



SELECTBOARD MEETING OF SEPTEMBER 29, 2008

Members Present: Brian Kellogg, Bob Beeman, Todd Yando, Dave Yacovone and Shaun Bryer.

Department Heads: Dan Lindley, TA; Bob Melfy, Highway Superintendent; Mary Ann Wilson, Town Clerk

Guests: Susan Bartlett, Barb Damon, Amy Noyes, and John Rubino.

Meeting was called to order at 6:00PM in the Community Meeting Room by Chair Shaun Bryer.

I. AGENDA ADDITIONS, CHANGES & ANNOUNCEMENTS

1. None

II. OLD BUSINESS

1. Bridge Street Bridge-

- **Installing a Temporary Bridge-** A Maebey bridge would cost approximately \$1.3 million for labor, taking the old bridge out, buying the Maebey and have it set in place, and traffic control. This option would be the same width as the current structure is now and we would need to eventually replace this with a permanent structure.
- **Concrete Permanent Structure-** A Concrete option which was proposed by Chris Chauvin of Contractors Crane Service would cost approximately \$1.5 million which includes taking out the old bridge, materials, labor and traffic control, etc. This option would be permanent, and would be wider than the Maebey Bridge. It would be 24 feet and include sidewalks. The Board agreed this would be a more appealing option for the taxpaying community, as they would not be in the situation of replacing a bridge in another 20 years.
- **Funding-** If we use federal dollars or require federal permits, then we are susceptible to Historical Preservations' rules and regulations on historical bridge structures which includes taking the structures down piece by piece and storing it for future use. If the Town funds the project on our own, then we would not be required to take down the old bridge. We would be able to cut it out and scrap it, which could cut down on the cost of replacement. The State is also willing to kick in 10% of the cost if we fund the replacement ourselves. We have the option to either bond for the \$1.5 million or use local banks for a loan. Length of time could be either 20 or 30 years, depending on the interest rate at the time we are ready to borrow.

The Board agreed that something needed to be done with the bridge in the next construction season. Dan urged the Board to wait until Town Meeting to add to the warning; he felt that there was more information that needed to be gathered before we propose a solution to the public. Shaun felt that it would be better if we added the bridge as a warning item to the November Election Ballet because if

we wait until March and then it doesn't get approved, we would possibly miss next construction season. John Rubino expressed that if we don't go out to bid now, then we may not be able to find a contractor that will take on the project because they will all ready be booked for other projects. General consensus of the Board was to get it on the November Ballet. In order to do this, we need a warning signed by the Selectboard by Friday, Oct 3rd. Mary Ann and Dan have already begun work on this and will have it completed and ready to sign by Friday. The Selectboard will also need to hold an informational meeting at least 10 days in advance of the election.

Motion made by Dave Yacovone, seconded by Brian Kellogg to prepare a warning item not to exceed \$1.5 million for the November 4, 2008 ballot for the purpose of installing a concrete beam bridge with asphalt decking. Motion approved. (5/0)

ADJOURN

On a Motion by Bob Beeman, seconded by Todd Yando, the Board adjourned their meeting at 8:00PM. Motion passed unanimously (5/0).

Respectfully submitted and filed this 3rd day of October 2008.
Erica Reed, Administrative Assistant to the Town Administrator

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