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Groton and Dunstable Residents: Emergency Water Main Construction Update

Please find attached a detailed memorandum from Apex Companies dated June 25, 2025, regarding a NEW “Phase 3” Water Main Extension and Private Water System Hookups associated with the ongoing PFAS contamination response at the Groton-Dunstable Regional High School and surrounding neighborhood streets.

The memo outlines the current status of the project and includes planning-level cost estimates and timelines for the next phase of response caused by the expansion of the PFAS plume in the area. This phase includes the installation of 7,100 linear feet of new water main across four additional streets: Kemp Street in Dunstable and Raddin Road, Hawtree Way, and Reedy Meadow Roads In Groton, in order to serve properties that now fall within the expanded PFAS contamination boundary.

The memo includes the following information:

- Estimated Construction Cost for “Phase 3” Water Main: \$4,022,500
- Estimated Cost for Private Property Water Service Hookups: \$1,405,600
- Project Timeline: Pre-design survey in July 2025; design and permitting August - October 2025; bidding in March 2026; construction expected to be completed by November 2026.

Apex recommends that the Towns determine whether to manage private-side water service installations through direct public procurement or a homeowner reimbursement program. After discussions with the Town of Groton and Apex, the plan is to move forward with the **reimbursement** model which offers cost and liability advantages.

As the number of PFAS impacted properties has evolved, MassDEP has reiterated that all properties within the LSP-defined boundary with any detectable level of PFAS must be offered free public water connection, even if they fall below current drinking water standards. Any property that tests higher than current standards and refuses connection would require long-term treatment at the Towns’ expense.

Next Steps:

- Apex has been authorized by Groton to begin designing the additional work.
- The Town of Groton will be overseeing the design of the additional work (Kemp Street, Raddin Road, Hawtree Way, and Reedy Meadow Road) and the work from Jersey to North Street and Groton Street only up to the boundaries of the PFAS impacted area.
- Construction will be overseen by Pepperell for the work originally included in Phase 2 of the project and by Groton for the additional scope due to the PFAS plume expansion.
- Permitting processes will begin immediately.

- Groton and Dunstable will require properties that connect to the water system for free to decommission their private wells on the recommendation of DEP. This cost will also be reimbursed.

We are in the process of coordinating a joint meeting between the Select Boards, Finance Committees, and Water Boards of Dunstable, Groton, and Pepperell on Wednesday, July 30 in Pepperell. Please let me know if this date doesn't work for you. This meeting will allow all stakeholders to review planning details, permitting coordination, and implementation strategies together.

Please feel free to reach out with any questions or concerns in the meantime.

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