

Bristol Town Administrator

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Subject: Damage & Paved Over Water Valves & Curb Stops on Main/East/West VTrans Paving Project

Valerie,

As shared on the 9th and updated below, not only have many valve boxes been damaged by the milling machine within the paved area, many of the valve boxes were paved over earlier this week. In addition, when they were digging the sides of the roads the week prior, they bent/damaged at least 2 curb stops boxes on East Street that need to be replaced.

I discussed this with Brandyn yesterday and he said they will replace all damaged risers and install covers on any that were eaten by the milling machine and are damaged or missing. I reminded him that we expect all to be fully repaired by way of removing & replacing the damaged riser or curb box if the top is a box top and not a riser and, in the case of the second scenario, we would not accept risers on top of damaged curb boxes (which are buried 4' down). I further explained that in no way do we want to have to cut into the new pavement to repair valve boxes that remain damaged due to disregard. He seems to understand this, but still pictures this happening as the paving machines are approaching each area in late July or early August and did not address these concerns over the past week as we had thought they would.

This leaves the water system, with paved-over valves that are inaccessible and damaged boxes that may let in water and soil - making the valve/s inoperable. The two curb stop boxes that are bent over make the curb stop shut offs inaccessible and must be dug up and replaced.

Our concern grows greater as all damage to date has been left as is. Cyrus spoke with Chris Lavalette from VTrans this morning about his concerns and asked him point blank to resolve these issues immediately. He acknowledged that he would take care of it.

We want the Selectboard and Highway Department in Bristol to know these requests are being formally brought to your attention in writing by way of this email message. Please advise on any further action you want us to take to address these concerns.

We just received a call from J. Hutchins from a laborer looking for lost valves moments ago. They may be in process...but we shall see.

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