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**Subject:** FW: Exposed gas line near Brimstone cul de sac

**From:** Robert Scherer

**Sent:** Monday, February 4, 2019 5:06 PM

**To:** krobie

**Cc:** Waldrip, Matthew A; Berthiaume, Sean; mherbert; Lyn Moraghan

**Subject:** Re: Exposed gas line near Brimstone cul de sac

Thanks Chief. Wanted to make sure you are aware.

Best

Rob

On Mon, Feb 4, 2019, 4:45 PM Keith Robie wrote:

Rob,

I did speak with Sean Berthiaume, an engineer from Eversource. He reports he is working on putting a response out regarding the pipe and should have it to you later today. He was having trouble with his email. Myself and the Captain went there today and took a look. It does appear it has been like that for some time. After speaking with Sean he reports that both Eversource and MA Dept of Public Utilities are aware of the pipe. He reports it is safe at this time and there is no requirement for the actual burying. As he said in some places the pipes go overhead along bridges because they cant go underground. With that said they prefer to bury them to protect them. The area is a little ways off the road and does not appear to be threatened by vehicles hitting it or damaging. The plan is to bury with the replacement pipe. At this point he reports they maintain quarterly inspections of that section and maintain markers identifying the pipe which he reports they recently added.

Chief Robie

On Mon, Feb 4, 2019 at 11:51 AM Waldrip, Matthew A wrote:

Hi Rob – Thanks for reaching out. I just left you a voicemail (returning your call from earlier this morning). Sean Berthiaume will be responding to your below email.

Matt

**From:** Robert Scherer

**Sent:** Monday, February 4, 2019 9:32 AM

**To:** Berthiaume, Sean; Waldrip, Matthew A

**Cc:** mherbert; krobie

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From: **Robert Scherer**  
Date: Mon, Feb 4, 2019 at 8:25 AM  
Subject: Fwd: Exposed gas line near Brimstone cul de sac  
To: [sean.berthiaume](mailto:sean.berthiaume)

Hi Sean

I sent this to Joanne but apparently she has retired. Please forward to appropriate safety personnel. I am very concerned about the safety of this exposed pipe.

Thanks

Rob Scherer

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From: **Robert Scherer**  
Date: Sat, Feb 2, 2019, 9:32 AM  
Subject: Exposed gas line near Brimstone cul de sac  
To: Carl Hakansson, Jeff Lingham

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**From:** Robert Scherer

**Sent:** Wednesday, February 6, 2019 11:55 AM

**To:** Berthiaume, Sean

**Cc:** mherbert; krobie; Lopes, Jack; Costa, Thomas J; Waldrip, Matthew A

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Hi Sean,  
Thanks for getting back to me with this update.  
best,  
Rob

On Mon, Feb 4, 2019 at 5:14 PM Berthiaume, Sean wrote:

Good Afternoon Rob,

I apologize for the delay in responding to you, our email server was down this afternoon and I wanted to confer with some colleagues this morning prior to responding. I did speak with Chief Robie this afternoon, and you may have seen his email. You are correct JoAnne O'Leary has retired and Jack Lopes (copied on this email) will be taking over JoAnne's duties as the Community Relations Specialist for the Town of Ashland. An email was sent out to Town officials providing notification that Jack had taken over Joanne's responsibilities., you may not have been copied on that notification.

In regards to the exposed gas main near Brimstone Way, The Company is aware of this condition and is closely monitoring, as public safety is the Company's top priority. We want to assure you that there are no safety concerns with the condition of this pipe and that Eversource is in compliance with all State and Federal regulations. Eversource conducts quarterly inspections of the pipe, including the exposed section. These surveys include visual inspections, corrosion inspections as well as leak surveys. The appropriate internal personnel are aware of the exposed section of pipe, and are involved in the monitoring of its condition. The Department of Public Utilities (DPU) is also aware of the exposed section of pipe, and Eversource is in communication with the DPU, to ensure The Company remains in compliance.

This condition will be rectified as part of the Transfer Line Replacement Project. Should you have any further questions or concerns, please don't hesitate to reach out to any member of the team.

Regards,

Sean Berthiaume

**From:** Robert Scherer  
**Sent:** Monday, February 04, 2019 9:32 AM  
**To:** Berthiaume, Sean; Waldrip, Matthew A  
**Cc:** mherbert; krobie  
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