road down five (5) feet and I want to let the road go through a freeze/thaw cycle to help it compact before we put down the first layer of pavement.

Phase Two: The Highway Dept. will complete the drainage work, apply a concrete injection in the base then lay down 2.5" base of asphalt.

Phase Three: The Highway Department will install 1.5" of top asphalt- bringing the total to 4" of compacted asphalt.

If you have any questions please feel free to contact me at the Highway Dept. 603-269-2091. I apologize for any inconvenience.

Sincerely,

Jim Doucette, Road Agent