



TOWN OF WARE

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To : Beaver Lake, Monson Turnpike and Babcock Tavern Area residents

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Subject: Fall Construction and Impacts

The following is a summary of the projects in your area that are ongoing or about to commence. Over the next several months, these projects will affect the travel routes to and from your homes.

Old Belchertown Road Bridge over Beaver Brook. As you are aware, the bridge is currently closed due to structural safety concerns. The Town has hired an engineering firm, Tighe and Bond, to design the repair of the bridge. The designs must be approved by the Massachusetts Department of Transportation, and permitting with the Conservation Commission must be completed. The project will then be bid and repairs completed.

Beaver Lake Dam, Babcock Tavern Road. Repairs to the Beaver Lake Dam will commence after Labor Day on September 3. Construction work will take approximately 8-10 weeks. During that time the bridge will be closed on weekdays from 7 a.m. to as late as 5 p.m. Weekend closures may be needed to complete critical construction tasks, depending on weather and site conditions. A police officer will be stationed at the bridge anytime there is a closure and will be in constant radio contact with Ware emergency services. The Town and contractor have discussed this schedule with the Ware Public Schools and Pathfinder bus companies. Bus routes have been adjusted to accommodate the construction.

Road Repairs. The Town Highway Division has initiated shimming and drainage work along various roads around the lake. The purpose for this work is to prepare for stone seal placement along those locations. This will preserve the roads for a longer time before the need for reconstruction. Stone seal work will commence in September.

Babcock Tavern Road. In the Fall, the Highway Division will work on the drainage alongside Babcock Tavern Road and do preparatory work on the road. In November, the Town will repave the road from Route 9 to Coldbrook Drive.

As you can see, this is a very busy construction season that will rely on timing, patience and weather. Please contact me if you have any questions. sbeckley@townofware.com or 967-9648 x100.