

TOWN OF DIGHTON
BOARDS OF SELECTMEN AND HEALTH

The Board of Selectmen held a special meeting on Tuesday, March 5, 2013 in the first floor meeting room. The meeting was called to order at 9:00 a.m. by Dean V. Cronin, Chairman.

Present: Dean V. Cronin and Thomas J. Pires – Boards of Selectmen and Health
Thomas Ferry, Supt. of Streets
Nancy J. Goulart, Liaison for Brook Street Bridge Project

The purpose of the meeting was to review the following plans prepared by MA DOT and received by the selectmen on February 25, 2013:

Pre-PSE Bridge Submissions
75% Highway Plans

The plans were sent by Matthew Jasmin, MA DOT Project Engineer. The Letter of Transmittal requested that the board review the plans and submit comments to him and Stanley W. Wood, P.E., Highway Design Engineer.

The plans were reviewed page by page. Mr. Ferry pointed out the areas east and west of the project on Brook Street that will require drainage work by the town prior to the commencement of the bridge replacement. The driveway owned by Mr. Anthony Costa was noted. The driveway will be discussed when the revised plans arrive.

In reviewing the position of the proposed bridge, it was noted that the bridge is designed to follow the roadway while the Segreganset River flows south at an angle. Mrs. Goulart will submit the following question and comments to Matt Jasmin and Stanley Wood. Why is the bridge not angled to accommodate the natural flow of the river thus providing less resistance on the abutments and riprap? It seems that angular placement of the bridge would also reduce scouring.

Mrs. Goulart will contact Clinton Rowe, D-R Business Manager, to determine how many students by grade reside on Brook Street between Elm and Milk Streets. A school bus turnaround may need to be constructed on Brook Street for use while the road is closed for bridge construction.

Updated right-of-way (ROW) plans are expected from MA DOT by early next week.

The meeting adjourned at 9:45 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,


3/13/13

Nancy J. Goulart, Clerk Pro tem