

## **Elm Street Improvements Project Notes from December 9, 2014 meeting**

The meeting began with introductions.

Mayor Eberhardt stated that this project is in an older section of town and the Board realizes that the street and sidewalks were construction long ago, as well as the water and sewer infrastructure, which he believes was installed in the 1960's or 1970's. He said that the Board realized that improvements are needed and so decided to undertake those improvements for the good of the residents and community.

Denise Breder gave a Power Point Presentation on the project to include a summary of the project, some photos of existing conditions, a review of the Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ's) and a timeline. [NOTE: that the FAQ's have been revised since the presentation and the revised version is attached to the letter].

Below is a summary of the Question and Answer (Q&A) session that followed the presentation:

**Q** What is a sewer line or storm drain?

**A** *The Town of Perryville will be reconstructing the roadway & storm drain infrastructure along the entire length of Elm Street.*

**Q** Will you work with them to ensure access out of the house?

**A** *Construction activities will cause temporary inconvenience for the Elm Street residents, but the Town is willing to take some measures such as temporary sidewalk access for residents with limited mobility.*

**Q** Can we have a depression for a driveway?

**A** *Since the curbs are mountable, a driveway depression is not needed.*

**Q** How far will you be digging – is it possible to damage a [house] foundation?

**A** *That would be unlikely since the digging will only be 8" – 12" for the sidewalks*

**Q** There is a white fence on our property, what will happen to that?

**A** *If it is damaged by the project or needs to be moved to accommodate the project, the fence will be replaced with like materials.*

**Q** Where will the project start?

**A** *The construction sequence has the project starting at Harford Street*

**Q** Do you have a contractor in mind for the job?

**A** *No, it will be publicly bid in May to include being posted on the State Department of General Services website.*

Ralph Ryan summarized the sequencing of the project:

The Elm Street construction sequence can be summarized as the following: the entire length of Elm Street is divided up into three sections. The first portion of Elm Street to be re-constructed is from Harford St. to Susquehanna Ave., followed by the Elm Street section from Susquehanna Ave. to Elm Street Mid-block, and concluding with Elm Street Mid-block to Front Street. Each of the three sections along Elm Street will be further subdivided. The storm drain facilities shall be the first to be re-built, followed by the proposed curb & sidewalk, then finally the rebuilding of the roadway pavement structure. After the roadway pavement structure has been re-built for all sections of Elm Street, a final paving surface course will be applied along the entire length of Elm Street at once. Elm Street was divided up into three sections to minimize inconvenience to residents by temporarily localizing the construction to specific locations.

**Q** What are the dots on the plans?

**A** *Elevations, pipe sizes and other engineering information to direct the construction contractor in rebuilding the road and storm drain system.*

**Q** The small section of upright curbing that seems to be conflicting with an existing driveway – you may want to look at this.

**A** *Town staff will review and correct as needed. NOTE: Since the 12-9-14 Town meeting, the Town has omitted the use of upright curbing due to the conflicting of existing driveways. Upright curbing was proposed to limit adjacent private property disturbance to no more than 2 feet beyond the existing sidewalk in order to properly tie-in to the new sidewalk and roadway. Without the upright curbing, the adjacent private property limit of disturbance applied to selected properties will be no more the 4 feet beyond the existing sidewalk in order to properly tie-in to the new sidewalk and roadway. The Town will restore private property affected by roadway construction to as-is conditions.*

**Q** Is the white line on the plans the new line?

**A** *Yes, that represents the proposed storm drain facilities, denoted as “ST” for storm drain.*

**Q** Do you know what week you are going to start?

**A** *The Town anticipates that construction to begin in the summer of 2015, with completion of the project approximately 12 work weeks later.*

**Q** Will we be able to come out of our houses when work is going on?

**A** *Yes, during the various phases of construction, residents may temporarily not be able to park their vehicle directly in front of their homes, but pedestrian access to and from their home will never be prohibited.*

**Q** When they are making connections, will we be able to use our bathrooms and will we be notified beforehand?

**A** *The Town will not be making new connections with sanitary sewer, instead, the existing sanitary sewer lines will be re-lined using a specialist contractor. The re-lining of the sanitary sewer will likely be conducted during the final phases of the Elm Street project but is independent of the reconstruction of the roadway and storm drains in that they do not interfere with one another. Affected residents will be given a notice several days in advance not to use their water except for toilet flushing during the 8-10 time period.*

A comment was made about the MARC commuters parking on Elm Street. Town staff will contact MARC management to inform them that commuters will not be allowed to park on Elm Street during construction.

Mayor Eberhardt stated that the Board wants to minimize the impact to residents.

Residents were given an opportunity to look at the proposed construction plans and to ask questions regarding their individual properties.