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Selectmen Meeting – Jeds Lane Site Walk 6/4/2022
Approved Minutes

Present: Selectmen Kate Batcheller, Charlie Moser, John Suiter; Admin Asst Jen Tenney; Road Agent Dave Morrison, Highway Maintainer Sean Pearson, Engineer Erin Darrow; Residents Bob Larochelle, Kirk Smith, Robin Smith, Herb Gutheil, Tim Kelly, Suzanne Kelly; Non-resident Steve Zack

Called to Order: The meeting was called to order at 10:40am by Chair Kate Batcheller, attendance was taken by roll call as reflected above.

Engineer Erin Darrow from Right Angle Engineering and Chair Kate gave a brief overview of what was discussed at the 5/13/22 Jeds Lane site walk was reviewed:

- The existing bridge has significant structural issues that need to be addressed promptly. Multiple washouts and overtopping have contributed to the damage.
- In order to repair the bridge a culvert is needed to dewater the bridge for access.
- The replacement bridge is designed to improve hydraulic capacity to reduce the likelihood of washout and overtopping.
- The new bridge is proposed to be concrete and we can re-use elements from the existing bridge in the layout for the new bridge.
- Vegetation removed for the project would be replanted in coordination with the landowner.
- This project may be eligible for up to 90% funding through FEMA.
- Project is expected to start in 2023 and will take 1-2 months to complete.

New discussion:

- It has been decided that the replacement bridge will remain one lane. It will remain close in width to the current bridge but will be slightly elongated.
- The culvert will be removed when the project is done.
- Construction staging will be placed on the upstream side of the bridge. Robin and Kirk Smith to let Selectmen know what they would like done with the pine logs on the side of the road.
- Wetland Permit and FEMA grant need abutter authorization signed off. Both abutters will be invited to attend the next Selectmen's meeting on 6/14/22 to review and sign these documents.

- Abutter Bob Larochelle states he is in agreement with the project as long as the culvert is removed when the project is done.
- Bob Larochelle was asked to consider removal of the very large pine tree on the downstream side for easier project completion. Bob is open to discussion about this but did not make a final decision.
- Kirk Smith concerned about a big storm during construction that would cause his well to overflow. Engineer Erin Darrow discussed the possibility of pulling out the cofferdam if this were to happen.
- 20 ton weight limit will be posted on the bridge today.

Adjournment: There being no further business, Kate motioned to adjourn, second from Charlie. Roll call vote Kate-aye, Charlie-aye, John-aye. Meeting adjourned at 11:20am.

Respectfully Submitted,

Jennifer Tenney

BOS Administrative Assistant