



**Public Session Minutes
Milton, NH Board of Selectmen
With
Lebanon, ME Board of Selectmen**

Date: September 14, 2022 @ 9:00am

Members Present: Chairman Claudine Burnham yes
 Matthew Morrill no
 Humphrey Williams yes

Other persons present during meeting:

Chris Jacobs, Milton Town Administrator
Paul Philbrick – Selectmen for the Town of Lebanon, ME
Shelli Boucher - Selectmen for the Town of Lebanon, ME
Yvonne Manning – Lebanon, ME resident.
Matthew D. Lampron, PE – NHDOT
Ron Kliner – NHDOT
Devon Eaton, PE – Maine DOT (by phone)
Pat Smith – Director of Public Works, Milton
Butch Nason – Public Works Dept, Milton
Chief Richard Krauss
Fire Chief Nick Marique
Bruce Woodruff – Planner for Town of Milton

Materials Presented or Utilized at the Meeting;

- a) NHDOT Bridge Plans approved December 1948 that shows a wooden decked bridge.
- b) General Plan and Elevation of an HDR conceptual plan dated August 2022. This is not a construction drawing.
- c) A 1940's photo of the bridge that hangs in the Milton Town offices. Source of photo was the NH State Archives.

Description of matters discussed:

The NHDOT Rep presented us with a basic drawing of the potential bridge design (item B) which displayed a flat top bridge. He had made references to a potential bridge design that stated the height of the new bridge would be about 1 foot above the high-water line for Milton Three Ponds. This led to the following general discussions:

- The original wooden bridge was an arched design that provided for approximately 5 to 5-1/2 feet of clearance under the trusses at the normal high-water mark.
- We asked what the NHDOT Rep was referencing as the high-water mark. He stated that someone had sent him a picture that showed the old bridge with a water level about 1 foot below the trusses.
- We asked where he got the picture from and if he could share it with us so we could validate the information. He wasn't sure who sent him the picture but would forward it to us. After further discussion, it seems that the picture of the water level about 1 foot below the old bridge truss was most likely during the Mother's Day Flood of 2006.
- We explained that we are at the normal high-water level and that they (NHDOT Rep and Project Engineer) should take measurements of the current water level to the road surface on the Milton side to provide them with a better understanding of normal high water level. They agreed to go out today to take the measurements.
- We addressed the clearance under the bridge, at a minimum, must accommodate the Police Rescue boat which stands at approximately 7-1/2 feet above the water at its peak, and to take into account the current water level for reference.
- We expressed the need to ensure boats can pass safely under the bridge.

Selectmen Paul Philbrick wanted to know if the bridge was going to be designed with a carrying capacity that would allow for fire trucks to pass. Mr. Ron Kliner stated that they would and that they were H20 plus.

Selectmen Shelli Boucher inquired if the bridge would have a sidewalk? The current plans do not show one. It could be considered. With a proposed deck width 26 feet it might be possible to demarcate a walking \ biking path with paint.

Selectmen Humphrey Williams - The NHDOT Rep and Project Engineer now have a better understanding that this bridge needs to not only account for safe passage over the bridge between Milton and Lebanon but safe passage under it and will take the comments into account as they move forward with the design options.

Selectmen Paul Philbrick wanted to know if the bridge was going to be designed to prevent people from jumping off the bridge. The comment was taken by the DOT staff and would be passed along to the design engineers.

Selectmen Claudine Burnham wanted to know if we were going to receive updated cost information? Matthew D. Lampron responded that yes, as they finish the design concepts.

NHDOT (with Maine DOT) will now work on developing a few design options and present them to public officials from both Milton and Lebanon most likely in the January 2023 time frame.

The next meeting will be a Public Officials meeting where the design engineer and States will present the alternatives to the officials of Milton and Lebanon. After that meeting we can then have a Public Presentation.

Matthew D. Lampron handed out copies of the process of getting clearance from the US Coast Guard. It has not been determined at yet if the proposed replacement will need Coast Guard approval.

Meeting adjourned @ 10:13am

These minutes recorded by: *Chris Jacobs, TA*

Given under our hands this 26th day of September, 2022.



Claudine Burnham – Chairman BOS

absent

Matthew Morrill - Board Member



Humphrey Williams - Board Member

End of Public Session Minutes – September 14, 2022