

**Town of Cornish
DOT Public Meeting Minutes
Friday July 31, 2015 3:00pm**

Meeting was attended by Scott Baker, Dale Lawrence and John Hammond, Selectmen. This was an informational meeting with Department of Transportation in regards to the Cornish-Windsor Covered Bridge.

State of New Hampshire attendees were:
Robert Landry, NH DOT, Consultant Design Chief
Bill Horne, CHA, Co. Project Manager
Ronald Kleiner, Jr., NH DOT Design Engineer.
A list of other attendees is attached.

Introduction of Public Hearing

Bob Landry discussed the project explaining the scouring to take place on bridge abutments.

-Evaluation

-Risks

-Why scouring is important to maintain the integrity of the bridge

He told of a bridge that did not have this done. Over time, integrity of the bridge was lost and the bridge went down.

Bob Landry, Ronal Kleiner and William Horne, Jr., spoke of the project itself. Large rock 2-3 feet or larger will be placed around the pier.

Existing vegetation will be removed from banks.

Glenn Thornton asked if stone would be sufficient for large debris. The answer was yes.

Bill Wall reminded of historical value and talked about the equipment. Would the equipment be sufficient to do the job? The answer by Bob Landry was yes. Bill also asked about the historic covered bridge fund.

NH DOT will take care of wetland permit, etc. to cover environmental issues.

Questions came up about where they would work from, the pull off or state boat landing.

Heidi Jaarsma had concerns about traffic being re-routed on back roads if 12A was closed. It was explained that any closure would be temporary, a few minutes or so. Should not hinder traffic. They will work to keep one lane open.

Scott Baker asked about dry hydrant that runs from stand pipe on Vermont side under bridge. The answer was the work will not affect that.

Other questions/concerns:

Funding: Is Vermont responsible? 80/20 split.

Does water fluctuation from Wilder Dam affect damage on pier and abutments? No

Work to be done in 2016. Possible barges to move rock and equipment. The concerns of working in pull-off are: large equipment, no parking, foliage season.

Dale Lawrence was asked her thoughts by Bob Landry. Dale said she prefers the boat landing, however, work needs to be done so DOT should do what is necessary. Bob Landry said they evaluate use of boat landing.

Public Hearing adjourned at 3:45pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Dale Lawrence