October 14, 2020

Dear Neighbor of the Wells Reserve at Laudholm:

I am writing to let you know that the Kennebunk, Kennebunkport, Wells Water District (KKW) is teaming up with the Wells Reserve to bring a new waterline to Drakes Island. Construction of the waterline will begin December 1 (pending regulatory approval) and will be completed in the spring of 2021, most likely by the end of April.

The installation of the waterline will cause disruption to the Wells Reserve’s service entrance at the end of Laudholm Farm Road and to our Barrier Beach Trail, which runs from our flagpole to the beach access point at the intersecton of Island Beach Road and Old Farm Lane. The new waterline will be installed underneath the Barrier Beach Trail.

The Barrier Beach Trail and the service entrance will be closed to the public during the construction. We plan keep most of our other trails open, which can be (as always) accessed from our public parking lot off Skinner Mill Road. Visitors using our trail system will be directed away from this area during construction.

The new 16-inch waterline will replace an 80-year-old, 10-inch diameter waterline that currently travels under the Wells Reserve’s fields and the Webhannet River Marsh to Drakes Island. Once the new waterline is in place, this line will be discontinued and abandoned in place. The Barrier Beach Trail will be graded, reseeded, and restored to its pre-construction condition. I have enclosed a map that shows the location of the new and discontinued waterlines.

Neighbors, visitors, and Laudholm Trust members can stay informed of the progress of this project by visiting our website, wellsreserve.org

Sincerely,

Paul M. Dest

Executive Director, Wells Reserve at Laudholm