

## CRANE HILL BRIDGE INFORMATIONAL MEETING

July 18, 2016

Present: HEB Chris Fournier, Road Agent Doug Glover, Town Engineer Red McCarthy, Select Board Members, John Strasser, Richard Bielefield, Margo Connors, Joe Cushing, John Hall, Robert Benson, Grant Ruggles

CHRIS FOURNIER of HEB Engineers answered questions from the residents attending the hearing in regard to the two options of replacing and rehabilitation of the Crane Hill Bridge.

Bridge Rehabilitation: Maintains the historic structure, remains just one lane, requires significant maintenance every 25 years. Construction would likely span two construction seasons. Estimated construction cost of \$2,000,000.

Bridge Replacement: Located 80' upstream, two lanes, expected minimal maintenance for 75-year lifespan. Traffic can be maintained on existing bridge during construction. Estimated construction cost of \$1,800,000.

TOWN ENGINEER RED MCCARTHY would like to see if the State would waive the raising the height of the old bridge during rehabilitation resulting with a savings to both Town and State. Mr. Fournier stated that he would not in good conscience be able to stamp a set of plans that did not raise the bridge and he doubted that the State would allow a waiver. The board agreed to let Mr. McCarty write a letter for the state.

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