

Phillips Drive Neighborhood Committee
C/O 21 Phillips Dr., Newburyport MA 01950

February 4, 2021

Mayor Donna Holaday & City Council
60 Pleasant Street
Newburyport MA 01950
Via email

Dear Mayor Holaday and Council Members:

We hope this letter finds you well in these turbulent times.

The residents of the Phillips Drive Neighborhood continue to be in close contact with our Ward Councilor, Byron Lane, and other City Councilors to ensure that our critically urgent infrastructure needs remain a **priority** with the City. As we await the engineering report from BSC which you are currently reviewing, we respectfully remind you of your pledges since 2017 to make our critically urgent infrastructure needs a budgetary priority.

We have faith that our actions to meet with you, the City Council, other members of the Neighborhoods and City Services department, and our State Senators will result in dedicated funding to remediate the decades-long infrastructure issues. We are aware that the NYS and west end Fire Department are in need of funding, but our issues have been ignored for decades and the need is critical. As noted in your email to us on May 2, 2017, "It would be unconscionable for the city not to make an effort to provide some relief for the residents of Phillips Drive."

Thank you for your attention and for your commitment to follow through on your pledges for designated funding to fully address the infrastructure needs.

Sincerely,

Kathleen Brittan, Philip Cootey, Richard Goulet, Cynthia Palladino, Melissa Welch
The Phillips Drive Neighborhood Committee

Cc: Neighborhoods and City Services Department
Sen. Diane DiZoglio
Sen. James Kelcourse