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Dear Southborough Resident:

I am writing this letter to update you on the proposed undergrounding of the utilities on Main Street. A public hearing is before the Planning Board on Monday, March 23, 2009 at 7:15 at the Town House regarding this initiative.

The purpose of this hearing is to update the public and property owners along Main Street as to the status of the Undergrounding and explain the upcoming Warrant Article which will be addressed at Town Meeting in April.

This Warrant Article is required by State statute to force the utility companies to comply with Southborough's desire to underground the utilities along Main Street. It will also enable the Town to fund this initiative by providing a mechanism for the Utility Companies to collect a small percentage (up to 2%) from each billing statement in order to pay for the cost of the Undergrounding.

This Warrant Article does not in any way obligate the town to move forward on this initiative, nor does it obligate Southborough to commit any funds. It is just the required first step in a very long process.

A 2nd Public Hearing is scheduled to take place on March 25, 2009 at 7 pm at Cordaville Hall. The purpose of this meeting will be to discuss the Main Street Road Reconstruction Project. You may not be aware of the fact that the some aspects of the 25% plan agreed to by the Board of Selectmen, The Planning Board, and the residents have been *rejected* by the State. The town's engineering consultant, SEA, has been replaced by Vanasse Hangen Brustlin (VHB). Together with the Superintendent of Southborough's Department of Public Works and the Town Engineer, this new consultant will provide an overview of the project and will be seeking public input regarding this new direction.

The Main Street Council is continuing with our privately funded Feasibility Study on Undergrounding Main Street. We will have additional information for your review at both public hearings.

We look forward to your active participation in the process and hope to see you all at these upcoming meetings.

Sincerely,

Dennis P. Flynn

Co-Chair

The Main Street Council

“Undergrounding – The Transformation of Southborough”

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