

Town of Huntington Selectboard
Public Site Visit & Public Hearing Regarding Proposed Realignment of Moody Road



Monday, June 13, 2016

Site Visit: 7:00 pm – Moody Road (just north of the Moody Road Bridge)

Public Hearing: 7:30 pm – Town Office (downstairs)

(And special meeting on closure of Bridge 30 on Camels Hump Road for 2 days)

APPROVED MINUTES

SITE VISIT	
SB Members present:	Dori Barton (Chair), Andrew Hendrickson, Chris Norris, Roman Livak, Nancy Stoddard (Vice-Chair)
Staff / Officials Present:	Clinton 'Yogi' Alger (Road Foreman), Barbara Elliott (Town Administrator)
Public Present:	Shawn Chambers, Matt Cross, Chris Duell, Ryan Gadhue, Tom Northrop, Dave Ruscitto, Linda Ruscitto, Brian Thibeault, Clark Thibeault
Call to Order	Members of the public were greeting by Alger and Elliott starting at 6:45 pm. Barton called the site visit meeting to order at 7:10 pm.
Process	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Alger gave an overview of the project to attendees, explaining the proposed new road and right-of-way boundaries. A survey map was available that fully outlines the proposed road realignment. • Selectboard members listened to questions and concerns. Attendees were also invited to attend the Public Hearing portion of the meeting at the Town Office, however Barton explained that comments offered at the site visit would be considered as formal public input (the same as if the comments were made during the public hearing). • Elliott will forward the meeting minutes to attendees.
Comments, Concerns & Questions	<p>Purpose of the project</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Alger explained the difficulties he has, especially with plowing, with the current alignment of the road. Straightening the road directly in front of the bridge will alleviate those difficulties. <p>Impact to property owners</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • There will be no net difference to the acreage owned by Shawn Chambers based on the proposed realignment. • There is no direct impact to the Thibault/Clarke property. • There will be a net difference to the acreage owned by Ryan Gadhue based on the proposed realignment. Gadhue indicated he believes it would be fair for the Town to financially compensate him for loss of property. • The Selectboard requested that Elliott contact the surveyors and report back on the actual Gadhue acreage impacted. Elliott will also contact the Listers to find out how the loss of acreage will impact Gadue's property assessment. • The Selectboard requested that Gadhue provide them a compensation proposal once he has the information from Elliott on the acreage impacted.

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	<p>Traffic Speed</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Concern was expressed by nearly every attendee about traffic speed – both during the time the roadway is used for the detour during the summer of 2017 when Bridge 8 is under construction as well as on an ongoing basis if the road is easier to navigate. There are many walkers, bicyclists, and horse riders utilizing Moody and Carse Roads throughout the year. • Alger is proposing to construct speed humps along Moody and Carse Roads during the detour period. The Town has also purchased a moveable speed hump that could be utilized. • Alger proposes to maintain the same 17’ width of bridge for the portion of the road that serves as the access to the bridge. • It was proposed that the Town could request the Vermont State Police to provide traffic enforcement on Moody and Carse Roads, particularly during the detour period. <p>Realignment Construction Period</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Alger reported that he expects the realignment project to take about one month to complete. During this time, no through traffic will be allowed on Moody Road between the Main Road and Moody Bridge. Upper Carse and Upper Moody Roads will be accessed via lower Carse Road during road realignment construction.
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PUBLIC HEARING

SB Members present:	Dori Barton (Chair), Andrew Hendrickson, Chris Norris, Roman Livak, Nancy Stoddard (Vice-Chair)
Staff / Officials Present:	Clinton ‘Yogi’ Alger (Road Foreman), Barbara Elliott (Town Administrator)
Public Present:	none
Comments, Concerns & Questions	None (as no members of the public attended).

OTHER SELECTBOARD BUSINESS – BRIDGE 30

SB Members present:	Dori Barton (Chair), Andrew Hendrickson, Chris Norris, Roman Livak, Nancy Stoddard (Vice-Chair)
Staff / Officials Present:	Clinton ‘Yogi’ Alger (Road Foreman), Barbara Elliott (Town Administrator)
Public Present:	Fire Chief Tate Jeffrey, Tim Parent (Parent Construction)
Bridge 30 Camels Hump Road Closure	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Parent Construction will need to close Bridge 30 on Camels Hump Road from 8am to 6pm on Thursday 6/16/2016 and Friday 6/17/2016. • Tim Parent has spoken with 5 of the 6 residents impacted, and they have no issues with the plan. The one family not contacted does not appear to have arrived at their camp for the summer. • In the event of an emergency, it could take 20 minutes for Parent to be able to safely open the bridge for emergency vehicles. Chief Tate Jeffrey will provide a beeper to Parent so that Parent will be aware of any emergency calls and can begin to prepare to open the road as soon as dispatch puts out a call that requires access via the bridge. Jeffrey will

	decide whether or not to put one truck on the far side of the bridge during the day. Jeffrey will notify dispatch and Richmond Rescue. Elliott with contact the Dept. of Parks & Rec and the Green Mountain Club. Elliott will post notices on the Town website, at the store, on Front Porch Forum, and request the Town Clerk send a notice to her distribution list. Alger will put up road closed signs.
MOTION: ADJOURNMENT	MOTION: Livak moved and Stoddard seconded to adjourn the meeting at 7:51 pm. Passed unanimously with 5 members present and voting.
	06/13/16 – Meeting date 06/16/16 – Draft/unapproved minutes distributed and posted on website. 06/20/16 – Final/approved minutes approved 06/23/16 – Approved minutes to Town Clerk for recording & web posting