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We have been working with our engineers for several months now on plans to rebuild Knox and Water Streets. Before we go any further with this we would like to have a neighborhood meeting with the people who will benefit, and be affected most, by this project. You are invited to join us on Wednesday, March 15th at 6:00 pm at the Thomaston Town Office. We will give an overview of the project, discuss the problems it will solve and have plans of the preliminary design. It will be your opportunity to see how the project will affect where you live and for you to offer comments, ideas and suggestions before we start the final design.

The goals of the Knox-Water Streets Resilience Project are:

1. To make the roadway resilient to expected climate changes. With existing and projected sea level rise the west end of Water Street will be impacted by higher tides and flooded by increasing storm surge.
2. To install a modern storm water system that is more nature based. This will allow for better collection and natural treatment of intense rain storms before safe discharge with erosion protection to the river.
3. To prevent wastewater from the Water Street Pump Station area being discharged to the river. This will require bringing the structures at this location up to higher elevations and eliminating the danger of flood waters entering the system during high tides or rain events causing river contamination and the closing of shellfish harvesting.
4. To replace the 130+ year old water main on Knox Street with a larger line that reduces the likelihood of a main failure and better protects the community in the event of a fire.
5. To encourage more safe walking and cycling, and less vehicle use, by replacing the existing, failed sidewalks with properly designed and sized walks meeting current standards, and adding a bike lane where feasible.

Please join us on March 15th and help us develop a long-range plan that is good for the people who live in the neighborhood and good for the community as a whole.

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It appears the weather did not want us to meet on the 15th to provide you with information on the Knox-Water Streets Resilience Project. Because of a large tree, falling across the wires on Beechwood Street the electricity was shut off at the Town office at 10:45 am. When by 2:00 pm there was still no power, and no heat, it was decided to postpone the meeting as probably no one wanted to sit in the dark and cold to hear me talk!

The neighborhood meeting on the Knox-Water Streets Resilience Project has been rescheduled for Wednesday, March 29th at 6:00 pm at the Town office. It will also be streamed live on the Thomaston website. It will also be archived there so it will be available for viewing in the future.

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