

722-724 Main Street – Hughes Duplex: Update 10, June 2023
Construction Updates



Now that warm weather is here, construction is moving forward. The photo on the left shows the new sanitary and storm sewer lines in the 724 Main half of the duplex. Similar lines are now in place in the other half, as well. Water lines have also been run to both halves. The photo below shows exterior excavation work.



A problem has arisen on the installation of gas lines. In order to avoid a gas meter on the front of the building, a new line and tap are required. Since this line connects under Main Street, which is also a state road, the gas company connection cost is more than \$8,000. We are committed to avoiding a gas meter on the front exterior, so we will go with this option.

The rear courtyard will also be connected to the storm drains. As that area has been cleared, we also emptied the two “root cellars” that are at the rear of the courtyard. The root cellar behind 722 Main (left photo) is in very good condition and was cleaned out months ago. The one behind 724 Main (right photo) will need some exterior masonry work. The interior seems to be in good condition, but the cleanout included many heavy bags of old newspapers and lots of junk, including eight (yes 8!) discarded toilets. All has been removed.



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