

BOARD OF SELECTMEN MEETING
TUESDAY
June 20, 2003

The meeting, duly posted with the Town Clerk, opened at 9:00 a.m. Present were Selectmen Chairman Diane McCutcheon, Vice Chairman Paul Savage, Michael Pare, Brian Dicks and Thomas Petrowicz, also present was Suzanne Horne, Executive Secretary as well as individuals on the attached sign-in sheet.

Paul Stedman from Mass Highway: update of current bridge – a) barrels, fencing as requested by John Dean has been approved; b) traffic signals allowing traffic to flow individually from roads has been completed; emergency provision is a two step process – supplier needs to work in cabinet (scheduled for Tues June 24th) and traffic signaler will be back Tues or Thur after. c) bridge construction is a TIP amendment and will be signed June 24, 2003 with Fil Yee and John Blundo; project will be advertised before the end of this Federal fiscal year (September 30, 2003)

Senator Moore: thanked District 3 and would like advertising time expedited

Representative Callahan: echoes what the Senator said and wants Chairman of House Transportation (Rep. Wagner) to view bridge and push project along.

Mike Pare: requesting bigger signs on the bridge for weight limit of vehicles; abutters of easement and residents that own buildings in area have not been notified; questioned if properties have been appraised.

Senator Moore: wanted a clear picture of the timetable; advertise in October, notice to proceed date, submittals and shop drawings, prepping for demo; staging area; traffic flow plans while construction takes place; suggests that Mass Highway meets with this group again in December to once again address any issues.

Brian Dicks: remind Mass Highway that plaque on building and granite pillar are supposed to be turned over to the Historic Commission. Also, questioned as to possibility of having a truck detour (Jamey Robida to check into detouring).

Margaret Carroll questioned location of curb cut; Arthur Frost stated that it was still there

Paul Savage questioned hand held pre-emption devices and number of units that Town will receive and Mass Highway stated the will find out number.

Bernie Plante, Mass Highway – will work with property owners on land taking issues

Mary Ryan; requests picture of the bridge, wants to make sure that it fits in with the look of the Town; Mass Highway stated that there were no artist renderings, Board of Selectmen stated that colors, lights and style of railings were all chosen earlier; wants to know if bridge is safe by reducing it to 10"

John Dean: thanks Mass Highway for quickly fixing the light problem. Also stated that he was told that pre-emption devices cost \$500 each and they are given to ambulance and first fire truck; questioned whether or not bridge weight limit should be further reduced.

Jamey Robida will determine bridge limits and stated that closing 10' of bridge with barrels at this point is acceptable; bridge is monitored and inspected; bridge may deflect but will not fall into the river.

Mike Pare: stated that it is crucial that Police also have pre-emption devices; he is also requesting that Mass highway help offset some of these "bandaiding" costs to the Town.

Leonard Desjardins: one of the abutters, waiting since October and has not heard a word from Mass Highway, questions why no longer three year easement, but now a five year easement, is afraid the project will take five years.

Arthur Frost, Mass Highway stated all easements are now five-year easements

Margaret Carroll: states that curb cut that was promised on the Post Office side of river is not there and she is adamant that pedestrian curb cut be there and if confusion exists it is Mass Highway problem; just wants opening to remain; Mass Highway made a mistake in its plans and Town should not have to be responsible of have to wait until a later date.

Arthur Frost: says plans are to raise sidewalk and there will be a drop off and pedestrian way will not be in compliance with ADA; suggested that this be an enhancement grant in the future.

Mike Pare: at this point the change in the opening will cause a delay and he wants it to be addressed at a later date.

Brian Dicks; asked if curb cut could be put in without a redesign to the plans, if not he is against any changes that would delay this project.

Diane McCutcheon: also against any changes that would delay project.

Paul Stedman: agreed to get an answer for Margaret Carroll

John Dean: would like to know the date of the advertisement for the bridges.

Meeting adjourned at 10:20 a.m.

S.V. Horne

Diane McCutcheon

Paul Savage

Mike Pare

Brian Dicks

Thomas Petrowicz