

Selectboard Special Meeting
April 3 , 2015
Chelsea Town Hall & Site Visit

Attending:

Carol Olsen	Karen Lathrop	Ruben Hook	Doug Lyford
Carl Pepperman	Josh Olund	Jennifer Fitch	Judith Ehrlich
Marcos Miller	Jon Kaplan	Larry Wheeler	Wayne Symond
Rita Seto			

Mr. Olund gave a review of the Superstructure Replacement on both bridges with widening of the bridges and sidewalk changes to bridge 11. There would be temporary road closures but they were unsure of the duration of closure. There would be a public meeting where they would discuss road closures later in the year.

Mr. Olund presented three different bridge rail options. Carol Olsen thought Option 2 was the most historically accurate representation for the Town. Karen Lathrop advocated for an open window railing such as we have, but Mr. Olund stated the concrete cracks with this type of railing and cited Randolph's recent bridge project to support a closed window option.

Several options of lighting were presented in the packet given out. Carol stated she thought the Town would prefer to keep the round fixtures for historical accuracy even though there is less light available from them as from the other options presented. Karen Lathrop tasked to give contact information to the State for the Doug Boardman who maintains them. All original metal poles and fixtures will need to be examined to see if they are still viable structures and if not will need to be replaced. Historical Preservation will be examining them.

It was brought to the Town's attention that moving the sidewalk on Bridge 11 from the east side of the bridge to the west side of the bridge will minimize underground utility impacts on the Town and aboveground utility impacts for the Chelsea Health Center. A couple of hydrants might be impacted and some shut off gates will be impacted with a sidewalk on the west side of the bridge. Mr. Miller stated cross walks needed to meet a certain criteria for site distance. A crosswalk from the east side of VT RT 110 where the sidewalk ends to the west side of VT RT 100 just beyond the Brookhaven driveway will ensure a safe student crossing and walk to the Brookhaven Field. There was discussion on whether the Town had an agreement with Brookhaven to use the fields. Carol Olsen stated there was and Karen will send the agreement to Jennifer Fitch. If there is an agreement the field can be considered public.

Bridge 9's sidewalk would remain as is but the crosswalk would have to be much farther north of the school driveway in order to meet specifications for safe crossing. The crosswalks are maintained annually by VTRANS.

There was discussion on moving TH 77 to create a straight t-line into VT RT 110 instead of the angle there is now to ensure site distance for cars coming to the stop bar. This would be a cost to the Town and not considered part of the bridge project. Mr. Wheeler offered to draw up a plan for it and submit it to the Town for consideration.

Mr. Lyford felt bridge 9 needed to be lengthened not raised to meet the hydraulics necessary for no flooding events. Mr. Carl Pepperman was interested in knowing if it was the river bed itself that was causing the issue of flooding. Mr. Symonds gave a brief tutorial on the river's Q points are and how they arrive at the Q point of the river Mr. Lyford felt there were constrictions under bridge 9 due to rocks placed there to protect the abutments. There was discussion on the constrictions upriver that have more of an impact on the Town than bridge 9.

There was discussion on having a special meeting with the public to have a conversation on what changes would be happening with the bridges. Karen tasked to coordinate with Jennifer Fitch the dates that would work for all.

Site visits commenced.