Meeting convened at 6:25 p.m.

PRESENT: Chuck Keyser, Select Board Chair; Dave Blinn and Bill Keyser, Select Board Members; John Thompson, Road Agent; John Kinney, Emergency Medical Services Chief; and Police Chief Joe Mahoney

Also present were: Mike Licciardi, NH Department of Transportation (DOT) Bridge Design Project Engineer; Bob Landry, DOT Bridge Design Administrator; Tom Levins, GM2 Representative; and Roland (Joe) Dupuis.

NH DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION (DOT) PRESENTATION

DOT presented information for the US Route 4 Bridge Replacement over the Blackwater River Bridge #143/077 Project #40392.

Existing Bridge Information:

* Bridge built in 1933
* Constructed of steel through plate girders, steel floor beams, and a reinforced concrete deck.
* Reinforced concrete abutments on spread footings and timber piles
* Span length: 70’-0”
* Skew: 0”
* Travel width: 24’-0 degrees
* Red listed in 2014

Emergency bridge repairs were done in 2014. A full replacement is needed at this time.

Bridge Replacement Information:

* Proposed bridge at same location
* Span length = 100’-0” to accommodate Stream Crossing Rules
* Proposed steel girders with composite concrete deck
* Bridge travel width increased to 32’-0”
* 5 foot shoulders to accommodate bike traffic
* 3-bar steel rail
* Integral abutments on steel piles
* Construction behind existing abutments
* Part of existing abutments to remain in p lace
* Use as cofferdam during construction
* Scour protection

Three Alternatives for Maintenance of Traffic:

* 28 day closure - accelerated bridge construction and detour on state routes (16 miles for US 4 thru traffic; 22 miles from one side of bridge to other)
* 3-4 month closure - conventional construction and detour on state routes (16 miles for US 4 and thru traffic; 22 miles from one side of bridge to other)
* 4-5 month closure - conventional construction and a temporary on-site diversion upstream (north side) with temporary bridge to maintain alternating two-way traffic with signals

The Board agreed to the 28-day closure option

Cultural and Natural Resources:

Cultural Resources

* No cultural resources have been identified currently
* The bridge was determined **not eligible** for National Register of Historic Places
* If temporary on-site diversion for traffic control, an Archeological Phase 1A Survey will be done

Natural Resources

* Prime Wetlands south of bridge
* Endangered Species
* Northern Long Ear Bat survey will be done
* Brook floater mussels (survey may be required if impacts are anticipated)
* Entire project in Zone A Flood Plains
* Conservation Land: Conservation easement located south of US Route 4 and west of Blackwater River (avoid impact)

Schedule:

* Advertise Winter 2021
* Construction begins Spring 2022
* Construction completed Fall 2022

Right of Way:

* Assumed to be 66’ wide
* Some property right acquisitions and/or easements are anticipated

Input needed:

1. Bus Route
2. Pedestrian Usage on US Route 4
3. Bike Usage on US Route 4
4. Local Events that impact traffic or bring more traffic to US Route 4
5. Emergency Response
6. Preferred Closure Time, if ABC used (Spring, Summer, or Fall)
7. Flooding History
8. Other Concerns or Comments

The Board discussed each item listed and agreed that most of the items will only be minimally impacted. Local residents can use the Town roads during that time. And, the Board requested the work start after school lets out for the summer so the buses are minimally impacted.

DOT will contact Marj Roy, Town Administrator, to schedule a Public Information Meeting after the July 4th Celebration.

ROAD AGENT REPORT by John Thompson

Equipment Rental Rate Review – Thompson and the Board reviewed the rates. The new rate sheet combines the summer and winter rates into one page without separate seasonal rates. Thompson indicated that the rates have been stable for the most part during the past six years. The only item that was adjusted two years ago was to increase the plow drivers pay scale to a more competitive rate. The Board and Thompson agreed the rates were fine. The Board will further review the new combined winter and summer rate sheet to clean it up before it is finalized.

Elbow Pond Road Culvert Project – Thompson is still locating people who have the special blocks needed for the project. Thompson plans on scheduling the work for August when the weather is drier. The Board agreed that the full project should be put out to bid with an outside contractor so that the Highway Department can focus on smaller in-town projects. Thompson clarified with the Board that the Highway Department will not have any involvement with this project. The Board agreed. Hoyle Tanner and Associates will put together the bid package.

Shirley and Poplar Streets – Thompson has not determined yet when this project will be done. Thompson held off scheduling this because the Board planned to meet with the Water District Commissioners to come up with a plan. However, at this point, the Board would like Thompson to contact Hoyle Tanner Engineers on the drainage issue only. The Water District does not have the funds available to re-do all the old piping needed at this time. The Board agreed to move forward on the drainage issue only.

Thompson is concerned about the funds for projects. At the end of Flaghole Road, the rocks must

be dug out so that the water can run into the culvert. The cost to do this is approximately $5000 for the ground work. The cost to take care of the culvert on Currier Road will be approximately $10,000 to $15,000 for the engineering study.

Gale Road Bridge Inspection Results – Thompson looked at the bridge and found the outside railing is hanging. Thompson believes the Highway Department can slide it back into place. Vehicles cannot get though the bridge.

Other work – the Highway Department has been ditching and putting gravel around town regularly. The mowing is started at the cemeteries. The US flags are going in at the East Andover Cemetery and tomorrow at the cemetery in town across from the Cutter’s.

Shaw Hill Road – Thompson met with Bruce Davis from Allstate Paving. Thompson ran some ideas by Davis. Basically, Davis indicated that anything that is done to repair this road, is a waste of money. Thompson wants to grind it and put in binder or some other similar material. Davis will come up with some numbers and prices. The Board agreed that Capital Reserve funds are available for this project.

Monticello and Old College Roads – hot top needs to be put on these roads to finish the project.

Other business - The Board reviewed with Thompson a specific charge/fee submitted for an employee. The paperwork described an employee’s truck being used. However, after review, Thompson indicated that it was a mistake because it was actually his large pick-up truck that was used. The paperwork will be corrected and be re-submitted.

PREVIOUS MINUTES

After review of the May 6, 2019 minutes, Bill Keyser made the motion to accept the minutes as written. Blinn seconded the motion. All in favor. The May 6, 2019 minutes are approved as written.

AMBULANCE SERVICE AGREEMENT by John Kinney

Kinney presented the new agreement between the City of Franklin and the Town of Andover for ambulance coverage effective July 1, 2019 and June 30, 2020. The Franklin Fire Chief did not propose any changes with the exception of the additional paragraph 2.8. Basically, the change is that Franklin will make every effort to provide “standby” ambulance coverage with not less than two EMT’s, for the purpose of law enforcement, or public safety activities. The Town will be invoiced for the personnel cost associated but not for the apparatus for up to five details during the period of this contract. Kinney indicated that this will not likely happen. The $80, 000 remained the same, payable in two installments of $40, 000 on July 1, 2019 and January 31, 2020. The Franklin Fire Chief signed it. Kinney signed it. Kinney encouraged the Board to have the Town Attorney review it before the Select Board signs it.

CORRESPONDENCE AND SIGNATURES

* Primex Insurance Liability Coverage – Contribution Assurance Program (CAP) contract for the years 2021 to 2023. Keyser signed as the Board Chair.

NON-PUBLIC SESSION

At 7:40 p.m. the Board went into Non-Public Session by Roll Call Vote

Chuck Keyser YES Blinn YES Bill Keyser YES

At 8:00 p.m. the Board closed the Non-Public Session.

At 8:00 p.m. the Board re-opened the Public Meeting.

ADJOURNMENT

Bill Keyser made the motion to adjourn the meeting. Blinn seconded the motion. All in favor. The meeting adjourned at 8:00 p.m.

Minutes prepared by Patricia Moyer, Select Board Secretary