

**FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE**

December 31, 2020

**Re: Arlington - Stormwater Permit Compliance – Dry Weather Outfall Screening and Sampling**

The Town is currently subject to a permit issued by the Environmental Protection Agency, which regulates stormwater discharges from the Town's municipal storm drain system. The purpose of the Permit is to reduce stormwater pollution and improve water quality in our water resources – our lakes, rivers, brooks, streams, ponds, and wetlands. The Permit requires the Town to inspect and sample the Town's drainage outfalls, which discharge to these receiving waters. The Town's consultant, Weston & Sampson, will be conducting screening and sampling of the Town's outfalls.

Weston & Sampson will be conducting these outfall inspections between November 16<sup>th</sup> and January 31<sup>st</sup>, 2020. The work will be performed Monday through Friday, between 7:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m.

The crew performing the work will have proper identification, utilize trucks marked with the Weston & Sampson logo, and be wearing bright shirts or vests. Work will be conducted primarily along the water bodies in Arlington. If access is needed to a drainage outfall that is located on private property, crews will knock prior to the inspection. If there is no answer from the property owner, a notice will be left confirming that the crew was there and performed the required inspection, and no further action is needed on the part of the owner.

The Town and Weston & Sampson are actively monitoring the status of the COVID-19 pandemic and are following all guidelines recommended by the State of Massachusetts and the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC). We will continue to operate safely by implementing health precautions and continue to comply with all local/state/federal mandates that arise. Should we find that conditions are no longer safe to continue operations or if we are directed to, we will cease work immediately.

For further information, please contact Andy Gaughan (Weston & Sampson Engineers) at 978-516-8969.