

**TOWN OF NEW HAMPTON
BOARD OF SELECTMEN
MEETING MINUTES**

**On Site Meeting at the Central Street Bridge Over the Pemigewasset River
August 31, 2006**

5:00 PM MEETING with the Engineers and the Town of Bristol RE: CENTRAL STREET BRIDGE

MEMBERS PRESENT: Bristol Selectmen: Mr. Fraser, and Mr. Favour
New Hampton Selectmen: Mr. Salmon, Mr. Smith, Mr. Tierney.

OTHERS PRESENT: Public Works Directors Jimmy Boucher (New Hampton), Mark Bucklin (Bristol), Robert Veloski (TA -Bristol), Barbara Lucas (TA -New Hampton), Wade Brown (SEA), John Blackburn (SEA).

The meeting was called to order on site. Mr. Wade Brown reviewed the preliminary layout of the alignment, elevation, wing walls, etc. of the new bridge. He pointed out that they would be raising the road and bridge surface 8 feet on the New Hampton side and 9 feet on the Bristol side. He pointed out the shift (5 degrees) on the upstream side of the New Hampton end of the bridge and slight shift on downstream side of the Bristol end to better align and remove the curvature in the approaches to the bridge. He stated that the bottom of the new bridge would be no lower than the bottom of the existing bridge. He explained that even with the raising of the bridge surface the steel supports necessary would be approximately the same distance from the river bed. He also stated that they had down borings in 3 locations and did hit bedrock on 2 locations, but the 3rd they hit large boulders and did not go to bedrock. He recommended more borings to insure sufficient information to determine footings. The consensus was to have more borings done to obtain the information needed to better plan and design the bridge. Wade Brown stated that they could do with within the existing budget, mentioning that he did not expect that all the meetings budgeted would be necessary, so funds would be available.

The Board members walked the site from the New Hampton end of the project where Wade Brown pointed out the location where the pavement would blend back into the existing road, across the Bridge to the Bristol side. There was discussion relative to an area for a historic marker. Wade Brown shared with the members pictures of an historic marker as an example. SEA will provide on the plan space for 3 parking places in a parking lot and locate the bridge historical marker there.

There was a discussion regarding the power lines on the downstream side of the bridge. Wade Brown stated they do not expect that the location of the power lines would be changed, although temporary relocation of the lines may be necessary for construction. It

was pointed out that poles may have to be replaced or raised based on the new elevations. There was some discussion regarding possibly putting the power lines under the bridge. Wade Brown stated he believed this would be very costly and was unsure whether the power company would agree to it. S E A will notify the utility companies and begin communication shortly after completion of the preliminary plans.

Wade Brown asked what the towns want to do with the granite blocks in the existing abutments. It was pointed out that the granite blocks are on the Bristol end only. Based on past reconstruction, New Hampton's end appears to be concrete. It was agreed that the granite would be used for any necessary retaining walls and along the abutments of the new bridge.

Mark Bucklin asked that the outlet for the 2 upper catch basins be connected in with the new catch basins and an outlet provided near the bridge instead of on private property as it currently exists.

There was discussion relative to the 6' sidewalk on the downstream side of the bridge. Wade Brown pointed out the preliminary design shows a 2-foot shoulder along the roadway on the Bristol side, which would not really accommodate snowmobiles or pedestrian traffic. Mark Bucklin suggested that a sidewalk should be designed for this area. It was agreed to have the engineers propose some changes that would accommodate a grass side walk from the bridge up to the end of the project area and provide a cost estimate for the boards to consider.

The members discussed the possible impact to the abutter on the Bristol side. Wade Brown stated he believed they could still stay within the right-of-way including the necessary slopes.

Mrs. Lucas questioned whether there would be access along side the bridge to allow accessibility to the underside of the bridge for maintenance purposes. Wade Brown will look at the maintenance access issue, but stated he did not expect the need for much maintenance under the bridge.

The New Hampton Selectmen met with Mr. Brown after the Bristol representatives left to discuss a drainage issue outside the project area (Jack Bruning's property), but has been requested to be incorporated into this project. After considerable discussion it was agreed that this was well outside the project area and would be a costly and complicated project based on water flow, wetlands, abutters impacts, etc. A letter will be drafted to respond to Mr. Bruning's attorney Christopher Seufert.

ADJOURNMENT

At 6:35 p.m. the meeting was adjourned

Submitted by,

Barbara A. Lucas