



Braintree Town Council

ORDER NO: 24 017

DATE FILED: APRIL 3, 2025

REQUEST OF: PROPERTY OWNER

Property owner hereby requests petition at 899 Washington Street to request National Grid open the street that is under moratorium to expand the gas line at 899 Washington Street with staff recommendations:

BELD: BELD has no conflicts with this location.

DPW: The DPW has reviewed the subject petition for the installation of a gas service to 899 Washington Street, Richmond Hardware. This portion of Washington St. is currently under the excavation moratorium enacted by Town Council in 2015, having been resurfaced in 2022. For transverse service trenches, the moratorium is 5 years, therefore any excavation made prior to 2027 requires waiving of the ordinance. The gas main is located on the same side of Washington St as the property, approximately eight feet from the granite curb and within the on-street parking lane. If the Council does elect to waive the excavation ordinance in this instance, the DPW recommends that the petition be granted with the following conditions:

- A temporary patch shall be placed immediately after the work. The street excavation should be saw-cut, backfilled and compacted in 8-inch lifts, paved to match existing asphalt depth (with a minimum depth of four inches) in two-inch lifts to match the existing street grade. Temporary pavement markings for parking should be replaced with water-based paint.
- After maintaining the temporary patch through one winter, a permanent patch shall be placed the following May. The permanent patch should be a ten-foot long milled patch from the curb for the width of the parking lane (approximately ten feet), with 2-inches of asphalt top course machine laid. Tack coat should be applied to milled surfaces and joints prior to paving. Finished joints should be treated with infrared or with a rubberized asphalt sealer. Permanent thermoplastic lane markings shall be placed following the permanent patch.
- Any concrete sidewalk panels disturbed by the work as well as any accent brick banding shall be replaced in-kind as approved by the Highway Superintendent.



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DPW also recommends that the following requirement be added to the permit, if it is to be granted:

- No contractor is authorized to close any street or to close a direction of travel to facilitate their work without authorization from the Director of the Department of Public Works or the Highway Superintendent. The Chief of Police can also authorize a closure for a police or fire emergency. Construction zone traffic safety issues are to be addressed by using appropriate traffic control signs and devices and the use of police officers for traffic control to safely guide traffic through the work zone. If a closure is authorized by the DPW, it shall not be implemented until signs and police officers (where needed) are properly in place in conformity with the written plan prepared by the contractor's engineer and approved by the Police Department.

YEAS: Boericke, Flaherty, Hume, Maglio, Morin, Quilty, Reynolds, Ringius, Ryan

NAYS: NONE

ABSENT: NONE

PASSED IN COUNCIL: APRIL 29, 2025

A True Record, Attest:

5/2/2025
Date Approved

James M. Casey
James M. Casey, Town Clerk