



Progress

South Alburgh residents may finally have available, a source of clean, safe drinking water. As a reminder, a map for the entire South Alburgh Fire District #2 water supply line, is included below. Phase I (**GREEN LINE**) continues to serve its customer base with excellent water provided by the Village of Alburgh. Phase II is illustrated with the **BLUE LINE**.

Design work on Phase II continues to make progress. We have met the 60% design completion milestone. Our engineering firm has obtained new test samples and results which have been factored into chlorine needs and updated construction plans. Several technical issues have been resolved allowing waterline alignment to be completed. Note: The water main alignments are being "set in stone". Given the archaeologically significant environment in the greater Alburgh area, lots of time and money has been spent to establish these alignments, and any movement will delay the project and add cost.

We have experienced excellent teamwork from all parties involved. Recent activities required several site visits. We would like to thank all those involved including volunteers as well as reps from our Village, Town, State, and engineering firm Dubois & King.

Customers Growing

We have 46+ customers signed up for Phase II. NOTE: customers that have signed up and committed to Phase II prior to construction will be charged a one-time hook-up fee of \$1500. If you decide to hook-up after construction has begun, this one-time fee increases to \$2500. Customers are responsible for the design and construction of the water line from the curb stop to their house. The design and construction of this

line on the customer's property must meet all required specifications which are explained on our web page.

Note: All SAFD2 customers should be advised, to make this project financially viable and more cost effective for everyone involved, we must have the maximum number of customers committed. If you have not already done so, please "sign-up" to indicate your intention to connect to the new water system extension project!

If you are on the Phase II route and have not signed up, please do so ASAP. Instructions on our web page: www.safd2.org

As a reminder, each unit requires a separate shut off and meter. If you have multiple units, you must plan on multiple hook-ups (we call them ERUs).

Outlook

Our goal moving forward is to have one affordable rate and serve as many customers as possible. The actual rate for Phase II will be set after we complete design and receive bids from contractors (hopefully late 2Q22). Phase I currently runs about \$270/quarter (rough average). Recent inflation projections and wide swings in cost estimates make an accurate rate assessment very difficult. The SAFD#2 Committee is committed to making water available at an affordable rate. Our approach is to continue with the project and, once bids are in and committed customers summed up, we'll seek the funding necessary to achieve affordability (note: record amounts of Federal monies committed to clean water). Now that the design is sufficiently complete and alignment committed, we must obtain rightful permission for the water line to transverse all necessary properties, allowing for construction hopefully in 2022.

There are two types of Right of Ways or easements required: 1. Temporary, allows access for construction only & 2. Permanent, allows the pipeline to be placed across property in perpetuity. Samples of both are attached at the bottom of this newsletter. We have several easements in place from earlier work, but the vast majority (~85) must be obtained prior to the bid phase of the project. This is a huge undertaking and must be accomplished very quickly to avoid further project delays. To aid in communicating, we are inviting all concerned individuals to an on-line Zoom Meeting. PLEASE JOIN and invite anyone else you know that might be interested:

Important Meeting

Topic: SAFD2 Phase II Public Meeting
Time: Jan 10, 2022 06:30 PM Eastern Time (US and Canada)

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83015817890>

Meeting ID: 830 1581 7890

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Parcel No. _____

TEMPORARY EASEMENT/CONSTRUCTION LICENSE

The undersigned owner of property located at and known as _____

In the Town of Alburgh, Vermont, grants to the South Alburgh Fire District No. 2 (SAFD2) a license to enter upon said property for the purpose of constructing and installing public water system lines, mains and appurtenances.

This license shall commence at the time the SAFD2 awards a construction contract for the work (expected summer/fall 2022) and shall expire upon the final completion of such construction contract (expected summer _____, but in no event later than two (2) years following commencement of construction). The SAFD2 shall use due care so as not to cause injury or damage in the exercise of license and shall, upon the expiration here of, repair and restore disturbed land to as near pre-existing conditions as practical.

Done at _____, _____ this ____ day of _____, 20____.
(City) (state) (day) (month)

Property owner (printed)

Property owner (printed)

Property Owner (signature)

Property Owner (signature)

EASEMENT

FOR GOOD AND VALUABLE CONSIDERATION, the undersigned hereby grant to South Alburgh Fire District No. 2, and its successors and assigns, a permanent easement to enter upon the property of the undersigned located at _____ in the Town of Alburgh, Vermont, for the purpose of installing, constructing, repairing, replacing, inspecting and maintaining pipes, lines, mains and appurtenances incident to a public water supply and distribution system. The location of said easement shall be as laid, and as generally shown on a plan entitled "_____Waterline Easement", dated _____, and of record in the Town of Alburgh Land Records.

Said easement shall be Ten (10) feet in width at all points, as depicted on the above-referenced plan. South Alburgh Fire District No. 2 shall have a temporary easement adjacent to the above-described permanent easement during periods of construction, maintenance, repair and replacement of improvements within the permanent easement area.

By its acceptance of these presents, South Alburgh Fire District No. 2, for itself and its agents, officials, contractors and employees, agrees to exercise due care and diligence in constructing and maintaining the improvements within the easement area.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, we hereunto subscribe these presents this __ day of _____, 20__.

IN THE PRESENCE OF

Property Owner

Witness

STATE OF VERMONT

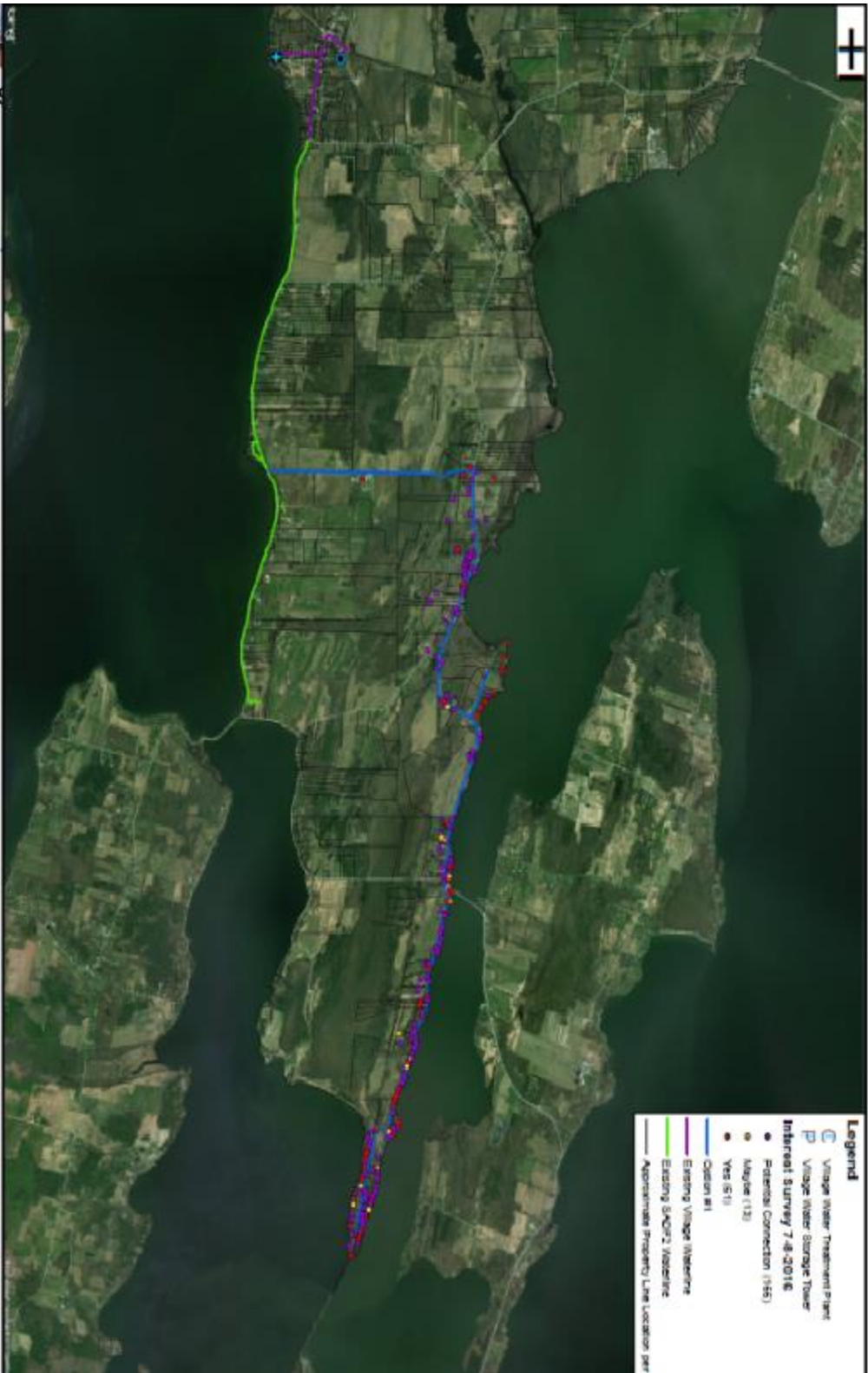
_____ COUNTY, ss

At the Town of _____ this _____ day of _____, 20__

_____ personally appeared _____ and he/she/they acknowledged the foregoing instrument by he/she/them subscribe to be his/her/their free act and deed.

Before me,

Notary Public



Legend

- Village Water Treatment Plant
- Village Water Storage Tower
- Intersect Survey 7-6-2016**
- Palomar Connection (145)
- Abajo (13)
- Yes (51)
- Ocean Hill
- Existing Village Waterline
- Existing SAQP2 Waterline
- Approximate Property Line Location per